



Material Information – definitions and key information

This document aims to set out the information and details you may require in deciding whether to apply for the degree programme offered through Reign Ministries. A Terms of Agreement document will be sent to you once you have been accepted onto the course by ForMission College and surpasses the detail contained in this document.

It is possible that publicity materials from Reign Ministries, including, but not limited to, the website, blog articles, prospectus, promotional videos and flyers may use layman's terms to describe aspects of the degree programme to help simplify communication, so this document serves to clarify the exact understanding of such terms used.

A submission of an application form, or an online interview, does not guarantee a potential student a place upon the course.

Definitions:

Degree – A BA (Hons) in Theology, Mission and Ministry, with a Specialism in Youth Ministry. This is a three year (full time) undergraduate degree.

Reign Ministries – Reign Ministries is a charity registered in England and Wales, charity number 1157662. Reign Ministries is a partner of ForMission College and delivers the programme under the umbrella of the college. The head office for Reign Ministries is in Bicester, Oxfordshire.

ForMission College – ForMission College works in franchise with Newman University and delivers a number of undergraduate and postgraduate courses. ForMission College is based in Birmingham and has a formal partnership with Reign Ministries to deliver the BA(Hons) degree with the youth ministry specialism.

Newman University – Newman University has been a formally recognised university since 2013 but has been training young leaders since 1968. The degree is awarded by Newman University.

Franchise or Validation student – There are two paths for students, depending on how they intend to pay their tuition fees. If they are paying from their own resources or from a sponsor, they will be classed as a validation student. If they are seeking student finance from government sources, they will be classed as a franchise student. Regardless, all students will be registered with both ForMission College and Newman University.

Conferences – The formal training is delivered over six one-week blocks spread across a year. These can be held in person in a residential setting or online. At present, most of the residential

conferences will be run at The Poplars, a conference centre in Herefordshire, where accommodation, meals and classroom aids are provided for the week as part of your conference delivery fee (see Fees).

Work Based Learning Placement/Provider (WBLP) – Students are required to have a place where they can work unpaid in a youth ministry setting, which counts towards their degree recognition. It provides an opportunity, under supervision, to apply what the student is learning into real world scenarios. In most cases this is a church or youth work project where the student has pre-existing links, but it is possible for a WBLP to be provided if a student is unable to source their own. There is an annual fee (see Fees) payable by the WBLP to Reign Ministries.

Fees – There are three different fees payable each year, excluding other costs such as books, graduation gown hire and so on.

- a) The first is a tuition fee (£6950 in 22/232) which is payable to ForMission College for validation students, and payable to Newman University for franchised students. Non-payment of tuition fees could ultimately lead to suspension from the programme.
- b) The next is a conference delivery fee (£650 in 22/23) payable to Reign Ministries, and this contributes to the overall costs of running and delivering conferences, in person and online.
- c) The final one is a WBLP fee (£1000 or £2600 in 22/23, depending on who sourced the WBLP) payable by the WBLP to Reign Ministries. We will send more information to your WBLP explaining this further.

Application forms – A potential student will normally be asked to initially complete an online application form through Reign Ministries. Once that has been received and reviewed, the potential student is then advised to complete an application form from ForMission College. An Admissions Panel will make the final decision on awarding a place on the course to a potential student and will issue an offer letter. ForMission College have published their Admissions Policy here (www.formission.org.uk/current-students). Once accepted, a franchised student will be asked to complete an application for Newman University to enable them to source student finance.

DBS (or national equivalent) – An enhanced disclosure check will be required for a student to participate in their WBLP placement. All certificates which flag unspent convictions will be reviewed by ForMission College and Newman University before a decision on admission is finalised.

ICT Requirements – A student will be required to have access to a computer (please note that a tablet or smart phone will not be enough) and to the Internet throughout the course. They will not be able to access their study materials or submit assignments without these.

Reign Ministries has grown from small beginnings in 2008 to a national charity with a vision to train Christian youth leaders. It operates across the UK, with students geographically spread across all four nations. Students are based in a wide variety of church denominations and local youth projects. A core value of Reign Ministries is discipleship; during the course you will understand this in greater depth and see how a strategy for discipleship can be integrated into your placement environment, bearing fruit in your life and ministry. Alongside their academic studies and work-based placements, we desire to see our students equipped with the skills they need to be effective youth ministers. We also desire to see them formed both spiritually and personally during their time with Reign Ministries.