

1.2 DEFINITIONS AND ABBREVIATIONS

TERM	DEFINITION
AGS	<p>Associate General Secretary</p> <p>In the Uniting Church in Western Australia there are the following AGS roles:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Associate General Secretary (Education) • Associate General Secretary (Pastoral) • Associate General Secretary (Resources) • Associate General Secretary (Mission Support)
FTE	Full time equivalent
LSL	Long Service Leave
Minister	<p>For the purposes of this Handbook, the term Minister, unless specified otherwise, includes Minister of the Word, Deacon, Deaconess, Lay Pastor, person accredited to the specified ministry of Youth Worker, Ministry Intern and a candidate for ministry in an approved placement.</p> <p><i>[Please note when referring to Lay Pastor and Accredited Youth Worker that these are for appointments prior to 1 July 2008. From that date Ministry of Pastor applies and persons in this category are dealt with by common law contracts.]</i></p>
MBA	Minister's Benefit Account
MBC	Ministerial Benefits Committee
Payroll office	Payroll of the Uniting Church Centre, Perth, WA
Placement Body	<p>Throughout this handbook 'placements' or 'placement body' usually refers to the appointing body – this may be a congregation, a Presbytery, a school or some other ministry context. There are a variety of other types of placements and ministry contexts within the Church that are informed by this handbook, but for ease of language, reference is usually made to congregations as the placement body. In different ministry contexts the appropriate employing body may be substituted as appropriate.</p>
PRDG	Personal Resources & Development Grant
PR&PC	Pastoral Relations & Placements Commission
Presbytery	Presbytery of Western Australia
Synod	Synod of Western Australia