



Applicants for a sabbatical should normally:

- Have been ordained Deacon at least 7 years
- Have spent at least 3 years in their current post
- Not have had a sabbatical in the last 7 years
- Show a wise and cogent plan for the sabbatical – including rest, retreat, recreation, and renewal
- Show that they have considered how to include family in the sabbatical
- Show that they have given consideration to the support that will be in place in their parish/context
- Have spoken to their Area Dean
- Not intend to retire within 2 years of the end of the sabbatical \*

If the applicant is a Training Minister their curate should have been in post for at least 18 months.

*\* If an applicant fulfils the other criteria but intends to retire within 2 years they are encouraged to talk to the Archdeacon Pastor. The Bishop may consider it appropriate to offer them a 4 – 6 week mini-sabbatical, to be taken in the penultimate year before retirement.*

*If the Bishop does offer a mini-sabbatical, the applicant will be eligible for a £300 sabbatical grant. They should apply for this through a separate process.*