# Diploma in Ministry (Leadership) RPL – Self-Assessment Checklist

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| **Section 1:**  **Detailed Ministry Curriculum Vitae** | | | | |
| You will be required to complete both parts of the Detailed Ministry Curriculum Vitae including between 2-3 referees to substantiate your records.  Will you be able to complete Part A before applying and Part B by Week 5 of the course? | | | Yes  No | |
| Can provide a copy of a pastoral credential you currently hold with a Christian Church? | | | Yes  No | |
| If No, are you willing to be interviewed by an AC State Director to determine your suitability for this course? | | | Yes  No | |
| **Section 2:**  **Introduction to Old Testament, New Testament, Biblical Interpretation, and Preaching** | | | | |
| **Experience** | | | | |
| Have you had experience in preaching which applies principles based on your exegesis of Old and New Testament scripture?  *Exegesis: interpretation of a passage of scripture based on a contextual analysis.* | | | Yes  No | |
| **Evidence** | | | | |
| The easiest way to fulfil these requirements is by two recordings of yourself preaching expository sermons that you wrote, one on an Old Testament passage and the other of a New Testament passage. Each sermon needs to discuss the context of the passage, explain the principles and give some suggested applications relevant to the audience.  2E. Can you provide two such expository sermons? | | | Yes  No  If Yes, go to  Section 3. | |
| **Alternative Evidence** | | | | |
| **NB:** *If you are unable to provide two expository sermons you may still be able to satisfy the requirements of the section by providing the alternative evidence below. To do so you will need be able to select ‘Yes’ for at least one of the Evidence subpoints for all three categories: Exegesis, Application and Communication.* | | | | |
| **Exegesis:** | | | | |
| Have you analysed the original context of Old and New Testament scriptures to determine the author’s intended meaning to the original audience? | | | Yes  No | |
| Evidence | | | | |
| You will need examples from both the Old and New Testament, so at least two (though more is also acceptable) from the following list: | | |  | |
| 2AE.Ex.1. Do you have sermon recordings where you discuss what specific passages meant in their original context? | | | Yes  No | |
| 2AE.Ex.2. Do you have sermon preparation notes which show how you consider context to draw out the relevant applications? | | | Yes  No | |
| 2AE.Ex.3. Do have Leadership, Bible Study, Discipleship, New Christians Course or Marriage Preparation Course material etc. that you have written which includes discussions of certain passages meant in their original context? | | | Yes  No | |
| 2AE.Ex.4. Do you have any other evidence which sufficiently demonstrates your ability to analyse the original context of Old and New Testament scriptures to determine what it meant to the original audience? | | | Yes  No | |
| **Application** | | | | |
| Have you drawn out principles of Old and New Testament scriptures and thought up relevant ways for a contemporary audience(s) to apply these principles? | | | Yes  No | |
| Evidence | | | | |
| You may use the same evidence as above if relevant. However, again you will need examples from both the Old and New Testament, so at least two (though more is also acceptable) from the following list: | | |  | |
| 2AE.A.1. Do you have sermon recordings where you explain the principles of a passage and how your audience should practically respond? | | | Yes  No | |
| 2AE.A.2. Do you have sermon preparation notes which show you drawing out the principles of a passage and considering different ways your audience could apply such principles? | | | Yes  No | |
| 2AE.A.3. Do have Leadership, Bible Study, Discipleship, New Christians Course or Marriage Preparation Course material etc. that you have written which includes discussions of principles drawn certain passages and how they ought to be applied? | | | Yes  No | |
| 2AE.A.4. Do you have any other evidence which sufficiently demonstrates your ability to draw out principles of Old and New Testament scriptures and devise relevant ways for a contemporary audience(s) to apply these principles? | | | Yes  No | |
| **Preaching** | | | | |
| Have you communicated biblical principles to contemporary audiences? | | | Yes  No | |
| Evidence | | | | |
| You may use the same evidence as above if relevant. However, again you will need examples from both the Old and New Testament, so at least two (though more is also acceptable) from the following list: | | |  | |
| 2AE.P.1. Do you have sermon recordings where you explain the principles of a passage and how your audience should practically respond? | | | Yes  No | |
| **Section 3:**  **Christian Theology** | | | | |
| **Experience** | | | | |
| Have you had experience in identifying, communicating and applying the central aspects of Christian theology, who God is, salvation and church? | | | Yes  No | |
| **Evidence** | | | | |
| The easiest way to fulfil this requirement is if you have written:   1. A church’s Statement of Faith 2. New Christian course material 3. Church DNA material   3E. Can you provide at least one of these documents which you have written?  **NB:** *Not every document needs to cover all three central aspects of Christian theology, but all three aspects must be covered at least once in total throughout the collection of documents you submit.* | | | Yes  No  If Yes, go to  Section 4. | |
| **Alternative Evidence** | | | | |
| Have you explained the fundamentals of the faith to others, including who God is, salvation and church? | | | Yes  No | |
| **NB:** *If providing evidence from this alternative pathway, to satisfy this section you will need be able to select ‘Yes’ for at least one of the Evidence dot points below.* | | | | |
| Evidence | | | | |
| 3AE.1. Do you have a sermon recording of yourself explaining these fundamentals of the faith? | | | Yes  No | |
| 3AE.2. Do you have a recording of you leading a New Christians Course where you explain the fundamentals of the faith? | | | Yes  No | |
| 3AE.3. Do you have a recording of you leading a Church DNA course where you explain the fundamentals of the faith? | | | Yes  No | |
| 3AE.4. Do you have any other evidence which sufficiently demonstrated your ability to explain the fundamental of the faith to a contemporary audience? | | | Yes  No | |
| **Section 4:**  **Pastoral Care** | | | | |
| **Experience** | | | | |
| Have you had experience in providing pastoral care within a church ministry context? | | | Yes  No | |
| **Evidence** | | | | |
| To fulfil this requirement, you must provide a referral portfolio that you draw on to assist you in providing the right kind of care to clients. The portfolio should contain a list of at least 15 different contacts and social services both within and outside of the church (local wherever possible). For example, pre-marriage counselling services, drug and alcohol rehabilitation services, domestic violence shelters, local police, ambulance, local Christian counsellors, psychologists etc. Each entry requires contact information and a brief description of the service they provide if not obvious in the title. Finally, the portfolio needs to be robust enough to cater for the kinds of issues you would typically be confronted with in a pastoral care ministry context.  4E. Can you provide such a portfolio? | | | Yes  No | |
| **Section 5:**  **Team Leadership** | | | | |
| **Experience** | | | | |
| Do you have experience in participating in and leading ministry teams? | | | Yes  No | |
| **Evidence** | | | | |
| To fulfil this requirement, you must provide a portfolio which contains the following:   1. The values, mission and vision of a church in which you led a team 2. At least two of the following for ministry teams you led (confidential information may be redacted):    * 1. Team strategy documents you wrote (this must be more than one page)      2. Material you wrote to help facilitate the function and growth of your team (this must be multiple pages in length)      3. Team meeting minutes (more than one)      4. Emails to and from you and your oversight regarding your team’s performance and direction (at least two)      5. Team budgets      6. Recording of you leading your team performing its primary function or training/preparing to perform its primary function   5E.1. Can you provide such a portfolio of evidence? | | | Yes  No | |
| **Section 6:**  **Ethics** | | | | |
| **Experience** | | | | |
| Have you had experience determining or explaining the ethical pathway forward through difficult questions or dilemmas in a ministry context? | | | Yes  No | |
| **Evidence** | | | | |
| Real work examples of this skillset are ordinarily very hard to produce. Therefore, we will provide you with some reading material and lecture videos for you to read and watch. You will then be required to give some Christian ethical responses to hypothetical scenarios. Your response will need to draw on your experience and the material provided.  6E.1. Is this something you will have the capacity to complete within the allotted time? | | | Yes  No | |
| **FINAL STEPS** | | | | |
| Were you able to answer Yes to Section 1, and both the Experience and Evidence components of Sections 2-6? | | | Yes  No | |
| If Yes, then we encourage you to apply for this course at your earliest convenience.  Please go to the Declaration section and sign. | | | | |
| If No, then do you feel confident that you could satisfy all the remaining Sections and their components within the duration of this course? | | | Yes  No | |
| If Yes, then we encourage you to apply for this course at your earliest convenience.  Please go to the Declaration section and sign. | | |  | |
| If No, then we recommend you consider speaking to one of our Future Students representatives about the formal study options we have available or revisiting this course when you are in a stronger position to satisfy the requirements. | | | | |
| **Declaration** | | | | |
| I, <insert your name>, declare the responses provided above are a true and accurate record of my ministry experience and capacity to source evidence of these skills and knowledge. | | | | |
| Signature:  (Electronic signatures are acceptable.) |  | Date: | |  |