



This version of Regulation 32 Bachelor of Ministry is available to currently enrolled students who were admitted to the Bachelor of Theology under this version of the Regulation prior to 31 December 2015. Students who wish to complete their course under this version of Regulation 32 must complete no later than 31 December 2023.

REGULATION 32 BACHELOR OF MINISTRY

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32.1 Admission and Enrolment

- 32.1.1 A person may apply to the Academic Board [the Board] to enrol as a candidate for the Bachelor of Ministry if he or she is qualified to be admitted to a University or other tertiary institution in Australia approved from time to time by the Board.
- 32.1.2 A person who is not qualified to enrol as a candidate in accordance with Clause 32.1.1 may be permitted to enrol as a provisional candidate under conditions determined by the Board.
- 32.1.3 Every candidate for the Bachelor of Ministry must be enrolled during the period of their candidature at a College of the University, and must comply with the requirements of that institution and such other requirements relating to the admission and enrolment of students as the Regulations prescribe. Notwithstanding where they are formally enrolled, candidates may study units offered at other Colleges of the University.
- 32.1.4 If a candidate seeks to undertake units in the Bachelor of Theology using flexible delivery arrangements, the Board may only give permission for an enrolment on this basis if it is satisfied that the requirements of the degree can be completed through these arrangements, and that the candidate will have appropriate learning opportunities: access to appropriate learning resources, peer interaction and faculty supervision.
- 32.1.5 Notwithstanding any other provision in this Regulation, the Board may require an applicant to demonstrate fitness for admission by carrying out such work and sitting for such examinations as the Board may determine.
- 32.1.6 The Bachelor of Ministry must be completed in not less than three and not more than nine years, unless the Board determines otherwise.
- 32.1.7 The Board may discontinue the candidature of any person whom it deems not to have made satisfactory progress.

32.2 Course Structures

- 32.2.1 The basic structure of the course of study leading to the Bachelor of Ministry consists of a series of units, grouped by discipline and level as determined by the Board.
- 32.2.2 The successful completion of a standard unit that has been approved by the Board as to content, teaching methods, learning outcomes, assessment and bibliography counts as 15 credit points towards the degree.
- 32.2.3 The disciplines available must be grouped by the Board within four Fields of study, namely: Field A, Humanities; Field B, Biblical Studies; Field C, Christian Thought and History; Field D, Theology: Mission and Ministry.
- 32.2.4 The Board must specify the number and type of unit sequences required to complete the requirements of a course of study.
- 32.2.5 Units must be allocated by the Board within disciplines to level 1, 2 or 3, where units at a lower level may be prerequisites for units at higher levels.

32.3 Course of study

- 32.3.1 Every course of study for the Bachelor of Ministry will consist of 360 credit points and include sequences approved by the Board, as described in the General Determinations for the Bachelor of Ministry.
- 32.3.2 Determinations of the Board made pursuant to this regulation must be communicated appropriately.
- 32.3.3 Unless the Board determines otherwise in specific cases, no candidate for the degree may enrol in more than 60 points in any one semester.

32.4 Credit and transfer credit for the Bachelor of Ministry

- 32.4.1 No more than 240 credit points may be given for studies taken at other institutions towards fulfilling the requirements of the Bachelor of Ministry.
- 32.4.2 A candidate who holds a degree from an Australian university, or a qualification deemed by the Board to be equivalent, may be given up to 60 credit points, normally in Field A.
- 32.4.3 In addition to 32.4.2, the Board may grant up to 60 credit points in the appropriate Field for units undertaken successfully in a degree other than ministry or theology, which the Board regards as equivalent in content and standard to Bachelor of Ministry studies.
- 32.4.4 The Board may grant up to 240 credit points in the appropriate Fields for studies of equivalent content and standard passed towards an incomplete degree in ministry or theology.
- 32.4.5 The Board may grant other credit points in accordance with the Schedule of Credits determined by the Board.

32.5 Award of degree

When a candidate has satisfied the examiners and completed the requirements for the Bachelor of Ministry, the Board may recommend that the award be made to the candidate. A candidate to whom such an award has been made is entitled to use the letters 'BMin' as a suffix to their name.

DETERMINATIONS MADE BY ACADEMIC BOARD RELATING TO REGULATION 32

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32.1.1 Other Tertiary Institutions approved by the Board.

Adelaide College of Divinity
Australian Catholic University
Australian College of Theology
Avondale College
Charles Sturt University
Christian Heritage College
Harvest Bible College
Harvest West Bible College
Moore Theological College
Murdoch University
Otago University
Sydney College of Divinity
Tabor Adelaide
Tabor Victoria
University of Auckland
University of Notre Dame Australia
Wesley Institute

32.1.6 Reduction of time

Where credit has been granted, the minimum time for completion may be reduced accordingly.

32.2.2 Non-Standard Units

Non-standard units which, taken together, comprise a standard unit of 15 credit points or a multiple thereof in a specific discipline, may be approved by the Board.

32.2.3 Grouping of Disciplines with Fields

The four Fields of Study currently have the disciplines shown allocated to them.

A – Humanities
Biblical Languages
History
Languages ancient and modern
Philosophy
Religious Studies

B – Biblical Studies
Biblical Studies
New Testament
Old Testament

C – Christian Thought and History

Church History
Systematic Theology

D – Theology: Mission and Ministry
Canon Law
Ecumenical Studies
Education Studies
Liturgy
Missiology
Moral Theology
Pastoral Theology and Ministry Studies
Religious Education
Spiritual Direction
Spirituality

32.2.4 Approved Units

Units that have been approved by the Board within each discipline and at each level are to be found in the Handbooks and on the websites of the Colleges of the University of Divinity.

32.2.5 Types of unit sequences

A major unit sequence will consist of 90 points in the same discipline over all three levels including at least 30 points at level 3 and no more than 30 points at level 1.

A sub-major unit sequence will consist of 60 points in the same discipline including at least 30 points at level 2.

A minor unit sequence will consist of 30 points in the same discipline.

32.3 Course of Studies

Every course of study for the Bachelor of Ministry will consist of 360 points made up as follows:

- 32.3.1 90 points in one discipline in Field D, including at least 30 points at third level and no more than 30 points at first level (major); not including supervised ministry praxis units.
- 32.3.2 60 points in Biblical Studies including at least 30 points at second level or higher (submajor), and including minor sequences in each of Old Testament and New Testament.
- 32.3.3 60 points of ministry praxis units, for example Clinical Pastoral Education, Supervised Theological Field Education or other supervised practica (submajor).
- 32.3.4 60 points in Systematic Theology including at least 30 points at second level or higher (submajor).
- 32.3.5 30 points in Church History (minor).
- 32.3.6 60 points of electives from Fields A, B, C or D.
- 32.3.7 At least 60 points of the degree must be taken at third level.

32.4 Schedule of Credits

- 32.4.1 A candidate with a degree may obtain up to 60 credit points. [Regulation 32.4.2]
- 32.4.2 A candidate with a professional diploma of three years in teaching or nursing prior to degrees in those areas may be deemed to hold a degree, and so may obtain 60 credit points. [Regulation 32.4.2]
- 32.4.3 A candidate with a degree who has completed units considered by the Board to be equivalent to Bachelor of Ministry units at the University of Divinity may obtain up to 60 credit points in one or more Fields. Credit in this case may be conditional upon further credit points being obtained in the relevant Field. [Regulation 32.4.3]
- 32.4.4 A candidate with incomplete degree studies with units passed in an area considered by the Board to be relevant may obtain up to 60 credit points in Field A. [Regulation 32.4.3]
- 32.4.5 A candidate with incomplete theological degree studies may be granted up to 240 credit points, provided the units are equivalent to Bachelor of Ministry units at the University of Divinity. [Regulation 32.4.4]
- 32.4.6 A candidate with a Graduate Diploma of Education may obtain 30 credit points at Level 1, conditional upon their completing 30 credit points of Religious Education at Level 2. This combination may be considered a sub-major in Religious Education (Field D).
- 32.4.7 A candidate who has completed the Advanced Diploma in Theology and Ministry at the University of Divinity or an equivalent award may obtain 240 credit points.
- 32.4.8 A candidate who has completed the Diploma in Theology at the University of Divinity or an equivalent award may obtain 120 credit points.
- 32.4.9 A candidate who completed the Advanced Diploma in Ministry at the University of Divinity or an equivalent award prior to 30 June 2014 with a Credit average may obtain 180 credit points.
- 32.4.10 A candidate who completed the Diploma in Ministry at the University of Divinity or an equivalent award prior to 30 June 2014 with a Credit average may obtain 120 credit points.
- 32.4.11 A candidate who completed the Advanced Diploma of the Salvation Army Training College before 9 February 2007 may obtain a total of 120 credit points: 30 credit points Field B, 30 credit points Field C, 60 credit points Field D.
- 32.4.12 Bachelor of Ministry with Advanced Diploma in Theology and Ministry
- A candidate may undertake the Bachelor of Ministry with, or subsequent to, the Advanced Diploma in Theology and Ministry at the University of Divinity. In such cases up to 120 points of study may be held in common to both awards. The minimum time for completion of both awards is four years.
- 32.4.13 Bachelor of Ministry with Bachelor of Theology
- A candidate may undertake the Bachelor of Ministry with, or subsequent to, the Bachelor of Theology at the University of Divinity. In such cases up to 180 points of

study may be held in common to both awards. The minimum time for completion of both awards is four years and six months.

32.4.14 Time limit on credit is determined by the Board's policy on credit.

32.4.15 If an application for credit is not successful, exemption may be granted at the discretion of the Board, such that a candidate is not required to repeat the content of prior learning but must complete other units instead. The requirement remains, however, to complete the total number of points: thus an exemption from Old Testament Introduction would still require the completion of a minor sequence (30 credit points) in Old Testament.