



THE ARCHBISHOP OF BRISBANE

**GENERAL DECREE
(Canon 29)**

The Most Reverend Mark Benedict Coleridge
Archbishop of Brisbane

By the grace of God and the authority of the Apostolic See

Having within the Archdiocese of Brisbane all ordinary, proper and immediate power required for the exercise of my pastoral function (Canon 381§1 CIC/83), and being required to show myself concerned for all the Christian faithful entrusted to my care (of whatever age, condition or nationality) who have a domicile in the territory of the Archdiocese or are residing here even temporarily (Canon 383§1), and given my positive legal obligation to safeguard and protect each of Christ's faithful under my pastoral care (c. 1311§2 CIC/83), and given my obligation to attend to the presbyters who minister and reside within the Archdiocese with special solicitude, to protect their rights and to take care that they correctly fulfil the obligations proper to their clerical state (Canon 384), and being of the opinion that to properly fulfil these obligations (and in particular to show myself concerned for the safeguarding those of the Christian faithful entrusted to my care who are children or who are vulnerable adults) and by reference to the National Safeguarding Standards and having particular regard to my obligation to take care that the presbyters ministering and/or residing in the Archdiocese correctly fulfil the obligations proper to their clerical state, I decree as follows: –

- 1 All clergy who exercise faculties within the territory of the Archdiocese are:
 - 1.1 to take all necessary steps to apply for and obtain a national police check and whilst those priests continue to exercise faculties within the territory of the Archdiocese, they are to renew their police check on the third anniversary of them obtaining their initial national police check, and every three years thereafter, and
 - 1.2 to obtain from the relevant state government authority a Blue Card clearance for working with children and during the whole of the period during which they continue to exercise faculties within the territory of the Archdiocese, they are to take all necessary steps in a timely fashion to renew (and continue to renew) that Blue Card clearance for working with children, and
 - 1.3 to comply with the Safeguarding training regime as set by the Archdiocese, and
 - 1.4 to agree to the current Safe Behaviour Code.
- 2 All clergy who exercise temporary faculties granted by me, as local Ordinary, are to comply with the requirements of the attached schedule:



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REQUIRED DOCUMENTS		A. Clergy and Lay/Religious from Interstate OR Overseas				B. Clergy from other Queensland diocese (Rockhampton, Toowoomba, Cairns, Townsville)
		1-7 days ministry NOT working with children	1-7 days ministry Working with children	More than 7 days ministry or period of stay	More than 30 days stay OR if ministering in a nursing home or hospital	
✓ Required						
✗ Not required						
1	Application for Short-term Ministry	✓	✓	✓	✓	<p>Reference: Agreement between Bishops of the Province of Brisbane dated 18th August 2022. Valid until 30 June 2025.</p> <p><i>Giving permission for a cleric from one diocese in the province celebrating or officiating on a one-off occasion in another diocese in the province on the following conditions:</i></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The place of celebration is in agreement with the presence of the cleric, i.e. the parish priest or administrator is aware of the celebration and has no objections 2. The incoming cleric is not suspended, is in good standing and holds the faculties of his home diocese. 3. Holds a current blue card which in request will be shown to the priest in charge of the place of the celebration. 4. The incoming cleric has completed a safeguarding training at least every three years as provided under Standard 7 of the National Catholic Safeguarding Standards (Indicator 7.1.3) 5. The incoming cleric has informed his own diocese of celebrating or officiating 6. Once the above conditions have been fulfilled, it is not necessary to produce any written statement concerning professional standards.
2	ACMR Number (Australian Catholic Ministry Register)	✓	✓	✓	✓	
3	Declaration from Applicant relating to Professional Standards	✓ If no ACMR	✓ If no ACMR	✓ If no ACMR	✓ If no ACMR	
4	Declaration from the Applicant's Church Authority relating to Professional Standards	✓ If no ACMR	✓ If no ACMR	✓ If no ACMR	✓ If no ACMR	
5	Queensland Blue Card (Working with Children Card)	✗	✓ One of the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Qld Blue Card • WWC card from home state • Restrict Person Declaration (if Australian resident) • Safe Conduct Standards (if overseas resident) 	✓ If ministry exceeds 7 days	✓	

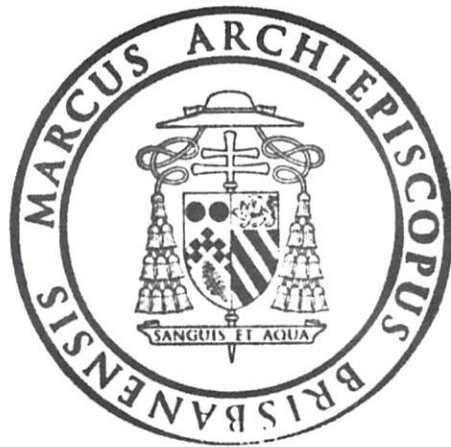
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6	National Police Check (or overseas equivalent)	x	x	x	✓	
7	Safeguarding Training Level 2	x	x	✓ If period of stay exceeds 7 days	✓	
8	Marriage celebrant number	✓ If applicable	✓ If applicable	✓ If applicable	✓ If applicable	
9	Covid-19 Certificate	✓ Optional	✓ Optional	✓ Optional	✓ Optional	

Given at Brisbane this 14th day of March 2024.

The Most Reverend Mark Coleridge
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Notary

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