



The Pentecostal Assemblies of Canada

DIVORCED AND REMARRIED CREDENTIAL APPLICATION

Dear Applicant,

Thank you for applying for ministerial credentials with The Pentecostal Assemblies of Canada.

Enclosed, you will find a supplementary application which requests various aspects of information. This CONFIDENTIAL information will assist us in understanding your life and ministry journey after divorce and/or remarriage. Our overall purpose for collecting information is to assess your spiritual, emotional and relational qualities for credential leadership following a divorce and/or remarriage.

After all questions have been fully answered, this application should be returned to the **National Credential Review Committee, care of the General Secretary Treasurer, The Pentecostal Assemblies of Canada, 2450 Milltower Court, Mississauga, ON L5N 5Z6**. This and any other application forms must be completed prior to an interview being scheduled with the National Credentials Review Committee, who will make final recommendation on each application to the General Executive.

FINAL CHECK LIST

- Application form (completed, signed and enclosed)
- Fee of \$75.00 (enclosed) **Note: \$25 is non-refundable should application be refused**
- Send reference form to each referee (they are to return it to the International Office directly)
- Legal decree(s) of divorce (copy enclosed)
- Current marriage certificate (copy enclosed)
- Verification of former spouse(s) unfaithfulness/remarriage/common law union (copy enclosed) or enclosed affidavit completed, signed and witnessed.

QUALIFICATION INFORMATION

1. Can you verify that your former spouse and/or your spouses' former spouse has committed *porneia*, which is understood as marital unfaithfulness involving adultery, homosexuality, or incest?
 Yes No

2. Based on the requirements outlined in the General Constitution & By-Laws 10.2.1, please explain what steps you have taken to obtain verifiable, written evidence (ie: a copy of the spouse's remarriage certificate) that your former spouse(s) and/or your current spouse's former spouse(s) were unfaithful during the marriage and/or have remarried or lived common law prior to your remarriage (attach additional pages if needed):

QUALIFICATIONS FOR DIVORCED AND REMARRIED NEW APPLICANT

10.2.1 An applicant who has never been married or who is widowed and who wishes to marry a divorced person whose former spouse is still living, or an applicant who has been divorced and remarried with a former spouse still living, or an applicant who is currently married to a spouse who has a former spouse still living, may qualify for credentials when the following conditions exist:

10.2.1.1 The former spouse, of either the credential applicant or of the applicant's current spouse, has committed *porneia* as defined in the *General Constitution and By-Laws* Article 5.9.1 and determined by one or more of the following means:

10.2.1.1.1 A district hearing committee has found the former credentialed spouse guilty in the process of dealing with charges related to *porneia*.

10.2.1.1.2 A secular court has found the former spouse guilty of a legal offense related to sexual misconduct which may be interpreted by a credential committee of The Pentecostal Assemblies of Canada as *porneia*.

10.2.1.1.3 A certificate of marriage, or other legal marital status documents, provides evidence that the former spouse has remarried subsequent to the divorce from the credential applicant or the applicant's current spouse.

10.2.1.1.4 Evidence demonstrates that the former spouse has been a partner in a common law marriage, as defined by provincial or federal legislation, subsequent to the divorce from the credential applicant or the applicant's current spouse.

10.2.1.1.5 If the previous means of evidence are not available, consideration may be given to an affidavit witnessed by two signatories, or a notary public or commissioner of oaths, affirming that the applicant's former spouse has committed *porneia*.

10.2.1.2 A minimum period of five years has elapsed since the later date of the following events:

10.2.1.2.1 The date the current marriage took place.

10.2.1.2.2 The date the former spouse committed *porneia* as determined by one (1) or more of the means listed above in By-Law 10.2.1.1.

10.2.1.3 The individual has provided acceptable evidence in an application form, personal interview, and through the testimony of references to the National Credentials Review Committee that he/she is currently a partner in a marriage relationship where faithfulness has been clearly demonstrated for a minimum period of five (5) years.

DIVORCE AND REMARRIED CREDENTIAL APPLICATION

Please PRINT all responses.

Note: If there has been more than one previous marriage please make a duplicate copy of this form for each marriage and divorce.

1. CREDENTIAL INFORMATION

Date of Application: _____

Are you: applying for ministerial credentials transferring from another denomination/organization

If transferring, please indicate denomination/organization: _____

Indicate the credential for which you are applying:

Ordained Licensed Minister Recognition of Ministry Ministry Related

District of Applicant: _____

2. GENERAL INFORMATION

a) Full name (as should appear on certificate): _____
First Initial Last

b) Email Address: _____ Gender: M F

c) Street Address: _____ Phone: Home (_____) _____

City: _____ Work (_____) _____

Province: _____ Postal Code: _____ Cell (_____) _____

d) Birth date (M/D/Y): _____ Citizen (Country): _____
Month Day Year

e) Birthplace: _____ Province and Country: _____

3. APPLICANT'S CURRENT SPOUSE / FIANCÉE

If you answered "yes" to question 3(c) or 3(e) in the *Application for Ministerial Credentials*, please complete the following:

a) Name of Current Spouse/fiancée: _____

b) Is the former spouse of your current spouse/fiancée remarried or living in a common-law relationship?
 Yes No N/A

c) Is your current spouse/fiancée widowed? Yes No N/A
If yes, please indicate the date of death: _____

4. APPLICANT'S FORMER SPOUSE

If you answered "yes" to question 3(d) in the *Application for Ministerial Credentials*, please complete the following:

a) Is your former spouse remarried or living in a common-law relationship? Yes No N/A

b) If yes, how long has your former spouse been remarried or living common-law? _____

c) Are you widowed? Yes No If yes, please indicate the date of death: _____

5. PREVIOUS MARRIAGE(S)

Please complete a separate form in reference to the applicant's previous spouse(s) and a form related to the former spouse(s) of your current spouse or fiancée (as applicable). **Note:** all references to your current spouse includes your fiancée (if applicable).

a) Full name of applicant's former spouse: _____
First Initial Last

OR Full name of applicant's spouse's former spouse: _____
First Initial Last

b) Date of former marriage: _____ Place of Marriage: _____
Month Day Year

c) How long after the marriage did you separate? _____

d) Date(s) of separation:

Date From:	Date To:

e) Reason for separation:

Empty text box for reason for separation.

f) In a brief statement, indicate the reasons for the breakup of the marriage.

Empty text box for reasons for breakup of marriage.

g) Prior to the termination of your marriage, did you seek counsel or advice? Yes No

Who did you meet with for counsel? _____

How many times did you meet? _____

What counsel did they give you?

Empty text box for details of counseling received.

h) Who petitioned the court for the divorce?

Yes Spouse

If you petitioned for the termination of your former marriage, state your reasons:

If your spouse petitioned for the termination of your former marriage, state your understanding of the reasons:

i) Date of petition: (M/D/Y): _____ Name of Court: _____
Month Day Year

j) Date of divorce granted (M/D/Y): _____ Location of Court: _____
Month Day Year

Note: Attach a copy of the legal decree of divorce.

k) As relational and parental responsibilities may affect ministry, define your current relationship with your former spouse and outline what parenting responsibilities you currently fulfill.

l) As financial issues can affect ministry, comment on the outcome of property settlement, alimony, and child support from the divorce proceedings:

6. WAIVERS

SPOUSAL WAIVER

I declare that to the best of my knowledge all of the foregoing information is correct and true, and further, recognizing that the information on the Divorced & Remarried Reference Forms remains confidential between the referee and the National Credentials Review Committee of PAOC, I, the undersigned, hereby voluntarily waive any right or privilege to inspect or challenge the content expressed by the referees whose names are provided on this Application.

Signature of Current Spouse: _____ **Date:** _____

APPLICANT'S WAIVER

Recognizing that the information on the Divorced & Remarried Reference Forms remains confidential between the referee and the National Credentials Review Committee of PAOC, I, the undersigned, hereby voluntarily waive any right or privilege to inspect or challenge the content expressed by those whose names I provide.

I declare that to the best of my knowledge all of the foregoing information is correct and true, and further agree to abide by the commitments made in this application.

Further, I hereby give my consent to PAOC to use and retain all personal information contained in the credential application, reference letters or forms completed on my behalf, and any other information necessary to obtain credentials.

I agree that, if my application is successful, all personal information provided as part of the credential process will become part of the permanent records of PAOC (It is our practice to destroy incomplete or unsuccessful applications after two years).

I understand and agree that, if my application is successful, I will receive electronic and hard-copy communication from PAOC and my district office.

Signature of Applicant: _____ Date: _____

7. REFERENCES

It is important that the people listed as references know you well enough, for at least five (5) years to answer such questions as: "What observations would you make on the positive aspects of the applicants present marriage?" and "What evidence have you noted related to commitment and faithfulness of the applicant to his / her spouse?"

Note: Reference forms are to be forwarded by you. Referees are to return completed forms directly to the International office.

Senior / Lead Pastor	Name		
	Street Address		
	City	Province	Postal Code
	Phone	Email	

Family Member	Name		
	Street Address		
	City	Province	Postal Code
	Phone	Email	

Lay Leader	Name		
	Street Address		
	City	Province	Postal Code
	Phone	Email	



Applicant's Name: _____

Reference Name: _____

Reference Address: _____

Reference Phone: _____

The above applicant is applying for ministerial credentials with The Pentecostal Assemblies of Canada **as a person affected by divorce and remarriage**. We understand you are acquainted with the applicant and able to express a trustworthy opinion regarding the applicant's qualifications to fill the sacred trust of a minister of the Gospel. We value your judgment and appreciate your cooperation. **Thank you for taking the time to complete this form as fully as possible. Please return it to the International Office, Attn: General Secretary Treasurer/Clergy Records, 2450 Milltower Court Mississauga ON L5N 5Z6**. The authorization and release signatures of the applicant and spouse are on file at the national office. These guarantee that the applicant will not be aware of your response.

- 1. a. How well do you know the applicant? Friend Acquaintance Pastorally Professionally
- b. Are you related to the applicant? Yes No
- c. How long have you known the applicant? _____
- d. Date of last meaningful contact: _____

2. How would you describe the applicant's current marriage?

- Adjusted Well Adjusted Very Well Adjusted Strained Very Strained Don't know

Please comment:

3. In your observation, has the applicant demonstrated marital faithfulness for a minimum of 5 years?

- Yes Questionable No Don't know

Please comment:

4. How would you describe the applicant in terms of his/her personal conduct following his/her divorce? *(if applicable)*

5. How would you describe the applicant's spiritual maturity?

- | | | | | | | | |
|-----------------|----------------------------|----------------------------|----------------------------|----------------------------|----------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|
| | Very | | | | | Not Very | Don't know |
| Maturity | <input type="checkbox"/> 1 | <input type="checkbox"/> 2 | <input type="checkbox"/> 3 | <input type="checkbox"/> 4 | <input type="checkbox"/> 5 | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |

Name of Current Spouse: _____

6. a. How well have you known the applicant's spouse?

- Friend Acquaintance Pastorally Professionally

b. Are you related to the applicant's spouse? Yes No

7. In your observation, has the applicant's spouse demonstrated marital faithfulness for a minimum of 5 years?

- Yes Questionable No Don't Know

Please comment:

8. How would you describe the applicant's spouse in terms of his/her personal conduct following his/her divorce? (if applicable)

9. How would you describe the spouse's spiritual maturity?

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|-----------------|----------------------------|----------------------------|----------------------------|----------------------------|----------------------------|--------------------------|
| Very | | | | | Not Very | Don't know |
| Maturity | <input type="checkbox"/> 1 | <input type="checkbox"/> 2 | <input type="checkbox"/> 3 | <input type="checkbox"/> 4 | <input type="checkbox"/> 5 | <input type="checkbox"/> |

Please add additional comments here:

Signed: _____ Dated: _____

Please return to:
The Pentecostal Assemblies of Canada
Attn: General Secretary Treasurer/Clergy Records
2450 Milltower Court
Mississauga ON
L5N 5Z6

**AFFIDAVIT for Divorced & Remarried
Credential Applicant and/or spouse of applicant**

NOTE: It is the applicant's responsibility to provide verifiable written evidence that their former spouse has committed *porneia* by the means outlined in By-Law 10.2.1. Only if this evidence is not available, and you are willing to submit an affidavit, consideration may be given to the affidavit provided below. If you choose to submit the affidavit, you need to understand that if your former spouse were to challenge the accuracy of the statement you are making, you could be found guilty of libel. If applicable, the applicant's current spouse must also meet the criteria outlined in By-Law 10.2.1.

The verifiable written evidence or consideration that may be given to the affidavit must affirm *porneia*, as defined in the *General Constitution and By-Laws* Article 5.9.1, on the part of your former spouse. The former spouse's *porneia* must have occurred prior to your remarriage.

IN THE MATTER of my application for ministerial credentials, I, _____ of the
City of _____ in the Province of _____, Canada
[name of applicant]

DO SOLEMNLY DECLARE THAT:

1. I was married on the _____ day of _____, _____ (day/month/year)
to _____ *[name of former spouse]*, at the City of _____,
in the Province of _____. I was not previously married.

2. Pursuant to a Decree Absolute dated the _____ day of _____, _____ (day/month/year)
and issued from _____ *[name of Court]* on the _____ day of _____
_____, _____ (day/month/year) at the City of _____, in the Province of _____,
I was divorced from _____ *[name of former spouse]*.

3. I believe that my former spouse has become involved in a sexual relationship with another person by reason of one or more of the following:

 a. I believe that my former spouse was involved in *porneia* during our marriage, on or around _____ (date), which is understood by the Pentecostal Assemblies of Canada to be marital unfaithfulness involving adultery, homosexuality, or incest.

 b. I am aware that my former spouse remarried on or around _____ (date).

 c. I am aware that my former spouse is living in a common-law relationship as of _____ (date).

AND I make this solemn Declaration conscientiously believing it to be true, and knowing that it is of the same force and effect as if made under oath.

DECLARED at the City of _____
[signature of applicant]

in the Province of _____, Canada, this _____ day of _____ A.D. 20 _____

[signature]

A Commissioner of Oaths/Notary Public in and for the Province of _____, Canada.

OR, IF witnessed, not notarized:

[signature of first witness]

[signature of second witness]

Summary Checklist for Divorced & Remarried credential application:

\$75.00 Fee enclosed

References sent out (minimum 3)

Information on applicant's divorce:

Name of former spouse: _____

Date of first marriage: _____

Date of separation: _____

Date divorce granted: _____

Evidence of porneia (approx. date): _____

If more than one former marriage, please include the information for each marriage in order.

Name of former spouse: _____

Date of second marriage: _____

Date of separation: _____

Date divorce granted: _____

Evidence of porneia (approx. date): _____

Information on applicant's spouse's divorce (if applicable):

Name of former spouse: _____

Date of first marriage: _____

Date of separation: _____

Date divorce granted: _____

Evidence of porneia (approx. date): _____

If more than one former marriage, please include the information for each marriage in order.

Name of former spouse: _____

Date of second marriage: _____

Date of separation: _____

Date divorce granted: _____

Evidence of porneia (approx. date): _____

Date of current marriage (min. 5 years): _____