

# GUIDANCE

## FINANCIAL GUIDE TO DOV1 AND DOV2

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Discerning and offering for ordained ministry are significant processes to enter into. There are costs involved and it is important that you are aware of these at the outset.

The Methodist Church in Great Britain wishes to encourage all who feel called to do so to offer as candidates and therefore will endeavour to ensure that no-one is discouraged by a lack of funds. Candidates who are struggling to meet the costs should contact the Candidates' Office: [candidates@methodistchurch.org.uk](mailto:candidates@methodistchurch.org.uk) to discuss what help might be available.

**See document G.9 for details of dates and venues for the specific year.**

DOV1 Items	Frequency	Notes
Travel costs to meet your accompanist	At least three meetings in mutually agreed locations	
Travel to attend the retreat	Once – to and from the retreat venue	All other costs of the retreat are covered by the Connexion
Resources		For example a journal
Time away from employment	To attend the retreat (2.5 days plus travel) and the DOV1 Advisory Group meeting (one hour)	
Travel costs and time to attend a shadowing experience (where appropriate)	Once or twice	These could be arranged fairly near to your home



<b>DOV 2 Items</b>	<b>Frequency</b>	<b>Notes</b>
<b>Travel costs to attend the Queen's Foundation Open Day</b>	Once	The rest of the costs of the day (including lunch, refreshments and staff time) are covered by Queen's.
<b>Travel to meet with the Warden and Deputy Warden</b>	Once	The Methodist Diaconal Order often provide support with this.
<b>Travel costs to meet with the Connexional Psychologist</b>	Once	There is no cost for most candidates because most will have this conversation by video conferencing, but some candidates may be asked to meet in person.
<b>Travel costs to attend DOV2 Connexional Committee</b>	Once	The costs of accommodation, meals, rooms and the time for all committee members is given by themselves or covered by the Connexion.
<b>Travel costs and time to attend the appeals committee (where applicable)</b>	Once	Only for those candidates who are not recommended and chose to appeal.
<b>Books</b>	Variable	You may be guided to read various books and you might choose to read others to help you to discern. You may be able to borrow some books or use libraries or online resources rather than buying them.
<b>Portfolio</b>	Once	Depending on the methods you choose to use to present your portfolio, there may be costs such as in producing a video or piece of art.
<b>Materials for the presentation to DOV2 Committee</b>	Once	This depends on how you choose to make your presentation. No electronic materials are permitted because of the time to set up, but you are encouraged to use creative methods to make your presentation.

Training and ministry	Notes
<p><b>The costs of training</b></p>	<p>Candidates also need to consider the costs related to training and formation if they are accepted. They will be allocated (rather than choose) the pathway on which they train, though allocations are made very carefully and take account of each candidate's circumstances as far as possible.</p> <p>If full-time, they will receive a bursary (details of which are listed in the G.8 Training Pathways document) but will be expected to pay for their own accommodation and travel;</p> <p>If part-time, they will receive travel and other expenses and a book grant but no bursary;</p> <p>If allocated to the circuit-based learning pathway (CBLP), they will receive a bursary and reimbursement of costs incurred on the circuit's behalf. They will also pay an allowance for accommodation as well as paying for travel costs not incurred within the CBLP circuit.</p>
<p><b>The costs of ministry</b></p>	<p>Candidates need to be able to plan to live on a stipend. Information about the current level of basic stipend can be found here: <a href="http://methodist.org.uk">Stipends and Lay Employment Rates (methodist.org.uk)</a></p>