



# MINISTERIAL LICENSURE

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## Ministerial Licensure Process – Step 1

### **Become an Exhorter**

A person who feels called to become a credentialed minister in the Church of God should discuss his/her calling with his/her pastor and ask the pastor to contact the state office. Upon receipt of the request from the pastor, a New Minister/Calling and Ministry Studies (CAMS)/Exhorter Application will be mailed from the state office to the pastor.

As part of the application process, the individual desiring credentials must submit to a background check. Upon approval, the applicant (and spouse) will be eligible to begin the CAMS program. After completion of CAMS, and upon recommendation of the Ministerial Development Board, the candidate will be ready to purchase an Exhorter Study Guide and will be eligible to take the Exhorter exam.

## Ministerial Licensure Process – Step 2

### **Become an Ordained Minister**

An exhorter who desires to advance to the rank of ordained minister should contact the state office and request an Ordained Minister/Ministerial Internship Program (MIP) Application.

After successful completion of MIP, the individual will be ready to purchase an Ordained Minister Study Guide and will be eligible to take the Ordained Minister exam.

## Ministerial Licensure Process – Step 3

### **Become an Ordained Bishop**

An ordained minister may advance to the rank of ordained bishop when he is twenty-five (25) years of age, provided he has had at least eight (8) years of active ministry, or when he is thirty (30) years of age, provided he has had at least five (5) years of active ministry, if he is otherwise qualified.

A person who meets the above qualifications may contact the state office for an Ordained Bishop Application.



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"Whether you are at the beginning of ministry or at the time of retirement, we want to make sure to provide gap education at every level and make sure you have developed curriculum that will introduce you on how to do futuristic ministry."

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