Ecclesiastical Endorsement

Ecclesiastical Endorsement is required by the Department of Defense for Military chaplains, and by the Department of Veteran Affairs for Veterans Administration chaplains.

An Ecclesiastical Endorsement is a certification by an agent of a specific religious body (EPC GCEPC /LEPC) that an individual is permitted to minister in the name of that Church or denomination.

The denomination or agency must have approval from the Undersecretary of the Department of Defense in order to act as an Ecclesiastical Endorsing Agent.

**Statement of Ecclesiastical Endorsement, DD Form 2088, for Military Chaplaincy**

The EPC GCEPC /LEPC can assist in the filing of the required DD Form 2088 for all clergy desiring to apply for a commission as an officer to serve as a chaplain in the Army, Navy, or Air Force.

Without a DD Form 2088 an application packet will NOT be sent by your recruiter to the respective selection/qualification board.

A request for a DD Form 2088 must be made by the Minister/Priest/Chaplain desiring to become a chaplain. In addition, The DD Form 2088 to apply for a commission as a military chaplain cannot be submitted unless there is a Letter of Acceptance and Call indicating approval of credentialing and ordination with the EPC GCPEC/LEPC.

**Ecclesiastical Endorsement for Veterans Affairs Chaplaincy**

The Department of Veterans Affairs requires an Ecclesiastical Endorsement for Veterans Affairs Chaplaincy. The requirements are the same as the above. A Letter of Acceptance and Call for credentialing and ordination with the EPC GCEPC /LEPC must accompany the application for employment as a VA Chaplain.