

Application Form (Visiting Monastics) for Practicing at Santi Forest Monastery

Please fill in all fields and return to us:

Santi Forest Monastery
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AUSTRALIA

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YOUR PERSONAL DETAILS

Ordained name: _____

Lay name / other names
(including legal name): _____

Date of birth: ____ / ____ / _____ (dd/mm/yyyy)

For Australian citizens and Australian permanent residents: A colour copy of your passport / Australian driver's licence or other Australian issued government identification is required (copy must include your photo).

For overseas guests: A colour copy of your passport is required (copy must include your photo).

Name as it appears on your
Passport or other form of identification: _____

Passport number or other identification number: _____

Country of citizenship: _____

DETAILS OF YOUR ORDINATION(S)

For all applicants (especially for Bhikkhunis): A colour copy of your ordination certificate is required.

Anagarika (8 Precepts)

Ordination tradition (please circle): Theravada / Mahayana / Vajrayana

Date of ordination: ____ / ____ / _____ (dd/mm/yyyy)

Place of ordination

Name: _____

Address: _____

Tel: _____ Mobile: _____

Website: _____

Email: _____

Preceptor name: _____

Samaneri (10 Precepts)

Ordination tradition (please circle): Theravada / Mahayana / Vajrayana

Date of ordination: ____ / ____ / _____ (dd/mm/yyyy)

Place of ordination

Name: _____

Address: _____

Tel: _____ Mobile: _____

Website: _____

Email: _____

Preceptor name: _____

Bhikkhuni

Ordination tradition (please circle): Theravada / Mahayana / Vajrayana

Date of ordination: ____ / ____ / _____ (dd/mm/yyyy)

Place of ordination

Name: _____

Address: _____

Tel: _____ Mobile: _____

Website: _____

Email: _____

Preceptor name: _____

**DETAILS OF AT LEAST TWO TEMPLES / MONASTERIES
WHERE YOU HAVE PREVIOUSLY STAYED**

For all applicants ordained less than five years: A written letter from your Preceptor supporting your application for stay at Santi Forest Monastery is required.

Monastery / Temple No. 1 (Your current or most recent Temple / Monastery where you are staying or have stayed at)

Name: _____

Address: _____

Tel: _____ Mobile: _____

Email: _____

Name of Contact: _____

Date From: ____ / ____ / _____ (dd/mm/yyyy)

Date To: ____ / ____ / _____ (dd/mm/yyyy)

Monastery / Temple No. 2 (Other Temple / Monastery you have stayed at)

Name: _____

Address: _____

Tel: _____ Mobile: _____

Email: _____

Name of Contact: _____

Date From: ____ / ____ / _____ (dd/mm/yyyy)

Date To: ____ / ____ / _____ (dd/mm/yyyy)

Additional Temple / Monastery you have stayed at (optional)

Name: _____

Address: _____

Tel: _____ Mobile: _____

Email: _____

Name of Contact: _____

Date From: ____ / ____ / _____ (dd/mm/yyyy)

Date To: ____ / ____ / _____ (dd/mm/yyyy)

Additional Temple / Monastery you have stayed at (optional)

Name: _____

Address: _____

Tel: _____ Mobile: _____

Email: _____

Name of Contact: _____

Date From: ____ / ____ / _____ (dd/mm/yyyy)

Date To: ____ / ____ / _____ (dd/mm/yyyy)

DETAILS OF AT LEAST TWO EMERGENCY CONTACTS

Emergency Contact No. 1

Name: _____

Relationship to you: (eg: Father, Mother, Sibling, Friend) _____

Address: _____

Tel: _____ Mobile: _____

Email: _____

Emergency Contact No. 2

Name: _____

Relationship to you: (eg: Father, Mother, Sibling, Friend) _____

Address: _____

Tel: _____ Mobile: _____

Email: _____

DETAILS OF PHYSICAL & MENTAL HEALTH

For Australian Citizens: A copy of your Medicare card is required.

For Australian Permanent Residents and overseas guests: A copy of your health insurance policy is required.

Please inform us of any physical and/or mental health conditions (including allergies) that you may have, how they affect you, and how they are managed.

Please inform us of any special dietary requirements you have, especially those that may affect your ability to observe the Vinaya rule to consume food *only at the proper time* (that is, between daybreak to solar noon only).

DETAILS OF YOUR INTENDED PERIOD OF STAY

For Overseas Guests: Proof of onward travel (airline ticket) is required.

Arrival Date: ____ / ____ / _____ (dd/mm/yyyy)

Departure Date: ____ / ____ / _____ (dd/mm/yyyy)

Rules and Guidelines

1. Please be gently reminded that your stay at Santi Forest Monastery is made possible through the efforts of Lay Devotees dedicated to ensuring the support of resident Nuns and Lay People at our monastery. To be worthy of this support, please ensure that you practice to the best of your ability and in accordance with the Dhamma-Vinaya. Please try to find the right balance between your own personal practice and being of service to others. Please talk and act with thoughts of loving-kindness. Please do **not** ask for monetary or material reciprocation. Donations and offerings of requisites from Lay Supporters should be voluntary or through invitation only.
2. You must complete this form, return it with all supporting documentation and receive written confirmation from Santi Forest Monastery of your approval to stay **before you arrive**. If you wish to stay longer than two weeks, you must have your application for 'extended stay' reviewed. This review will be conducted by the resident Nuns and where necessary, the Committee of Santi Forest Monastery.
3. In addition to agreeing to abide by these "Rules and Guidelines", you are expected to adhere to the daily program, work roster, and any other decisions that may be made by the resident Nuns of the monastery. If you cause disruption to the peace and harmony of the community in residence or to the supporters and their families you may be asked to leave. The committee of Santi Forest Monastery will be recalled for this purpose.
4. Please be mindful of Vinaya practices, deportment and speech (noble silence is encouraged and you should speak only when necessary).
5. Santi Forest Monastery is currently solely dependent on the generosity of supporters and is not yet in a position to take care of each resident's financial needs. Financial support may be reviewed in the future, should Santi Forest Monastery's financial position improve. Kindly bear in mind the Vinaya rule that allows the Sanhga to request requisites **only** from their blood relatives or from supporters who have made such an invitation to them.
6. You shall be provided with the requisites of food, shelter and robes. Medicine and medical care will be offered in-line with what

is reasonable. There is no assurance or guarantee that the Santi Forest Monastery will cover any of your medical expenses. If you are visiting from overseas, you must arrange your own medical and travel insurance BEFORE you arrive in Australia. **No medical insurance = no stay.**

7. You are expected to observe the Vinaya rule to consume food *only at the proper time* (that is, between daybreak to solar noon). Allowables such as fruit juices, tea and coffee, isotonic drinks, herbal drinks, fructose drinks, health drinks, soy milk, dark chocolate, sugar/molasses and honey are allowable after solar noon. Please ask if you are unsure about this rule. If, due to health reasons, you need some special consideration, please let the resident Sangha know in advance. Cooking meals outside the allocated dana times need to be discussed with the kitchen manager.

8. You must follow the duty roster and daily program. Only those who are sick or with other urgent duties are exempt. You are responsible for ensuring your room, and the monastery in general, is maintained in a clean condition. Any suggestion for alterations or improvements may be discussed with the resident Nuns. At present, a caretaker who acts on the Nuns' behalf may instruct you as to your daily duties.

9. Santi Forest Monastery is subject to the risk of bush fires. To reduce this risk, permission must be sought from the resident Nuns before using candles or incense. **Never leave any candles or incense burning unattended.**

10. Kindly save water and electricity whenever possible.

11. Unless sick or otherwise predisposed, you are to participate in Sutta and Vinaya classes and group activities as scheduled.

12. Due to the limited number of resident Sangha, invitations to partake of meals at Lay Followers' houses are currently not accepted. This may be reviewed in the future if numbers of resident Sangha members increase.

13. Please have a chaperone if you are with a single male visitor (even if it is a blood relative) so as to avoid unnecessary misunderstandings.

Any matters not mentioned here may be discussed with the resident Nuns. The Bhikkhu Sangha may be consulted in times of uncertainty.

DECLARATION

I, the undersigned, declare that I have completed all sections of this form truthfully, and have read the rules and regulations and will abide by them accordingly. I understand that any extended stay beyond two weeks is subject to reviews by the resident sangha members and the lay-community.

Name: _____

Signature: _____

Date: ____ / ____ / _____ (dd/mm/yyyy)

PLEASE ATTACH THE FOLLOWING DOCUMENTS TO YOUR APPLICATION

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- **For Australian citizens:**
 - a. Colour copy of identification *including copy of your photo* (Passport / Australian driver's licence or other Australian issued government identification).
 - b. Copy of your Medicare card.
- **For Australian permanent residents:**
 - a. Colour copy of identification *including copy of your photo* (Passport / Australian Driver's licence or other Australian issued government identification).
 - b. Copy of your health insurance policy.
- **For overseas guests:**
 - a. Colour copy of passport *including copy of your photo*.
 - b. Copy of your Australian Visa.
 - c. Copy of your health insurance policy.
 - d. Proof of onward travel (airline ticket).