



SRE Safe Ministry Screening Questionnaire-18's+

For staff and volunteers aged 18 and over who teach/help/present 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.

Part A of this screening questionnaire is required to be completed by the Baptist Association;
Part B is a Department of Education Declaration.

PART A- Baptist Association Screening

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: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• sexual contact with someone under your care other than your spouse (such as a parishioner, client, patient, student, employee, or subordinate)		
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• use, possession, production, or distribution of child abuse material?		
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 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ever had permission to undertake paid or voluntary work with children or other vulnerable people refused, suspended, or withdrawn in Australia or any other country?		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. Please outline any health conditions that may affect your volunteer role?



Churches you have regularly attended in the past three 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

PART B- Department of Education Declaration (please tick the check boxes below)

The Department of Education requires that all non-employees who are permitted to teach Special Religious Education/Special Education in Ethics in its schools be appropriate and responsible persons. As an SRE teacher/helper, presenter, you are required to complete the following declaration.

I declare that:

- I have a current NSW Working with Children Check clearance and have provided it to the Baptist Association as my Approved Provider with my date of birth for them to verify as part of their processes.
- At the time of engagement, I have no criminal convictions within the meaning of the Criminal Records Act 1991. I understand that 'conviction' defined in the Act includes a conviction, whether summary or on indictment for an offence, and includes a finding or order that an offence has been proved, or that a person is guilty of an offence, without proceeding to conviction.
- I am not subject to any pending court proceedings relating to a criminal matter in Australia or overseas.
- I have no convictions that cannot become spent within the meaning of the Criminal Records Act 1991 including, but not limited to:
 - convictions for which a prison sentence of more than six months has been imposed, or
 - convictions of sexual offences.

I agree that by signing this declaration:

- The Baptist Association as my Approved Provider may share this information with the NSW Department of Education when requested.
- If, during my engagement as an SRE/SEE teacher, helper, presenter and I become a subject of any allegations and/or charges of a criminal matter, court proceedings and/or incur a conviction, I have an obligation to notify the Baptist Association as my Approved Provider. I give permission to the Baptist Association to disclose this information to the NSW Department of Education and I understand that I may be subject to undertake a Nationally Coordinated Criminal History Check (NCCHC) for a risk assessment.



CONSENT TO HOLD INFORMATION & DECLARATION

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 along with the department of Education, may determine that I am unsuitable to serve as an SRE teacher and my authorisation to be revoked.
- I have received a copy of the *Code of Conduct* and am willing to uphold it.

Applicant's signature:Date:

If you wish to discuss with the SRE Team Leader or Standards Manager of the Baptist Association before completing this form, please contact us.

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 in Part A 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.

What if I choose not to notify the Baptist Association of future offences, court proceedings, convictions?

Failure to notify may result in immediate revocation of your SRE authorisation.