

South Central TEI – Policy on Student Protection

1. The South Central Theological Education Institution (SCTEI) takes very seriously its responsibilities towards its students, as evidenced by a number of its policies. This policy is designed to address the remote possibility that training (or a particular programme) ceases to be offered either across the whole of the SCTEI or in one of its formation centres.
2. This policy applies equally to all students studying with the SCTEI: those training for authorised and/or licensed ministry in the Church of England or any other Christian denomination, and independent students.
3. In all cases, the personal welfare and vocation of students is the SCTEI's highest priority.
4. If a particular programme ceases to be offered by a formation centre of the SCTEI,¹ affected students will be offered a choice between different ways of completing their studies, namely:
 - Transferring to another programme, for which that student is eligible, at that formation centre,
 - Transferring to another formation centre of the SCTEI, or
 - Transferring to another TEI.
5. If training ceases altogether at a formation centre of the SCTEI, affected students will be offered the choice between:
 - Transferring to another formation centre of the SCTEI, or
 - Transferring to another TEI.
6. If training ceases altogether at the SCTEI, then affected students will be given every practicable support in transferring to another TEI to complete their training.
7. All reasonable practical support will be given to students exercising their choice under this policy. However, the SCTEI accepts no financial responsibility for any extra costs thereby incurred by students, and no such responsibility may be inferred from this policy.²

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¹ In this policy, this and other provisions are understood to include the situation where necessary approvals are withdrawn, meaning that the programme is no longer recognised as a valid training route for a particular student's form of ministry.

² Such costs may be met by any sponsoring church, diocese or parish, but that is outside the scope of this policy.