**BTh and DTM: Clarification of admissions criteria**

The BTh and DTM are vocational awards. The BTh is principally for students who have been accepted by their churches to train for ordained ministry and the DTM is for individuals in authorised Christian ministry or service. Admissions to the DTM are at the discretion of the BTh Management Committee of the Divinity Faculty.

The tables below are intended to clarify the different admissions criteria for the two awards.

**BTh Admission criteria[[1]](#footnote-1)**

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| Academic criteria | First degree with 2.1 or more  7.0 IELTS if English is not first language |
| Vocational criteria | Accepted by a Christian church to train for ordained ministry  Applications from candidates who do not meet this criteria are unlikely to succeed but will be considered on their own merits. In particular they will need to demonstrate how they can fulfil the requirement for a pastoral portfolio if not sponsored by a church. |
| CTF membership | Must be admitted to a member institution of the CTF and so meet their own admissions criteria (which may include acceptance by their church to train for ordained ministry as a requirement) |
| College membership | Must be admitted for matriculation through one of the Cambridge Colleges. |
| UKVI  (Non UK nationals) | Student visa (via University of Cambridge) |

**DTM Admission criteria**

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| Academic criteria | First degree with 2.1 or more  7.0 IELTS if English is not first language |
| Vocational criteria | Preparing for, or involved in, authorised Christian ministry or service, evidenced by suitable reference(s) from a recognised Christian denomination.  Exceptions will be considered on their own merits and include (but are not restricted to) those who might go on to higher degrees in Theology and those going into teaching |
| CTF membership | Must be admitted to a member institution of the CTF and so meet their own admissions criteria |
| UKVI  (Non UK nationals) | Student visa (via CTF) for full time students only |

1. *“The BTh is a vocational degree and the majority of candidates are admitted after being accepted by their churches to train for ordained ministry” (University of Cambridge Programme Specification)* [↑](#footnote-ref-1)