



VETTING AND THE CCI CHURCH

- **Every church must have a Child Protection Officer (CPO)**, who manages all areas of children's protection in your church.
- It is the responsibility of the church's CPO to ensure that **every person in the church, age 16 and over who volunteers in any capacity directly linked to children/youth/vulnerable persons must be vetted.**
- **Everyone in the church who holds ministerial credentials with CCI must be vetted**, irrespective of whether or not they are involved with children/youth/vulnerable persons.
- These people must be **vetted BEFORE they take up any voluntary work.**

The process for Garda Vetting is:

- 1) *started* by filling in a paper Garda Vetting Invitation Form NCB1
- 2) *continued* by filling in the online Garda eVetting Form that is sent to each applicant.
- 3) *completed* upon the receipt of a Garda Vetting Certificate from the Vetting Bureau. This certifies that the person is approved to work with children/youth/vulnerable persons.

- **These forms need to be renewed every 3 years.**

Please see official guidance for e-vetting below:

<https://vetting.garda.ie/Application/About>

Please see information about Access NI below:

<https://www.nidirect.gov.uk/services/apply-online-enhanced-check-through-registered-body>.

If you would like any help with developing safeguarding procedures in your church or if you have any questions about safeguarding please contact:

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Thank you so much for the time and effort that you put into ensuring that our children, youth and vulnerable people are protected.

Regards
The CCI Team