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| **Terms of Placement** |
| 1. **Placement**
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| 1. **Presbytery**
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| 1. **Time Fraction**
 | ☐ Full time | ☐ Part time - Time fraction : 0.  |
| 1. **Term**
 | ☐ Up to 10 years  | Fixed term of ………years  | Initial term reviewed in ………..years - (if applicable) |
| 1. **Minister Name**
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| 1. **Placement Commencement Date**
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| **STIPEND –** For further information refer to Summary of Ministerial Provisions and Charges |
| 1. **Stipend (per annum)**
 | As determined annually by Synod  |
| 1. **Additional provision (if any) %**
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| 1. **Payment by Centralised Stipend**
 | ☐ YES ☐ NO |
| **TRAVEL** |
| 1. **Travel allowance allowance – Minimum of 5000km (km p.a.)**
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| 1. **Fuel cost allowance**
 | As determined annually by Synod |
| 1. **Is a car provided?**
 | ☐ YES ☐ NO |
| **HOUSING**  |
| 1. **Manse owned by placement**
 | ☐ YES ☐ NO |
| 1. **Address**
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| 1. **Declared to be an acceptable condition by the Presbytery?**
 | ☐ YES ☐ NO  | **Date of inspection**  |  |
| 1. **Manse rented by placement as required**
 | ☐ YES ☐ NO |
| 1. **Manse Allowance**
 | As determined annually by Synod - ☐ YES ☐ NO |
| 1. **Other details**
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| **ALLOWANCES**  |
| 1. **Leave as determined by Synod**
 | 28 days of annual leave (inc. 4 Sundays) | Minimum of 14 days study leave p.a. |
| 1. **One Sunday per quarter (non-cumulative) free of placement duties?**
 | ☐ YES ☐ NO |
| 1. **Telephone – Fixed Line (check all that apply)**
 | ☐ Line Rental  | ☐ Placement Calls | ☐ Personal Calls (local) | ☐ All Calls |
| 1. **Mobile Phone**
 | ☐ Purchase cost up to $ | Other – |
| ☐ Fixed Plan/Cap up to $  |
| 1. **Personal Resources & Development Allowance (PRDA)**
 | ☐ Full - Minister does not use allocated equipment (PC, desk etc) $☐ Discounted - Minister to use allocated equipment $  |
| 1. **Stationery and Postage**
 | Amount budgeted for $ |
| These Terms of Placement were approved by the Church Council on / / |
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| Secretary/ Treasurer |  | PRC Chairperson/ Secretary |  | Minister Accepting Call |  |
| Date / / |  | Date / / |  | Date / / |  |

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**Notes in regard to the Terms of Placement Schedule**

Ministers of the Word, Deacons, and Pastors are normally called for an undefined term. Extension beyond 10 years requires agreement of Minister, Placement and Presbytery. [Reg. 2.6.8]

Terms of Placement (ToP) must be approved by both the Church Council or other responsible body and the Presbytery, and lodged with the Placements Committee before the placement can be listed. When a call is accepted a copy of the ToP, signed by minister, placement and Presbytery, is to be sent to the Placements Committee Secretary and the Presbytery PRC. During a Placement, variation to these Terms of Placement needs the prior approval of the Presbytery; and the Placements Committee must be notified.

**STIPEND:** The Synod approves a minimum stipend figure each year.

**Additional loading:** Some Placements pay a percentage loading above the minimum, which must be justified to the Presbytery with the reasons being on public record within the Presbytery.

**CAR ALLOWANCE:** Synod determines annually a rate per 1000 km for operating (including standing) costs. The Placement with Presbytery approval determines the appropriate level of travelling expressed in thousands of kilometres.

**HOUSING:** In providing a manse the congregation shall offer:

* A manse which meets Synod guidelines and has been inspected and approved by the Presbytery; or
* Other accommodation which is considered appropriate by the minister, placement and the Presbytery. This may be a leased property.

The minister may choose not to accept the accommodation offered by the Placementbut the maximum manse allowance is not an entitlement and consultation between the parties is required to determine the level of the allowance, with any resulting change to the terms of placement being reported to the Presbytery who will inform the Placements Committee. For advice regarding housing arrangements in part-time placements see the UCA Handbook of Ministerial Provisions and Charges

**PERSONAL RESOURCES AND DEVELOPMENT ALLOWANCE:** The cost of internet access is included in this allowance, and thus is the personal responsibility of the Minister.

**TELEPHONE:** A Placement’s responsibility for the Minister’s telephone accounts does not include liability for discretional items such as Pay TV subscription.

**STUDY LEAVE:**  The Guidelines approved by the Synod Standing Committee include the following:

1 A minimum of 14 days Study Leave shall be available each year to Ministers in a Placement. Terms of Placement approved by the Presbytery may specify a more precise figure.

2 Study Leave shall normally be taken each year for a program (whether set courses or self-directed study) to equip for ministry within the life and ethos of the UCA. This shall be planned by the Minister in conjunction with the Church Council or other responsible body. The Presbytery, in the exercise of its pastoral and supervisory role, may also choose to be involved in this planning. Normally Study Leave not taken in the year in which it is due is forgone.

3 If a substantial period of study is planned, the Minister may negotiate with the Church Council or other responsible body for Study Leave to be accumulated up to five years’ entitlement. This needs approval by the Presbytery, and must be reported to the Commission on Education for Ministry.

4 Ministers are expected on return from Study Leave to report to the Placement on the experience and its value to themselves and to the Placement.

5 Consideration shall be given to the needs of the Placement as well as the needs of the Minister, and the timing of Study Leave acceptable to both. Normally attention will be given to the following:

1. Taking accumulated Study Leave in the same year as Long Service Leave shall require the approval of both the Church Council or other responsible body and the Presbytery.
2. Ministers and Church Councils or other responsible bodies will seek to minimise potential difficulties if Study Leave requests involve multiple absences from a Congregation on a Sunday.

**FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE FOR STUDY LEAVE:** There is no specific requirement on a Placement. Some Placements offer assistance towards the cost of course fees, travelling, etc.

**MINISTERIAL ENTITLEMENTS:** The Synod publishes a handbook of Ministerial Provisions & Charges, including details on stipends, allowances, housing arrangements, leave provisions, retirement benefits. The implications for part-time Placements are explained. UCA Handbook [**https://victas.uca.org.au/resources/terms-of-placement-committee/**](https://victas.uca.org.au/resources/terms-of-placement-committee/)