

**CHECKLIST FOR LOCAL CHURCH BOARD INTERVIEWS OF
CANDIDATES SEEKING RENEWAL OF LOCAL MINISTER'S LICENSE**

Church board action to renew a Local Minister's License is permitted only upon recommendation by the pastor and, when the pastor is not an elder in the Church of the Nazarene, upon the district superintendent's prior approval of the pastor's recommendation (*Manual* 531.1, 3). If the candidate is serving as a supply pastor, read the section at the end of this form before proceeding with the interview.

Name of Candidate: _____ Date of Board Interview _____

	YES	NO
1. Has the candidate reviewed Part II, III, 500-502.6, and 531-531.7 of the <i>2017-2021 Manual</i> of the Church of the Nazarene?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
2. Does the candidate continue to testify clearly to salvation and to being sanctified?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
3. Does the candidate evidence spiritual growth and faithfulness in practices essential to spiritual vitality (prayer, Bible reading, giving, service, and accountability to others)?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
4. Does the candidate continue to witness to a sense of being called of God to a life of ministerial service?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
5. Does the candidate understand, accept, and exhibit a growing understanding of the doctrine (Articles of Faith) and polity of the Church of the Nazarene?*	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
6. Is the candidate active in local church ministry?***	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
7. Is the candidate responsive to pastoral and local church leadership?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
8. Does the candidate's spouse appear supportive of the candidate's calling?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
9. Is the candidate a faithful tither?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
10. Does the candidate demonstrate financial responsibility, such as being current on all debts and obligations?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
11. In your judgment, does the candidate demonstrate		
• An ability to relate well with others?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
• A teachable spirit?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
• Patterns of servanthood?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
• Gifts and graces for ministry?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

12. In what ways is the candidate's spiritual growth, emotional health, and understanding of ministry evident?

13. What ministerial education courses has the candidate completed in the last year? (*Manual* 529.4)

14. How has the candidate demonstrated a call to ministry during this past year of licensing?

15. In what ways does the candidate's personal and family life model scriptural standards?

COMMENTS (use additional sheets as required):

Name of Local Church: _____

Date of Board Interview: _____ Local License Renewed? Yes No

Signatures: _____

Pastor

Church Board Secretary

*Depending on age and background, candidates for a Local Minister's License will exhibit various levels of understanding of Nazarene doctrine and polity. Assuming the candidate possesses a posture of support of Nazarene doctrine and polity, licensing anticipates growth in this area.

**Local Church ministry may be ministry in some other local church. This is often the case if the candidate is a college student.

IF THE CANDIDATE FOR LOCAL MINISTER'S LICENSE IS A SUPPLY PASTOR . . .

In the event the candidate is serving as supply pastor of his or her own local church, issuing or renewing a local minister's license is the sole responsibility of the district superintendent and the district advisory board (*Manual* 211.12, 524, 531.2-3).