

Application
for admission as a

Member
demonstrating
**EQUIVALENT
COMPETENCE**



Companions
in the
Ministry
of the
**Ignatian Spiritual
Exercises**

Companions recognises that there are givers of the Exercises with an obvious charism for the ministry who have not participated in a formal formation program. Such people may join *Companions* by demonstrating equivalent competence (*Membership Requirements for Companions*, p. 9).

Instructions to the Applicant

1. An applicant seeking membership of the Companions in the Ministry of the Ignatian Spiritual Exercises by demonstrating **EQUIVALENT COMPETENCE** must complete all sections of this Application Form.
2. Please sign and date the Application Form and return it with all the other material required to the address given in Section 7. Applications should be accompanied by a cheque covering a once only General Entry Fee of \$75 AUD, **plus** the Annual Membership Fee of \$100 AUD (TOTAL \$175) made payable to “Companions in the Ministry of the Ignatian Spiritual Exercises Incorporated”
3. The information in this Application will be treated as confidential and used only in accord with the Privacy Act.
4. *Companions* is a professional association of those engaged in the ministry of the Ignatian Spiritual Exercises.

Section 1: Personal Information (Please print)

Rev Dr Mr Mrs Ms Sr Miss Other

Family Name First Name

Postal Address

Town/City State Postcode Country

Telephone (W) (H)

Facsimile Email

Date of birth Sex Male Female

Present occupation

- I wish to apply for 18th ANNOTATION MEMBERSHIP by demonstrating Equivalent Competence
- I wish to apply for 19th and 20th ANNOTATION MEMBERSHIP by demonstrating Equivalent Competence

Section 2: Your experience of making of the full Spiritual Exercises

All members of *Companions* need to have completed the full Spiritual Exercises of Saint Ignatius of Loyola, either as a thirty-day retreat according to Annotation 20, or as an individually-directed retreat in daily life according to Annotation 19.

Did you made the Exercises according to: (i) Annotation 19 (ii) Annotation 20 (iii) Both 19 & 20

Where did you make the Spiritual Exercises? (Please include the name of the country, the name of the retreat centre and so on):

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When did you make the Spiritual Exercises? [Please give the year(s)]

The name of the person(s) who gave you the Exercises

Section 3: Statement of your practice of giving the Spiritual Exercises

Companions is a professional association of those engaged in the ministry of giving the Spiritual Exercises. This ministry includes giving Exercises according to Annotation 18 (such as three-week retreats in daily life, weekend retreats, prayer days and so on), Annotation 19 (the full Spiritual Exercises given over a period of thirty-five weeks in daily life) and/or Annotation 20 (the thirty-day retreat). Please describe the practice of your ministry of the Spiritual Exercises. **Note:** *You may choose to type your answers to these questions on a separate sheet of paper.*

My practice of giving the Spiritual Exercises includes

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Supervision: Please give details of the supervision you receive in your practice of giving the Spiritual Exercises

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Institutional Affiliation: Please give details of the organisation(s) with whom you work as a giver of the Spiritual Exercises.

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Name of Church, Agency, Institution, or other Employer

Address.....

Telephone ()

Section 4: Portfolio

The person wishing to join *Companions* by way of demonstrating equivalent competence needs to give a detailed description of his or her experience in the ministry. In addition, other education that may be relevant to giving the Exercises — such as theology, biblical studies, counselling and so on — may be accepted as constitutive of equivalent competence. Applicants will be assessed on a case-by-case basis. It is the task of the applicant to submit a portfolio demonstrating equivalent competence (see *Membership Requirements for Companions*, p. 19, for a fuller description of what such a portfolio entails).

Section 5: Academic details

List in chronological order all tertiary institutions you have attended, and indicate any degree or diploma you have earned. Studies in Theology (particularly Christology and the Theology of Grace), Sacred Scripture (particularly the New Testament) and counselling may be regarded as constitutive elements of **Equivalent Competence**.

Institution (full name)	Degrees/Diplomas/Post Graduate Qualifications	Month and Year Completed

PLEASE READ THE FOLLOWING REGARDING SUPPORTING DOCUMENTATION:

- As evidence of your studies, please enclose any academic transcripts itemising each subject undertaken, and certificates showing completion or conferral of each award.
- Academic transcripts and certificates may be submitted in photocopy format. Please note that any documentation submitted to the Association will not be returned.

Section 6: Declaration

I HEREBY DECLARE THAT:

1. All information submitted by me in this application is true to the best of my knowledge.
2. If admitted as a 19th and 20th Annotation Member, or an 18th Annotation Member by demonstrating EQUIVALENT COMPETENCE, I understand that I will be bound by the *Constitution of the Companions in the Ministry of the Ignatian Spiritual Exercises Incorporated* and *The Code of Ethics for Givers of the Ignatian Spiritual Exercises*, and any other rules or regulations adopted by Companions. (Copies of the above documents are available by writing to the National Office of *Companions*).

Signature:

Date:

Section 7: Payment

The once only General Entrance Fee for all applicants is \$75. The Annual Membership Fee for a Member by demonstrating EQUIVALENT COMPETENCE is \$100 (or \$50 for pensioners). The total amount due for the first year is: \$175 (or \$125 for pensioners). Please make cheques (in Australian Dollars) payable to: "Companions in the Ministry of the Ignatian Spiritual Exercises Incorporated". If paying by credit card, please complete the following details:

Bankcard Mastercard Visa Total amount due: \$

Card Number: _____

Expiry date: ____ / ____

Card Holder's Name (*please print*)

Card holder's Signature

Date: / /

Once you have completed this form, please return it together with the total amount due to:

The Secretary
 Companions in the Ministry of the Spiritual Exercises Incorporated
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 Niddrie Victoria 3042
 Email: admin@companions.org.au