

Deciding on a Church Minister

It is up to each church committee to decide whether they need a minister, and the expectations they have of a minister. When considering such an appointment it is reasonable for a committee to look for someone with the following personal attributes and experience.

- A variety of life skills and experience.
- A sound understanding of Spiritualism.
- A strong connection to spirit.
- Good listening and communication skills.
- The ability to maintain confidences.
- Good relationship-building skills.
- A common sense approach.

The minister's role can often be a 24/7 calling so they also need to be able to manage their time appropriately.

For ministers to officiate at a wedding, they need to be registered as an organisational marriage celebrant with the Department of Internal Affairs. Information about how to become an organisation celebrant can be found here:

<https://www.govt.nz/organisations/births-deaths-and-marriages/information-for-marriage-celebrants/become-an-organisational-celebrant/#what-you-need-to-know>.

Spiritualism New Zealand can provide advice and guidance on the appointment of a minister and / or their registration as a marriage celebrant.

Other Spiritualist ministers are available to provide support in relation to common issues ministers are often called upon to deal with, whether they arise from members of the congregation or the wider public.