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## SIMPLE SUMMARY

### MISSION ACCREDITATION POLICY FOR THE DIOCESAN SCHOOLS SYSTEM

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#### FEATURES OF THE REVISED VERSION

- ✓ Simplified administration
  - No maintenance logs required of non-teaching support staff, teachers and school and system leaders
  - Non-teaching support staff and teachers automatically accredited
  - Coordinators who meet policy requirements as teachers of Religious Education automatically accredited and renewed as Coordinators
  - Online application for teachers of Religious Education, Coordinators and school and system leaders
  - Certificates issued only upon leaving DSS
- ✓ Provision of Mission Formation programs at all five levels and effective communication of other relevant online and other programs
- ✓ Working towards... Mission Accreditation of all staff renewed at all five levels as part of School Review Process. Individual staff will not apply for renewal of their Mission Accreditation.

#### THE FIVE LEVELS

##### LEVEL A: Support Staff

- Induction: Equivalent of one-day of mission formation ideally within their first year of employment generally through school based induction and CSO programs (e.g. Initial Mission Accreditation, Spirituality Day for Administrative Assistants)
- Currency: Equivalent of at least three days of mission formation every five years, generally through participation in school-based staff mission formation days or relevant CSO Mission Formation programs. (e.g. Initial Mission Accreditation, Spirituality Day for Administrative Assistants) Mission Accreditation renewed at time of School Review. Logs not required.

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##### LEVEL B: Teachers

- Induction: Equivalent of two days of mission formation ideally within their first two years of employment generally through school based induction and CSO programs (e.g. In the Beginning)
- Currency: Equivalent of at least five days of mission formation every five years, generally through participation in school-based staff spirituality days or relevant CSO Mission Formation programs (e.g. In the Beginning, Come and See, Follow Me) Mission Accreditation renewed at time of School Review. Logs not required.

## **LEVEL C: Coordinators who are not teachers of RE**

*Coordinators who are teachers of Religious Education are automatically accredited and their Mission Accreditation renewed*

- Induction: Equivalent of four days of mission formation over four years generally through participation in CSO programs (e.g. Come and See, Follow Me, Who Do You Say I Am?)
- Currency: In addition to requirements for teachers... Equivalent of at least three days of mission formation every five years, generally through participation in relevant CSO Mission Formation programs (e.g. Come and See, Follow Me, Who Do You Say I Am?)

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## **LEVEL D: Teachers of Religious Education**

*Teachers of Religious Education, without under/post graduate qualifications, may be Provisionally Accredited for up to five years. They may apply for CSO study grant to commence study in their third year of teaching.*

To be accredited:

(i) have completed six undergraduate units in Religious Education/Theology in an undergraduate teaching degree at a Catholic institution

**or**

(ii) have completed four postgraduate units in Theology and/or Religious Education in an approved Catholic program at a tertiary institution;

- Currency: In addition to requirements for teachers... Equivalent of at least three days of mission formation every five years, generally through participation in relevant school based professional learning (equivalent of one hour per Term) and CSO Mission Formation programs (e.g. Come and See, Follow Me) Working towards Mission Accreditation being renewed at time of School Review. Logs suggested in interim.

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## **LEVEL E: School and System Leaders**

*School and System Leaders, without under/post graduate qualifications, may be Provisionally Accredited for up to four years. They may apply for CSO study grant.*

To be accredited from 2017:

... have completed a minimum of six units of study at a Masters level in Religious Education, Scripture, Theology, and Catholic Leadership in an approved Catholic tertiary institution.;

- Currency: In addition to requirements for teachers... Equivalent of at least five days of mission formation every five years, generally through participation in CSO professional learning and Mission Formation programs (e.g. Feed My Sheep, With You Always) Mission Accreditation automatically renewed. Logs not required.

**Website: <http://missionaccreditation.dbbcso.org/>**