

# PATHWAY TO BECOMING AN SRE TEACHER

## DISCERNMENT

1. Pray about it.
2. Express your interest to your church leader and ask who coordinates SRE.
3. Contact your SRE Coordinator to find out what vacancies are available and what training will be required. Your church Coordinator is the person who will accompany you through the process and explain the time frame.

## FORMS AND TRAINING

4. These steps will need to be taken, though not necessarily in this order:
  - a Be interviewed by your church leader to assess your suitability.
  - b Undertake a WWCC check (through Service NSW) if you don't already have one and provide your WWCC number to your Approved Provider's Safe Ministry Officer/ SRE Coordinator for verification.
  - c Undertake Child Protection/ Safe Church/ Safe Ministry training as specified by your church
  - d Enrol in Basic SRE Training either online or in person. Your SRE Coordinator can tell you who to contact or contact Hunter SRE – [www.huntersre.org.au](http://www.huntersre.org.au), Mob 0490 130 576. Your coordinator will also explain which modules have to be completed as a priority.
  - e Complete an SRE Teacher Engagement Form This is your application to teach.
  - f Accompany an SRE Teacher to a lesson to observe what takes place, or the online equivalent. The Dept of Education require mentoring. Some churches require a period of 6 months or so shadowing an experienced SRE teacher prior to commencing.

## AUTHORISATION

5. Once you have completed at least steps 4a,4b,4c,4d and 4e you will be required to teach a lesson whilst being observed by a professional teacher or someone nominated by your coordinator.
6. Your Approved Provider will issue you with an authorisation card, a nametag and a lanyard to wear whilst at the school.
7. You may start teaching:
  - with another teacher,
  - as part of a team
  - or on your own.

### Further information

- The process may vary slightly depending on your Approved Provider – whether this is an independent church, a state body or a regional body eg a diocese.
- This process is to meet the requirements of the NSW Dept of Education for SRE teachers, which includes:
  - a verified WWCC
  - on-going training in child protection
  - on-going training in classroom management
  - mentoring
  - wearing a valid SRE Authorisation card when on school grounds
  - having photo identification available to show eg driver's licence
  - providing your name, date of birth and contact details to the school so they can check you are not on the *Not to be Employed Register*