

Please consider the following before making application for Minister's Course

Ministers Course

Course Trainer – Rev Ken Riding

Duration – 2 years + one year as Minister Elect before Ordination

Fee – of £60.00 paid before Ordination

Extra payment – Be aware that Ministers pay an extra £10.00 upon renewing membership each year

To train as a Minister you will be known as a “Lay Officer” **and** will have been a fully paid-up member of AUHS for not less than five years (*Please note you can not serve your five year membership whilst training to be a Minister*). The course is partly by correspondence with a series of essays; there is a residential course and other tests ending in an interview with all Executives, followed by one year as Minister Elect prior to Ordination.

MINISTERS

The aim of the AUHS is to have one Minister per Church. However it is also felt that if a church requires more than one Minister they can put forward an applicant providing this has been voted on and minuted at their church committee meeting. (Maximum TWO Ministers per church, churches must not put forward an application for training if they already have two Ministers).

(A ***separate*** CRD is required for each new position where a CRD is mandatory)

Applicants ***are also required to:***

Have successfully completed the Basic Awareness Course ***BEFORE*** beginning the Ministers course

Have a criminal records disclosure ***prior*** to commencement of Ministers Course

Minimum of 7 years involvement in the Movement

Minimum 5 years continuous fully paid-up membership with AUHS (Please note course can not be commenced whilst serving five year membership.)

Have successfully completed a two year Minister's correspondence course

Have successfully completed training in running a circle

Have extensive experience of chairing meetings

Be conversant with the Ministers Handbook

Be nominated by their own church

Be referenced by three other churches of which one could be from prior to their joining the Association and the others U.S.A affiliated

Take an oral examination

Be judged on their platform work (special arrangements will be made for healers applications)

Have attended the three-day residential course

Be interviewed by the Executive

And finally serve a period of not less than one year as Minister Elect prior to Ordination

A fee over and above their membership and/or healing subscription will then be payable (See price list page 3)

Ordained Ministers will be required to attend the A.G.M. EVERY YEAR and to serve, where required, all Churches in their area not already covered by a Minister

AFTER ordination Ministers are permitted to wear a blue clerical shirt & collar and cassock, along with a minister's badge and sash. These can be presented as part of the Ordination ceremony. Ordinations are always presided over by the AUHS President.

1. Lay Officers may attend the once yearly Ministers Meeting during the Anniversary Weekend Celebrations. However they may **not** vote during the meeting.
2. Lay Officers must not wear clerical dress and have no rights or responsibilities attached to their post.
3. Lay Officers must commence training towards Ordination as Minister immediately following application.

Minister's Training Application Form

For Applicant's wishing the title of Lay Officer enabling them to train for consideration for full Ministerial status

NameMembership Number.....

Address.....

Post Code..... Phone number.....

Email address.....

As Lay Officer you must agree to commence Ministerial Training immediately

Are you a fully paid up member of the AUHS?	Yes	No
Have you completed the practical course run by the Senior Minister?	Yes	No
Have you completed all TEN parts of the written course?	Yes	No
Have you failed to pay your annual renewal at any point since becoming a Deacon?	Yes	No

If "no" to Q1 Q2 or Q3, or "yes" to Q4 above you cannot apply for Minister status yet

Where have you chaired meetings in the last two years?

Please supply name and address of one person who can verify this.

Where have you run development circles in the last two years?

Please supply name and address of one person who can verify this.

You have to be nominated by a church. This is usually your own church. Please give the name & address (or email) of a contact on the reference sheet at the back. *You cannot be the contact nor should you attend the committee meeting where your application is discussed.*

Mediums: On the last section of this application, please give the names of three churches that can attest to your ability to take services including saying the prayers and giving philosophy. Two of the churches must be AUSH affiliated and one can be from any group. The churches will be contact by the Association of Universal Healers & Spiritualists and will be asked to discuss your application at committee level. You CANNOT use your own church as a reference ONLY as a nominator. You will be asked to give a short philosophy (5-10 minutes) and a prayer

Healers: Please give the names of three individuals who will attest to your ability to lead prayers. Two individuals must be AUSH members and the third must be a spiritualist from any group. Note that you will also be asked to say prayers and give a short philosophy at your interview.

You cannot use relatives either blood or by marriage as a reference.

Have you ever been found guilty of ANY criminal offence **Yes** **No**

If "Yes" please give full details of offence including dates.

Please note that we reserve the right to make criminal checks on all applicants

Finally, please give your reasons for wishing to become a Minister and why you feel we should be willing to consider your application favourably.

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If successful you will be expected to attend the annual Ministers meeting and AGM (September of each year)

You can order Ministerial regalia ONLY when you are Ordained through the Association at cost price if you wish. The two most popular items are: Ministers shirt with “dog collar” in blue & Ministers sash in purple and white. If you want either of these please complete the section below.

If my application for ordination is successful I would like the following items:

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| Ministers shirt | Price £28 (<i>Hays & Finch</i>) | size |
| Ministers sash | Price £15 | |

The total length of the standard sash is 63 inches. It is designed to come to the bottom of an average length jacket. If you feel you need a different size please contact us before placing an order. Prices may vary.

I enclose cheque payable to Association of Universal Healers & Spiritualists to cover the cost of the items I have chosen. (Post to Senior Minister; address at top of this form)