

Standards for Endorsing Presenters

1. Pre-requisites

a) Personal/prior experience

- Have a written recommendation from senior church leader confirming their suitability.
- Have significant experience in facilitating adult groups and/or training sessions.
- Have demonstrated high level interpersonal communication skills to: present workshops, manage people effectively, and deal with difficult issues that might arise.
- Be persons who are confidential and respectful of the rights of others.

b) Content knowledge

- Understanding and application of Safe church workshop materials.
- Understanding of training and reporting procedures.
- Understanding of state legislation and policies.

c) Facilitation skills

- Understanding and application of current learning principles.
- Ability to clearly present workshop information, effectively lead discussion and answer questions appropriately and within appropriate time-frames
- Capacity to explore and challenge values and manage resistance in workshop sessions.

Note: Parts (b) and (c) of the prerequisites may be achieved through completing courses outlined in 2 (c).

2. Initial training process

- Attend a Safe Church workshop.
- Attend a workshop as an observer and complete an Observation Pack.
- Complete 3 day SCTA presenter training course.
- Co-present Safe Church workshop.

Time frame: 3 – 12 months.

3. Training Partner support:

a) Access to mentoring & support:

- Debriefing and wise counsel
- Contact with other trainers

b) Accountability

- Each presenter must have a supervisor within their own organisation.
- Presenters need to return workshop feedback to organisation

c) On-going professional development:

- SCTA Unit will update presenters on changes to legislation and denominational processes, presenter training available.
- Presenters must attend up-skilling opportunities as determined by the organisation such as: attendance at organizational, seminars, conferences and/or training sessions.

d) Evaluation/Renewal of Accreditation

- Assessment for re-accreditation to be completed by the organisation's Safe Ministry Unit every 3 years and may include a number of the following methods: interview, observation of presenting a workshop, consultation with senior church Leader, attendance at training days/conferences provided by the organisation or approved equivalent methods of professional development

e) Documented regular self-evaluation

- At any time within the 3 year period the Head of the Church (organisation) and/or Safe Ministry Unit has the authority to remove accreditation.
- Accreditation process audited by the SCTA Unit