

ABCOPAD COMMISSION ON MINISTERIAL LEADERSHIP
REQUIREMENTS FOR RECOGNITION OF LICENSURE
LEADING TO ORDINATION

NOTES: Licensure must occur at least six months prior to the date of a requested service of Licensure. Only those persons meeting ABCOPAD standards should be Licensed. The Licensure of persons not meeting those standards will not be recognized by ABCOPAD.

CHECKLIST FOR THE CANDIDATE

THE CANDIDATE SHALL:

1. Be a member in good standing of the church in which Recognition of Licensure is being sought.
2. Secure from the ABCOPAD Region website (www.abcopad.org) the Application Form (COM-A1), requirements for recognition, and other necessary documents.
3. Complete the Application for Recognition of Licensure (COM-A1) and mail it with all requested documentation to the ABCOPAD Commission on Ministerial Leadership.
4. Request that the Association Moderator appoint a Mentor from the current ABCOPAD Commission on Ministerial Leadership list of Approved Mentors.
5. Be attending, or accepted by, an approved college or seminary according to current ABCOPAD standards.
6. Have the local church request that the Licensure process be started through the Association Credentials Committee (the Association committee responsible to assist the candidate in preparation for Licensure.)
7. Write a Licensure paper according to current ABCOPAD guidelines.
8. Affirm and sign a current copy of “The Covenant and Code of Ethics for Ministerial Leaders of American Baptist Churches”.
9. Upon recommendation of the Association Credentials Committee, ask the local church to grant a License and plan a Service of Licensure in cooperation with the Regional Minister.
10. Ensure that the local church notify the ABCOPAD Commission on Ministerial Leadership and the ABCOPAD office of the completed Licensure, using the current ABCOPAD report form (COM-R1) available from the ABCOPAD office.

If Ordination is not completed within three years of Licensure, a candidate must participate in the review process described in current ABCOPAD guidelines.

If you have any questions about any part of this process, please call the ABCOPAD office (1-888-687-0883)