



OPEN BIBLE STANDARD CHURCHES
 36-40 Ruth Avenue, Les Efforts West,
 San Fernando.



**ASSOCIATE MINISTER'S CREDENTIAL
 (NEW APPLICATION)**

INSTRUCTIONS:

- I. Please do not leave blank spaces. Wherever no comment is applicable insert a dash or N.A. (not applicable)
- II. Please enclose two (2) recent passport size photographs of self and one (1) of spouse.
- III. A fee of \$50.00 must accompany each application.
- IV. All credentials are valid only for the period printed on the credential card
- V. New applications which arrive after 31st January will be placed on file and brought forward the following year.
- VI. An application is considered incomplete if any requested document is omitted.
- VII. A Confidential Report from the applicant's Senior Pastor/District Superintendent and a Confidential Personal Reference from applicant's employer must be received before any application is considered.
- VIII. If unemployed or self employed the Confidential Personal Reference should be completed by a person of established reputation in the community.
- IX. Please attach copies of your certificate/s of your theological training.
- X. Please study the Constitution, Bye Laws & Policies of the Organization.

A) PERSONAL INFORMATION

- 1. First Name: _____ Last Name: _____
- 2. Address: _____
- 3. Gender: Male Female Date of Birth: ___/___/___ E-Mail: _____
 Telephone: Home _____ Office _____ Cell: _____
- 4. Marital Status: Single Widowed Engaged Married Divorced Remarried
 Separated
 - a) Residing with your spouse? Yes No N.A.
 - b) Spouse's name: _____ Date of marriage: ___/___/___
 - c) Has your spouse lived away from home for a period exceeding 3 months during the past year? Yes No N.A. No. of children ____ Ages _____
 - d) If remarried, is your former spouse alive? _____
 - e) Has your spouse been divorced? ____ If yes is his or her former spouse alive? _____
- 5. Have you at any time held credentials with any other religious organization/s?
 Yes No If so, state with whom? _____
 - a) Why did you leave that organization? _____
 - b) Have you ever been denied credentials with any other organization?
 Yes No If your answer is "Yes" give reasons. _____

B) MINISTRY:

- 6. Give a brief history of your conversion and ministry activities on a separate paper, listing the places where you have ministered, length of time at each place and the results.

(a) Are you baptized with the Holy Spirit? Yes No

(b) Do you speak in tongues? Yes No

7. Approximately how many sermons have you preached during the past 12 months?
_____ (Kindly submit copies of your last five sermon notes, with the approximate dates you preached them and where).

8. What church are you currently attending/ministering at? _____

9. Why do you desire Credentials?

10. Are you aware of the responsibilities of the credential for which you are applying?

Yes No

11. What type of ministry do you prefer? _____

12. Have you received during the past year of ministry any offerings toward your personal support? Yes No

13. Are you willing to be employed secularly as necessary while you minister? Yes No

14. Are you in full agreement with the doctrines as set forth in the Open Bible Standard Churches Believer's Manual? Yes No

15. Do you hold any other doctrines besides those stated in the Believer's Manual?

Yes No (If so, name and explain them on separate paper).

C) EMPLOYMENT:

16. Are you presently employed? Yes No .

a) Employer _____

Address _____

Date employed _____ Current Position _____

b) List any trades, business or other skills in which you have been trained or have had experience _____

C) FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP

17. Have you been tithing regularly? Yes No

a) Please attach your personal tithe record for the last twelve (12) months, certified by your church.

b) Will you pledge to tithe your income faithfully to OBSC National Office in the future as a good steward of God? Yes No

c) Is your tithe 10% of your gross income? Yes No

d) What gross financial support do you receive:

i. From the church: SALARY _____; ALLOWANCE _____; NONE _____

ii. From other sources: SALARY _____; ALLOWANCE _____; NONE _____

18. With what consistency and certainty do you receive financial support?

Every month _____ Bi monthly _____ Other _____

D) EDUCATION/TRAINING

INSTITUTIONS ATTENDED	YEAR	CERTIFICATES OBTAINED
_____	from _____ to _____	_____
_____	from _____ to _____	_____
_____	from _____ to _____	_____
_____	from _____ to _____	_____
_____	from _____ to _____	_____
_____	from _____ to _____	_____

E) HEALTH

19. When last did you have a Medical check-up? _____

Please indicate the result by ticking one of the following:

- i) No Illness
- ii) Illness - well controlled
- iii) Illness – not well controlled (please explain under confidential cover)

20. Are these habits a normal part of your lifestyle?

Rest Vacation for family Exercise

21. Are you registered in OBSC’s Medical plan or have Medical Insurance otherwise?

Yes No

F) COVENANT PROMISE

22. Do you pledge under God to live and minister in a way that is commensurate with the teaching of the Gospel of Jesus Christ, choosing rather to suffer loss yourself and spare the flock of God? Yes No Not sure

23. Do you realize that as a member of this church, you will be held to the Scriptural standard of not taking a ‘brother’ to court (1 Cor. 6:1- 8)? Yes No Not sure

24. Will you work at all times in harmony with the organization, supporting the standards, doctrines and policies? Yes No Not sure

25. Will you submit yourself to those in authority over you in the Lord, honoring and esteeming them under God? (Rom. 13:1; 1 Thess. 5:12, 13) Yes No Not sure

26. Have you familiarized yourself with OBSC’s Constitution & Bylaws and Policies? Yes No

Signature of Applicant _____ Date: _____

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(For Official Use Only)

Date form was received: _____

Attachment checklist

Attachment	Status	Date Received
Fees		
Passport Pictures		
Confidential Report		
Personal Reference Report		
Theological Diploma		
History of Conversion		
Sermons		
Tithes Record		

BOARD OF CREDENTIALS:

Remarks:

Date of Interview _____

Accepted _____

Rejected _____

Deferred _____

Notified _____

Date granted credentials _____

National Elder/Director

National Secretary/Treasurer