



# DIOCESE of PARRAMATTA

## NATIONAL CATHOLIC STANDARDS DECLARATION Standard 5.7

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### STATEMENT BY CHURCH AUTHORITY RELATING TO PROFESSIONAL STANDARDS

In response to the National Catholic Safeguarding Standards, as the relevant Church Authority of \_\_\_\_\_, I hereby state that in relation to this person:

- There have been no substantiated complaints of abuse against him
- I am not aware of circumstances that could lead to a complaint of abuse
- I do not consider that there would be an unacceptable risk to children, young people of vulnerable adults if the person were to be allowed to engage in ministry.

I am aware that, in visiting or moving into a new jurisdiction, this person will be subject to the requirements of relevant State legislation concerning clearances to work with certain categories of persons.

Duration of the Visit / Appointment: \_\_\_\_\_  
*Please Provide Dates of Arrival & Departure*

Purpose of the Visit / Appointment: \_\_\_\_\_

Location/Parish of Visit/Appointment: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Print Full Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Statement: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_ Official Role: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Church Authority: \_\_\_\_\_

### Relevant information - Standard 5.7 National Catholic Safeguarding Standards

#### 5.7 Credentialing and movement of seminarians, clergy and religious is appropriately managed.

##### How could your entity implement this criterion?

The entity implements or accesses a system that:

- requires dual declarations made by both the individual and the Church Authority;
- clearly defines 'good standing';
- verifies that an individual coming to exercise ministry in a new jurisdiction is currently in good standing;
- records visiting ministers in new jurisdictions (e.g. a sacristy register for visiting clergy to record the date, time and purpose of their attendance);
- records the movement of seminarians and candidates for formation across different seminaries or formation programs;
- updates immediately if there is a change in status; and
- has defined accountabilities, supported by education, to promote participation in the system