

**HOLY ORDERS (RECEPTION INTO MINISTRY) CANON, 2004
ASSENTING AND ADOPTING ORDINANCE 2005**

ORDINANCE NO 7 OF 2005

AN ORDINANCE

To assent to and adopt the *Holy Orders (Reception into Ministry) Canon, 2004* being a General Synod Canon.

PREAMBLE

WHEREAS it is desirable that the *Holy Orders (Reception into Ministry) Canon, 2004* of the General Synod of the Anglican Church of Australia should be assented to and adopted by the Diocese of Grafton

THEREFORE the Bishop, Clergy and Laity of the Diocese of Grafton in Synod assembled decree and enact as follows:

SHORT TITLE

1. This Ordinance may be cited as the "*Holy Orders (Reception into Ministry) Canon, 2004 Assenting and Adopting Ordinance 2005.*"

ASSENT

2. The *Holy Orders (Reception into Ministry) Canon, 2004* as set out in the Schedule hereto is hereby assented to and adopted.

DATE OF COMMENCEMENT

3. The *Holy Orders (Reception into Ministry) Canon 2004* shall come into force in the Diocese of Grafton on the date that the Primate declares the *Holy Orders (Reception into Ministry) Canon 2004* is in force.

SCHEDULE

HOLY ORDERS (RECEPTION INTO MINISTRY) CANON, 2004

PROVISIONAL CANON No. P1, 2004

The General Synod prescribes as follows:

Short title

1. This Canon may be cited as the *Holy Orders (Reception into Ministry) Canon 2004*.

Definition of Church in communion

2. In this Canon, a reference to a Church in communion with this Church is a reference to the Church of England in England or to a Church in communion with the Church of England in England or to a Church that, by resolution of General Synod, is a Church in Communion with the Anglican Church of Australia.

Reception into ministry

3. (1) Subject to sub-section (2), where a person has been consecrated bishop or ordained priest or deacon in a Church which is not in communion with this Church by a bishop or bishops within the historic episcopate, the bishop of a diocese of this Church may receive that person into the ministry of this Church as bishop, priest or deacon, as the case may be.
(2) Before a bishop of a diocese receives a person into the ministry of this Church under this section, the bishop must first be satisfied by good and credible evidence—
 - (a) that the character and mode of living of the person as attested by witnesses specified by the bishop befit an ordained minister of this Church;
 - (b) that the attainments of the person in academic and theological studies are adequate for the person's proposed ministry in this Church;
 - (c) if the diocese is in a Province and the person is a bishop, the bishops of the Province have confirmed the proposed reception of the person into the ministry of this Church;
 - (d) that the person's reasons for desiring to be received into the ministry of this Church are sound and proper;
 - (e) that the person has a sufficient knowledge of, and accepts, the doctrine, discipline and forms of worship of this Church and has a sufficient understanding of the matters in which this Church differs from the Church in which the person was consecrated or ordained.

Form of service

4. A person shall not be received into the Ministry of this Church except in accordance with a form of service authorised by General Synod or prepared by the Liturgy Commission and approved by the Standing Committee of General Synod.

Authority to minister

5. A person received into the ministry of this Church under this Canon shall not exercise the ministry of bishop, priest or deacon in this Church unless the person has been elected or appointed to an Episcopal office in this Church or is otherwise duly authorised by the bishop of a diocese to minister as a bishop, priest or deacon in that diocese.

Operation of Canon in diocese that has not adopted certain Canons

6. Nothing in this Canon shall make it lawful for a woman ordained to the office of priest in a Church not in communion with this Church to be received into the ministry of this Church as a priest in a diocese which has not adopted the Law of the Church of England Clarification Canon 1992;


Coming into force by adoption

7. The provisions of this canon affect the order and good government of this Church within a diocese and shall not come into force in a diocese unless and until the diocese adopts this canon by ordinance of the synod of the diocese.”


I hereby certify that the Ordinance as printed is in accordance with the Ordinance as passed.


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Chairman of Committees

I hereby certify that the Ordinance was passed by Synod on the twenty eighth day of May, 2005.


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Registrar

I assent to this Ordinance.


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Bishop