

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS:

What is the first step to begin the credentialing process?

The first step in the credentialing process is to submit an application and complete the Calling and Ministry Studies (CAMS). CAMS is offered twice a year, Spring – February-June and Fall July – November.

Do I need to be a member of the Church of God to begin the credentialing process?

Yes. Applicants for ministry must be a member of the Church of God and currently attending a local Church of God congregation. Applicants are required to establish at least six months of church membership, attendance, and tithing before obtaining an application. A six-month tithe report will also be required.

Can I be credentialed if me or my spouse has had a previous marriage?

There are additional forms required for any applicant who has a previous marriage, or whose spouse has a previous marriage. The couple will be required to meet with the Marital Review Board.

Can I go through the credentialing process without the blessing of my pastor?

No, the pastor and the local church must endorse the minister in order for the application to be obtained.

I hold my credentials in another denomination. Can I transfer my credentials into the Church of God?

Credentialed ministers from other qualified denominations may be allowed to transfer in; however, one or more courses and/or exam on Church of God history, polity, and doctrine may be required.

Can I get exempt from CAMS or MIP?

Applicants seeking exemption from CAMS or MIP must have equivalent academic credits and sufficient ministerial experience. Academic transcripts, resume', and other documentation will be required.

Email Tracy Roberts at tracy@ngacog.org if you feel you have the prerequisites needed.

All decisions about exemption are made by the Division of Education and/or Executive Committee at the Church of God International Offices.