

REGISTRATION OF BAPTIST LEADERS

CRITERIA: Am I eligible for registration?

You can apply for registration if you are a pastoral leader, chaplain or missional leader¹ working in the name of the Baptist family of churches. You must be a key leader or staff member, not necessarily paid, who has a significant² role.

The anchor of eligibility is that the applicant must make a contribution theologically or in leadership to the kingdom through the Baptist family of churches.

This includes:

- Ecumenical chaplains. Those in chaplaincy work may apply for registration only if the Baptist Union or a Baptist Association has participated in their appointment process or their chaplaincy is part of the outreach of a local Baptist church.
- Participants in the Carey Baptist College Ministry Development Course who are graduates of Carey Baptist College or Laidlaw, or obvious equivalent (e.g. Whitley graduate, etc.) may apply for Provisional Registration.
- Staff of the Baptist Union, Baptist Associations and NZBMS. These people may apply for registration if they meet the criteria of a pastoral or missional leader working in the name of the Baptist family of churches.
- Carey Baptist College lecturing staff (full-time staff).

¹ A **missional leader** is someone called and sent to pioneer a new faith community, gathered around Christ, working at the intersection of God's people, God's world and God's gospel.

² **What is the definition of significant?** We would like our churches to have strong input into deciding what people or ministries are significant enough to warrant registration. However, this would mean that a candidate for registration would have:

- A 'terms of call' agreement, employment agreement, or volunteer agreement (as applicable) regardless of whether they work for a church or a trust.
- A clearly defined role description together with strong lines of accountability, including a ministry review process.

In many cases 'Significant' will be self-evident. However, there will always be candidates whom we are unsure about their eligibility. In those cases a panel of the national leader and the leaders of pastor health and development and church health and development process these applications and make the appropriate decision.