

Parish Administration (Safe Ministry) Amendment Ordinance 2015

No 1, 2015

Long Title

An Ordinance to amend the Parish Administration Ordinance 2008 with respect to safe ministry.

The Standing Committee of the Synod of the Diocese of Sydney Ordains as follows.

1. Name

This Ordinance is the Parish Administration (Safe Ministry) Amendment Ordinance 2015.

2. Amendment to the Parish Administration Ordinance 2008

The Parish Administration Ordinance 2008 is amended as follows –

- (a) insert the following new definitions in rule 7.1 of Schedules 1 and 2 –
 - “**child-related work**” has the same meaning as in the *Child Protection (Working with Children) Act 2012 (NSW)*.
 - “**regulator**” means the Office of the Children’s Guardian or any office or agency which may succeed or replace it.’,
- (b) insert a new rule 7.2A in Schedules 1 and 2 as follows –
 - “**7.2A Screening**
 - (1) The minister must ensure that the parish complies with its obligations under the *Child Protection (Working with Children) Act 2012 (NSW)*.
 - (2) Without limiting the generality of sub rule (1), in particular the minister must ensure that no person engages in child-related work in the parish unless the person –
 - (a) holds a working with children check clearance which has been verified with the regulator and is not subject to an interim bar,
 - (b) has a current application before the regulator for a working with children’s check clearance, or
 - (c) is subject to an exemption.”,
- (c) in sub rule 7.3(2) in Schedules 1 and 2 delete all matter after the word “office” and insert the following instead –
 - “until the earlier of –
 - (a) the period (if any) specified by the minister in writing at the time of appointment,
 - (b) the appointment of a successor,
 - (c) their death, or
 - (d) their resignation.”,
- (d) delete sub rule 7.3(3) and insert instead –
 - “(3) Subject to rule 9.3, the appointment of a safe ministry representative may be revoked by –
 - (a) the minister, with the concurrence of the parish council, or
 - (b) the Director of Professional Standards,as each may think fit.”
- (e) delete sub rule 7.4(1)(c) (and the note at the end of the sub rule) in Schedules 1 and 2 and insert instead –
 - “(c) hold a working with children check clearance which has been verified with the regulator and is not subject to an interim bar.”,
- (f) delete sub rule 7.4(2)(b) in Schedules 1 and 2 and insert instead –

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- “(b) ceases to hold a working with children check clearance or holds a clearance that becomes subject to an interim bar.”,
- (g) in sub rule 7.4(3) in Schedules 1 and 2 delete –
- (i) the word “or” at the end of sub rule (3)(b),
 - (ii) sub rule (3)(c), and
 - (iii) the second sentence in the note at the end of the sub rule, and
- (h) insert a new rule 7.6 in Schedule 1 and Schedule 2 (with consequential renumbering of the existing rules 7.6 and 7.7 in Schedule 1) as follows –

“7.6 Inspection of records

(1) The Registrar or a person nominated by the Registrar may inspect all records maintained by a parish in relation to its obligations under this Chapter.

(2) The Registrar or a person nominated by the Registrar may require the minister or the safe ministry representative to provide any of the following information in relation to persons involved in child-related work in the parish –

- (a) full name,
- (b) date of birth,
- (c) working with children check number (or application number) and expiry date, and
- (d) date of verifying the clearance with the regulator and outcome.”

I Certify that the Ordinance as printed is in accordance with the Ordinance as reported.

R TONG
Chairman of Committees

I Certify that this Ordinance was passed by the Standing Committee of the Synod of the Diocese of Sydney on 16 February 2015.

R WICKS
Secretary

I Assent to this Ordinance.

GN DAVIES
Archbishop of Sydney
16/02/2015