

## **Regulation 29 Associate Diploma in Ministry (AssDipMin)**

### **29.1 - Interpretation**

In this Regulation,

- 29.1.1 the term 'the Board' means 'the Academic Board' established as a committee of the College under Regulation 2.3;
- 29.1.2 a 'Recognised Teaching Institution' means a body Recognised by the Council in accordance with Regulation 3 for the purposes of teaching the Associate Diploma in Ministry.

### **29.2 - Admission and Enrolment**

- 29.2.1 A person may seek the permission of the Board to enrol as a candidate for the Associate Diploma in Ministry if he or she is qualified to be admitted to a University or other approved tertiary institution in Australia.
- 29.2.2 Provisional admission to the Associate Diploma in Ministry may be granted by the Board to unqualified candidates who have attained the age of twenty-one years prior to the commencement of the semester in which they enter it. Such candidates will be required to undertake a provisional period of study for the Associate Diploma and having passed the examinations in four semester units without having failed in more than two semester units will then be permitted to proceed as ordinary candidates for the Associate Diploma.
- 29.2.3 Every candidate for the Associate Diploma in Ministry must be attached throughout the period of candidature to a Recognised Teaching Institution, and must comply with the requirements of that institution and such other requirements relating to the admission and enrolment of students as the Council may, by regulation, prescribe.
- 29.2.4 Where a candidate intends to undertake the Associate Diploma in Ministry using flexible delivery arrangements, the Board must be satisfied that the requirements of the Associate Diploma through these arrangements can be satisfied. Where it is satisfied that the candidate will have appropriate learning opportunities, and access to adequate libraries, the Board may give permission to enrol.
- 29.2.5 Notwithstanding any other provision in this Regulation, the Board may require an applicant to demonstrate fitness for admission by carrying out such work and sitting for such examinations as the Board may determine.
- 29.2.6 Unless the Board concerned determines otherwise, the Associate Diploma in Ministry must be completed in not less than one and not more than three years.
- 29.2.7 The Board may discontinue, and authorise an institution approved for the purposes of teaching the Associate Diploma in Ministry to discontinue, the candidature of any person whom it deems to have made unsatisfactory progress.

### **29.3 - Course of Studies**

- 29.3.1 Each candidate is to proceed on such terms and in conformity with such procedures as are determined from time to time by the Board, in addition to those specified in this Regulation. General determinations made by the Board are to be published by the Registrar; specific determinations applying to a particular candidate are to be communicated to him or her by the Registrar.
- 29.3.2 There shall be four Parts to the Associate Diploma:
  - A Humanities and Social Sciences
  - B Biblical Studies: Old and New Testament
  - C Systematic Theology and Church History

#### D Moral and Practical Theology

- 29.3.3 Every course of study for the Associate Diploma in Ministry is to consist of 120 credit points of study, and must include at least 30 points in each of Parts B and C.
- 29.3.4 In exceptional circumstances the Board may approve a personal course of study which does not conform to the above regulations.
- 29.3.5 The Board must approve the details of each semester unit, including the manner in which examination is to be made and reported to it, and in so doing may permit variation between Recognised Teaching Institutions in the content of the units and in the manner and order in which they are offered.

#### **29.4 - Credit**

- 29.4.1 The Board may grant transfer credit in the corresponding Part for equivalent units passed towards an incomplete diploma in theology or ministry at a tertiary institution with the proviso that such credit may be given for not more than 30 points.
- 29.4.2 The Board may recognise prior learning by a candidate which has been assessed at Diploma level with the proviso that such credit may be given for not more than 30 points.

#### **29.5 - Award of Diploma**

- 29.5.1 When a candidate has satisfied the examiners and completed the requirements for the Associate Diploma of Ministry, the Board may recommend to the Council that the award be made to the candidate. A candidate to whom such an award has been made is entitled to use the letters 'AssDipMin' as a suffix to their name.
- 29.5.2 A person who holds the Associate Diploma of Ministry and articulates to another award of the College must relinquish the Associate Diploma.

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