

The Scottish Episcopal Church

Candidates



You are a candidate for authorised ministry in the Scottish Episcopal Church. This is to draw your attention to some of the policies of the Church; you should be aware of them as you go forward.

1. Ordained ministers and Lay Readers may serve on vestries and will normally be regarded as charity trustees for the purposes of the Charities and Trustee Investment (Scotland) Act 2005. [Declaration by Vestry Members](#) and [HM Revenue and Customs Fit and Proper Persons test](#) give details of who is eligible to be a charity trustee.
2. Authorised ministers in the SEC should be familiar with the SEC's current [Safeguarding Policy](#). Those recommended for training by an Advisory Selection Panel will be asked to register with the [PVG Scheme](#) (Protection of Vulnerable Groups).
3. The SEC's General Synod adopted guidelines for the [Professional Conduct of Clergy](#) in 2005. These apply to all clergy but prospective Lay Readers should also be familiar with the guidelines.

Please read the linked resources. If any of them raise a question or an issue for you, you can discuss that with your Assistant Director of Ordinands, or Warden of Lay Readers, or with the PDO; or you can discuss it with your sponsoring Bishop.

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