

Checklist for Transfer of Ordination

(from another denomination)

PCA BCO 13-6 indicates that someone transferring ordination from another denomination should be examined in all the same areas as a someone seeking new ordination, but makes particular mention of the “extraordinary circumstances” clause in BCO 21-4.

These items ordinarily must be submitted to the committee no less than one month prior to your anticipated committee examination (thus about two months before you anticipate standing for examination on the floor of presbytery).

Requirement	BCO
<input type="checkbox"/> A copy of your seminary transcript (send to candidates@newriverpresbytery.org , or by mail to Alex Ford (4412 Malden Dr, Charleston, WV 25306)	21-4 (a)
<input type="checkbox"/> A signed, formal copy of your call	21-1
<input type="checkbox"/> An outline of a sermon on an assigned text (this sermon will be preached before presbytery or a committee of presbytery)	21-4 (c) 4
<input type="checkbox"/> An exegetical paper (requiring use of the original language/languages; one from seminary is fine). NB: If your sermon is on the Old Testament, this should be on the New (or vice versa).	21-4 (c) 3
<input type="checkbox"/> A theological paper (this can be one you did in seminary).	21-4 (c) 2
<input type="checkbox"/> A one-page statement of your testimony and sense of call, which is to include: a) How you came to faith in Christ; b) How it is that you’ve grown in your faith since that time; c) A description of your sense of call to ordained ministry as a teaching elder.	
<input type="checkbox"/> A statement of your specific differences from the Westminster Standards, detailing (as briefly as you can) your reasons. This will be spread upon the presbytery minutes covering your examinations.	21-4 (e), (f)
<input type="checkbox"/> Written exams in the following areas:	
<input type="checkbox"/> Christian experience	21-4 (c) 1.a
<input type="checkbox"/> Knowledge of Greek and Hebrew (a seminary transcript indicating that you have satisfactorily completed studies in the original languages can ordinarily be accepted in lieu of this examination).	21-4 (c) 1.b
<input type="checkbox"/> English Bible	21-4 (c) 1.c
<input type="checkbox"/> Theology (WCF, WLC, WSC)	21-4 (c) 1.d
<input type="checkbox"/> Sacraments	21-4 (c) 1.e
<input type="checkbox"/> Church History	21-4 (c) 1.f
<input type="checkbox"/> History of the PCA	21-4 (c) 1.g
<input type="checkbox"/> Church Government (BCO)	21-4 (c) 1.h
<input type="checkbox"/> A letter of confirmation from a presbytery clerk indicating your successful completion of an approved PCA internship (this requirement, in some cases, can be considered fulfilled by previous ministry experience).	21-2; 21-4 (a)