



Procedure for the appointment of Chaplains

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These guidelines outline the procedure for the appointment of Chaplains to The University of Adelaide, and their relationship with the University.

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1. Nominations of Chaplains may be made to the University by organisations which have formally been declared to be religious denominations in accordance with the provisions of s.26 of the Commonwealth Marriage Act 1961 (as amended).
2. To be nominated, Chaplains must have a Child-Related Employment Screening letter of clearance from the [Department for Communities and Social Inclusion Screening Unit](#).
3. Chaplains who are nominated in accordance with the above procedures will be formally appointed by the Vice-Chancellor & President.

Relationship between Chaplains and the University

1. Chaplains are accountable to their nominating religious bodies and are not employees, agents or contractors of the University.
2. A Chaplain, within their role at the University, must be familiar, compliant with, and supportive of University policies including statutes and by-laws.
3. Both the nominating religious body and the proposed Chaplain must conduct their activities within ethical bounds of honesty and integrity.
4. The Chaplains will liaise with the University through the Manager, Student Affairs.
5. Chaplains work primarily with students and staff of the University, as well as clubs affiliated with the Adelaide University Union. Chaplains also provide useful links between the University and wider religious communities.
6. It is recognised that in our pluralist community, there are significant differences in religious belief. It is important that these differences be acknowledged, and that mutual respect among those with different beliefs be promoted and maintained in the University's environment.

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