

SRE Safe Ministry Screening Questionnaire-18's+

For staff and volunteers aged 18 and over who teach SRE in NSW public schools

Please note that, if you disclose any potentially criminal actions, the Baptist Association may need to report this information to the police or other relevant government authorities.

Please write either “YES” or “NO” for each of the following questions. If you answer “yes” to any of the following questions, please give details on a separate page or discuss with the Senior Pastor or the person holding an equivalent leadership role in your church. A ‘yes’ answer will not automatically rule an applicant out of selection.	Yes / No	I prefer to discuss
1. Have you ever been charged with and/or convicted of a criminal offence?		
2. As an adult (18+ years) have you ever engaged in any of the following conduct:		
• sexual contact with someone under your care other than your spouse (such as a parishioner, client, patient, student, employee or subordinate)		
• use, possession, production or distribution of child abuse material?		
• sexual contact with a person under the relevant age of consent		
3. To your knowledge, has there ever been any allegations made against you regarding any abuse of a child, physical abuse or sexual misconduct?		
4. Have you ever had an apprehended violence order, order for protection or the like issued against you as a result of allegations of violence, abuse, likely harm, harassment, stalking, etc?		
5. Have you had a history of alcohol abuse or substance abuse (including prescription, over-the-counter, recreational or illegal drugs)?		
6. Have you ever had permission to undertake paid or voluntary work with children or other vulnerable people refused, suspended or withdrawn in Australia or any other country?		
7. Has a child or dependent young person in your care ever been removed from your care by relevant authorities?		

8. Do you have any health conditions that we should know about?

CHURCHES YOU HAVE ATTENDED REGULARLY IN THE PAST 3 YEARS (please include if you do not currently attend a Baptist Church but seeking endorsement from a local Baptist pastor or other denominations you have previously attended.)

Name of church	Location	When (Month/Year)	Any positions held

FAQs

What if I choose not to complete this form?

Due to new requirements for all volunteers and staff who attend a Baptist Church or seek SRE authorisation by the Baptist Association of NSW & ACT (Under the Safe Church Health Check) you will not receive authorisation if you are a new teacher or you may have your authorisation revoked if you refuse to retrospectively.

What if I answer ‘yes’ to any of the questions? Will that mean I can’t teach?

Remember a ‘yes’ response does not automatically exclude you from teaching SRE, but further conversations will need to take place to determine if you are suitable to teach SRE.

What if there is a question on this form I don’t wish to answer in writing?

We understand there may be questions on this form you don’t feel comfortable being recorded in writing in a general form like this. If this is the case, you have the option of ticking the prefer to discuss column and we can arrange a time for you to discuss this point with a nominated representative of our Safe ministry team.

Where will this form be stored/Who will be able to access it?

As this is a **sensitive** document it will be stored in a confidential manner accessible only by a limited number of authorised persons within the Baptist Association.

CONSENT TO HOLD INFORMATION

I consent to the information contained in this application, including any subsequent pages, to be kept by the Baptist Association. I understand that this information will be kept in a confidential file and used only for screening purposes.

DECLARATION

I,.....sincerely declare that:

- The information I have provided in this application is true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.
- I understand that if I provide false or misleading information or withhold relevant information from this questionnaire, the Baptist Association may determine that I am unsuitable to serve in any role in the church.
- I have received a copy of the *Code of Conduct* and am willing to uphold it.

Applicant’s signature:Date: