



Training For Full Ministerial Status

Applying For Probationary Status

The Area Training Leaders will provide detailed information on the process, timescales and cost of applying for ministerial status with AoG. This should be the first point of contact and the application must not be commenced without endorsement from the Area Training Leader.

The application form for Probationary status which leads to Full Status is online and accessed via a separate website. The Area Training Leader will provide the website details. There is a registration fee of £50 which must be paid online before the application form can be accessed. The application form will require information on personal details, church details, questionnaires to be completed and essays to be written.

It is important that anyone who desires to hold ministerial status in AoG understands and accepts the Statement of Faith. For this reason applicants will be asked to write a short essay of no more than 500 words (roughly one side of A4) on each of the 12 individual elements of the Statement. It is absolutely essential that these essays are completed before the interview and should be uploaded on the website. We are not looking for a detailed academic study, but a brief explanation of how you would teach these doctrines in your church. This task is neither as difficult nor as time consuming as it might at first sound and might provide you with some material for Bible studies, sermons or discipleship classes. You should treat it as a priority.

Probationary Training

Probationary training takes between a minimum of 2 years and a maximum of 5 years. There are several components to the Probationary training including:

1. **Distance Learning Course**

This course is provided by Mattersey Hall Bible College and leads to the award of their external Certificate in Bible and Theology, a recognised professional qualification. The Certificate covers the following 10 modules which equate to 120 credits:

- Old Testament Survey
- New Testament Survey
- Homiletics
- Hermeneutics
- The Holy Spirit (20 credits)
- Basic Doctrine (20 credits)
- Spiritual Gifts
- Charismatic Church History
- 21st Century Church Leadership
- Pastoral Theology



If you have already studied with Mattersey Hall you will not have to retake modules previously completed. If you have studied at another recognised Bible College you will not have to retake subjects. However Mattersey Hall reserves the right to determine which other colleges are of an acceptable standard. To apply for a transfer of credits you should complete a form provided by your Area Training Leader.

The External Certificate course costs £980 and a breakdown of costs can be provided by Mattersey Hall. It is administered and monitored from Mattersey Hall, who also appoints tutors to mark the work and help monitor student progress. For the purposes of gaining Full Ministerial Status you must satisfactorily complete the whole programme and submit all the required material. Please contact the Distance Learning team at Mattersey Hall for further details – tel: 01777 815013 or distancelearning@matterseyhall.com

2. Area Training

Training will also be provided in the Area and will cover issues such as:

- Finance – personal and church
- Legal (including church governance)
- Ministerial ethics

All the Area training must be undertaken and the Area Training Leader will provide information on the programme of events.

3. Mentoring

A mentor will be appointed to the Probationary Minister for the duration of the probationary training and the Area Training Leader will liaise with the Probationary Minister to agree a suitable individual.

4. Probationary Minister's Bi-Monthly Reports

Probationary Ministers should keep a record of their development and learning using the online reports which must be completed on a bi-monthly basis. The reports should be discussed with the Probationary Minister's mentor.

5. Inspire Conference

All Probationary Ministers are required to attend the Inspire Conference at least twice during their training period. The course is held annually at Mattersey Hall in early July and runs from Monday to Friday.

6. AoG Annual Conference

It is recommended that Probationary Ministers attend the annual AoG Conference for inspiration, teaching and networking.

The training programme must be completed in its totality for Full Status to be awarded.