



Australian Catholic Ministry Register (ACMR) Fact Sheet

What is the Australian Catholic Ministry Register (ACMR)?

- The Australian Catholic Ministry Register (ACMR) is a national database which supports communication between dioceses and religious institutes about the credentialing of those preparing for Orders, clergy and religious in the practice of their ministry.
- The ACMR is developed and managed by the Australian Catholic Safeguarding Ltd (ACSL).
- The ACMR exists to assist those preparing for Orders (seminarians and novices), clergy, religious and Church Authorities in fulfilling their responsibilities to provide and seek Safeguarding statement and declaration before permission is granted to exercise ministry in another Church jurisdiction. This is necessary in order to comply with National Catholic Safeguarding Standard 5.7.1.

What is a Safeguarding Statement and a Safeguarding Declaration?

The Safeguarding Statement completed by the individual affirms that he/she is a person of 'good standing'. The Safeguarding Declaration is completed by the Church Authority who truthfully

declares that the applicant holds suitable status to minister publicly.

Does the ACMR fulfil the Civil requirements of Child Protection?

No. However a valid WWCC is required to apply for an ACMR.

Those preparing for Orders, clergy and religious who are exercising ministry in a new jurisdiction must comply with relevant state Working with Children legislation. In NSW, the ACMR ID holder must also provide details of their Working with Children Number, Date of Birth and Full Name when requesting to visit outside the Diocese within NSW.

Reference

The following documentation is available from the Diocesan intranet.

Diocesan Non-incardinated clergy and religious of good standing visiting for public ministry or assuming residence in the Diocese Policy

More information

For further information about the Australian Catholic Ministry Register contact the ACSL on **02 6201 9802** or the Safeguarding Office (Chancery & Parishes) at **safeguarding@bbcatholic.org.au** or phone **02 8379 1605**