

Procedures and Information

New appointment

When a member of the clergy (deacon or presbyter) moves to a new position in a parochial unit within the Diocese of Sydney the parochial unit should pay the removal costs. It is the responsibility of the person moving to make the arrangements and to see that the removalist's bill is paid. The parochial unit is entitled to recover some or all of the removal costs as defined in the Clergy Removals Fund Ordinance 2003 as amended (the Ordinance) provided that –

- (a) the cost has been borne by the parish, and
- (b) the Regional Bishop determines that the parish is under financial hardship.

Retirement or death

On retirement from a position in a parish or organisation the member of clergy is entitled to be reimbursed some or all of the removal costs as defined in the Ordinance. The retiring member is responsible for the payment of the removal costs.

On the death of a member of clergy who is in service in a parish or organisation, the surviving spouse is entitled to be reimbursed some or all of the removal costs as defined in the Ordinance. The surviving spouse is responsible for the payment of the removal costs. If the payment has been made on behalf of a retiree or surviving spouse by another person the reimbursement is to be paid to or at the direction of that person

Generally

Please refer to the Ordinance for definitions and specific rules. The Removals Fund –

- Does not accept responsibility to pay the removalist.
- Does not generally support the cost of relocating a minister within the same parish. If a parochial unit has difficulty in meeting these costs, the matter should be referred to the Regional Bishop.
- Asks that the person moving obtain 3 quotes and choose the removalist that they believe will give the best service for their needs.
- Payments made to a parochial unit will be calculated exclusive of GST.

To claim reimbursement for removal costs, when the move is completed, send the attached application form to the following address together with copies of 3 quotations.

Parish Support Partner
Clergy Removals Fund
PO Box Q190
QVB POST OFFICE NSW 1230

The following table summarises the levels of reimbursement available from the Clergy Removals Fund administered by the Sydney Diocesan Secretariat.

When moving to a parochial unit	The lesser of the actual removal cost and the average removal cost (excluding GST).
When moving to retirement OR When the surviving spouse moves following the death of a member of the clergy	(a) to a place within the Diocese: the actual removal cost (including GST); (b) to a place outside the Diocese but less than 175km from the residence at the time of retirement: the actual removal cost (including GST); (c) to a place outside the Diocese more than 175km from the residence at the time of retirement, the lesser of the actual removal cost (including GST), or 50% of the average removal cost in the case of retirement (including GST), or 100% of the average removal cost (including GST) in the case of the surviving spouse moving following the death of the clergy.
Discretion	The Archbishop may direct the reimbursement of removal costs beyond the above limitations.

Applications will be processed and the payment forwarded as soon as possible (funds permitting, the target time is 2 weeks from receiving the application).



CLERGY REMOVAL EXPENSES REIMBURSEMENT CLAIM

Please read the attached instructions before completing this form

1.	Claimant		To new position? Yes / No	To retirement? Yes / No	
	Name				
	Address				
			Postcode:		
	Telephone:	M:			H:
Banking details for reimbursement:		BSB: _____ Account Number: _____ Account Name: _____			

2.	Details of Deacon or Presbyter	
	Name	
	Position	

3.	Details of Move	
	From	
	To	
	Date of Move	

4.	Quotation	Name of company	Amount
	1		\$
	2		\$
	3		\$
<i>NB: Attach copies of the quotations to this application form</i>			

Name of Company Selected:
Reason for selecting this company:
Comments on the quality of work done by this company:

Signed:	Date: ____ / ____ / ____
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For Office Use Only – Amounts Payable

Removal Cost	GST	Cost less GST	Payment
Parish - lesser of 100% of Cost or 100% of Average Cost (excluding GST)			
Retiree - 100% of Cost or 50% of Average Cost (usually including GST)			
Surviving Spouse - lesser of 100% of Cost or 100% of Average Cost (usually including GST)			
Archbishop's Discretion			