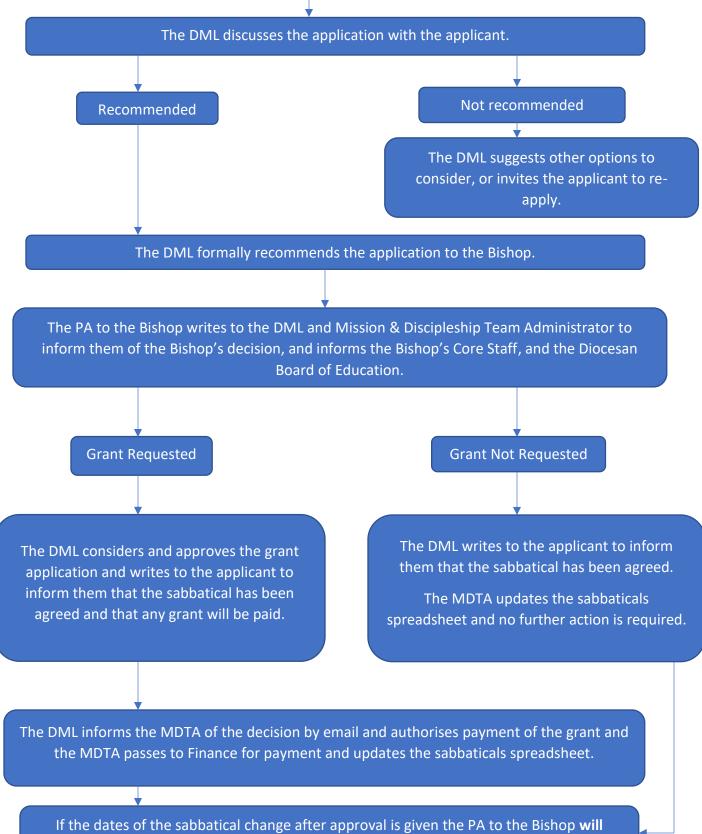
The DML receives the sabbatical application and the grant application (if requested), and emails both Archdeacons to indicate any concerns.



decide if the Bishop should be asked to reconfirm his decision.

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.