

## APPLICATION FOR CREDENTIALS

FOR ALL MINISTERS APPLYING FOR CREDENTIALS WITH  
NEW LIFE CHURCHES OF NEW ZEALAND  
CURRENT AS FROM AUGUST 2009

(To be completed with the assistance of your Regional Leader and by each person applying for Credentials,  
ie: Husband and wife to complete as required separate applications.)

### ***Part A: CREDENTIALLING GUIDELINES FOR PASTORS***

- 1. Credentials will be given to functioning pastors based in, ministering from or significantly related to a public established and viable NL church (ie: pastoral/other gifted ministry)*
- 2. Such ministers (male or female) will be the senior pastor or assistant / associate ministry of or accountable to an NL church led by a NL pastor who has completed a 12 month provisional period.*
- 3. All applications for credentialling are to be endorsed by appropriate Regional Leader and a sponsoring NL Pastor and ratified by presentation at the next Apostolic Leadership Team (ALT) meeting (or by email).*
- 4. All credentials will be reviewed annually.*
- 5. All new credentials will be issued provisionally for 12 months and then ratified by the ALT.*
- 6. The ALT and Regional Leaders will have the discretionary power to withdraw credentials if the above credentialling criteria are not adhered to, or if the credentialled person ceases to function in, be based in or associated with an NL church.*
- 7. At the discretion of the ALT provision will be made for ministers to be in fellowship with NL, with the privilege of observing and attending regional gatherings, MAS and conferences, while not holding NL credentials.*
- 8. Both husband and wife are to apply for credentialling separately - it will not be automatic for the spouse to be co-credentialled.*
- 9. All newly credentialed pastors will be required to attend our 2 week (2 one week modules over two successive years) UNLEASHED Pastors personal and professional development seminars.*
- 10. All New Life credentialed pastors will be required to engage in regular personal supervision from suitably trained persons outside their home church.*
- 11. All New Life churches are required to participate in the comprehensive EIG-Ansvar National Liability Insurance plan. Premiums are payable annually in advance based on congregation size.*



- 1. Have you been Water Baptised? YES / NO
- 2. Have you been baptised in the Holy Spirit? YES / NO
- 3. Do you practice a regular devotional life in prayer and Bible reading? \_\_\_\_\_
- 4. Do you believe in the inspiration of the Scriptures? \_\_\_\_\_
- 5. Do you believe in the Trinity?  
     – God as the Father, Son and Holy Spirit, three persons yet one God? \_\_\_\_\_
- 6. What is your marital status? \_\_\_\_\_
- 7. Have you ever remarried? YES / NO
- 8. If yes –because of divorce or death of spouse? –please specify \_\_\_\_\_
- 9. Have you been a Pastor before? YES / NO
- 10. If so, where did you serve and why did you cease? \_\_\_\_\_

- 11. Is your wife or husband and family agreeable to you being a Pastor? \_\_\_\_\_
- 12. Have you had any formal Bible school or theological training? YES / NO  
     If so, please specify: \_\_\_\_\_

13. Degree, Diploma or Certificate obtained  
 \_\_\_\_\_  
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- 14. Do you have regular personal supervision from suitably trained persons outside your home church? YES / NO
- 15. Name of Supervisor: \_\_\_\_\_

- 16. Please attach one character reference from a person (not related to you) from outside the life of your church.
- 17. Please enclose a letter of support from your church, endorsing your application. This should be signed by one of your leaders or your senior minister (as applicable).
- 18. Please sign and return the enclosed authority for a police check
- 19. Please have your Regional Leader and one other NL Pastor endorse your application:

**Regional Leader:**  
 \_\_\_\_\_  
 (Name)  
 \_\_\_\_\_  
 (Signature)

**NL Pastor:**  
 \_\_\_\_\_  
 (Name)  
 \_\_\_\_\_  
 (Signature)

**Part B: REQUIRED RESPONSE OF PASTORS**

I understand that the New Life Churches of NZ is a fellowship of ministers and a movement of interdependent churches, each governed by its own leadership yet recognising the anointing and authority of National and Regional leadership to advise, counsel and encourage. In accepting credentials, I enter into the following agreement:

- a. *I am willing for my church and I to seek the advice, counsel and as necessary the intervention of the Regional Leader for my region.*
- b. *I will make every effort to attend Regional Events and National Conference*
- c. *In the event of any conflict not being resolved at a local church level, I agree to refer such conflict to the Regional Leader(s). If resolution is not reached, I agree for this to be referred to the Apostolic Leadership Team (ALT) for their deliberation and counsel.*
- d. *In matters of substance concerning my tenure of ministry, my church and its future and assets, I agree to seek the counsel of the Regional Leader/ALT.*
- e. *Understanding that credentialing with New Life Churches of New Zealand requires each church to pay an annual levy based on 1.5% of tithes income of each church, I agree for my church to pay this on a regular basis with an annual reconciliation and settlement. I also agree to my church paying the required premium for Liability Insurance.*
- f. *I will attend UNLEASHED pastors training as detailed in Part A, Clause 9.*
- g. *I agree to accept and maintain regular, objective and continuing pastoral supervision.*

Signed by the Applicant: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

- Check List:  Endorsement signature by Regional Leader  
 Character Reference  
 Church support letter  
 Endorsement signature by NL Pastor  
 Completed, signed and dated application form and authority for police check

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Letter Sent _____ | <input type="checkbox"/> Database _____       |



**CONSENT TO DISCLOSURE OF INFORMATION**

Licensing & Vetting Service Centre  
Office of the Commissioner  
PO Box 3017  
WELLINGTON



I, \_\_\_\_\_  
(Surname) (Fore Names)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Maiden or any other names used)

Sex \_\_\_\_\_ (M/F)

Date and place of birth \_\_\_\_\_

Nationality \_\_\_\_\_

Residential Address \_\_\_\_\_

Suburb \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_

NZ Drivers Licence number \_\_\_\_\_

I hereby consent to the disclosure by the New Zealand Police of any information they may have pursuant to this application, to **New Life Churches New Zealand**. I understand that any record of criminal convictions I might have will automatically be concealed if I meet the eligibility criteria stipulated in Section 7 of the Criminal Records (Clean Slate) Act 2004.

Signed \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_