

When does an ACMR ID holder need to be restricted?

Recently ACSL has provided clarifications on when an ACMR ID holder must have their status changed to 'restricted'.

When an ACMR ID is issued, a Church Authority is affirming the statements contained within the Safeguarding Statement Form (available on our website [here](#)).

If at any time the Church Authority becomes unable to unconditionally affirm every statement contained within the Safeguarding Statement Form, the ACMR ID status must be restricted. This policy is critical to ensuring safe movement for ministry and enabling Church Authorities to rely on the ACMR.

What does a restricted status mean in practice?

A restricted status does not prevent the ACMR ID holder from travelling, it restricts the ability to rely on the ACMR ID as proof of their eligibility to travel. Instead, a restricted ACMR ID holder must revert to the one-off declaration and statement process with appropriate disclosures for permission to minister.

Reverting to the one-off declaration and statement process with disclosures enables case by case considerations of each application and allows the sending and receiving Church Authorities to undertake necessary risk management.

For example, one of these statements is that the person is not currently subject of an allegation of abuse of any kind. If a Church Authority becomes aware that an ACMR ID holder is the subject of an allegation of abuse of any kind, ACSL must be notified to update the status to restricted.

In this example, the most important, and sensitive, implication of this clarification is that Church Authorities would not be able to not wait for the outcome of an investigation or any other process. Instead, the ACMR ID holder must be restricted as soon as possible. They may later be restored after all appropriate processes have taken place if the Church Authority is then able to unequivocally re-affirm every statement.

For further information please refer to section three of our Procedures Guide, this clarification is also explained in our recent Materials Notes. Further guidance on movement for ministry can be found in ACSL's NCSS 5.7.1. Guidelines. You can find the Procedures Guide, Materials Notes and 5.7.1 Guidelines on our website [here](#).

Should you have any questions, feedback or would like to discuss any of this please feel free to contact ACMR Supervisor Llywellyn O'Brien by email at ACMR@acsltd.org.au or by phone on 0448 108 101. If you are interested in hearing from us with any updates relating specifically to the ACMR please simply make contact and ask to be added to our mailing group.