

# Authorised Statutory Declaration Witnesses\*

*For the purposes of the Oaths and Affirmations Act 2018*

**\*Please note: any person authorised to witness statutory declarations is also authorised to certify copies of original documents.**

- A person currently licensed or registered to practice in Australia as one of the following occupations:
  - Architect
  - Chiropractor
  - Conveyancer
  - Dentist
  - Financial adviser or financial planner
  - Legal practitioner
  - Medical practitioner
  - Midwife
  - Migration agent
  - Nurse
  - Occupational therapist
  - Optometrist
  - Patent attorney
  - Pharmacist
  - Physiotherapist
  - Psychologist
  - Trade marks attorney
  - Veterinary surgeon
- An accountant who meets at least one of the following criteria:
  - Fellow of the National Tax Accountants' Association
  - Member of Chartered Accountants Australia and New Zealand
  - Member of the Association of Taxation and Management Accountants
  - Member of CPA Australia
  - Member of the Institute of Public Accountants

- Agent of the Australian Postal Corporation who is in charge of an office supplying postal services to the public
- Australian Public Service employee engaged on an ongoing basis with 5 or more years of continuous service who is not otherwise authorised
- Australian Consular Officer or Australian Diplomatic Officer
- Bailiff
- Bank officer with 5 or more continuous years of service
- Building society officer with 5 or more years of continuous service
- Chief executive officer of a Commonwealth court
- Clerk of a court
- Commissioner for Affidavits
- Commissioner for Declarations
- Credit union officer with 5 or more years of continuous service
- Employee of a Commonwealth authority engaged on a permanent basis with 5 or more years of continuous service who is not otherwise authorised
- Employee of the Australian Trade and Investment Commission who is authorised in writing by the Secretary of DFAT to collect fees under s 3(d) of the *Consular Fees Act 1955*, if at a place outside Australia and in the course of the employee's duties at that place
- Employee of the Commonwealth who is authorised in writing by the Secretary of DFAT to collect fees under s 3(d) of the *Consular Fees Act 1955*, if at a place outside Australia and in the course of the employee's duties at that place
- An engineer who meets at least one of the following criteria:
  - A member of Engineers Australia, other than a student
  - A Registered Professional Engineer of Professionals Australia
  - Registered as an engineer under a law of the Commonwealth or a State or Territory
  - Registered on the National Engineering Register by Engineers Australia
- Finance company officer with 5 or more years of continuous service
- Holder of a Commonwealth statutory office not otherwise specified
  - For example, Director of the Australian Institute of Family Studies
- IBAC Officers
- Judge
- Justice of the Peace
- Local government Councillor
- Magistrate
- Registered marriage celebrant
- Master of a court
- Member of the Australian Defence Force who meets at least one of the following criteria:
  - An officer
  - A non-commissioned officer with 5 or more years of continuous service
  - A warrant officer
- Member of the Australasian Institute of Mining and Metallurgy
- Member of the Governance Institute of Australia Ltd
- Member of the Parliament of a State
- Member of a Territory legislature
- Member of a local government authority

- Registered minister of religion
- Notary public, including a notary public exercising functions at a place outside either the Commonwealth or the external Territories of the Commonwealth
- Permanent employee of the Australian Postal Corporation with 5 or more years continuous service who is employed in an office providing postal services to the public
- Permanent employee with 5 or more years of continuous service who is not otherwise specified, if employed at one of the following:
  - State
  - Territory
  - State authority
  - Territory authority
  - Local government authority
- Police officer
- Police reservist
- Protective service officer (PSO)
- Registrar, or Deputy Registrar, of a court
- A school principal
- Senior executive employee of a Commonwealth authority
- Senior executive employee of a State or Territory
- Senior Executive Service employee of the Commonwealth
- Sheriff
- Sheriff's officer
- State Trustees officer or employee with a classification level of 2 or above
- Teacher employed on a permanent full-time or part-time basis at a school or tertiary education institution
- Transport Accident Commission officer or employee with a classification of level 2 or above
- VicRoads officer or employee with a classification of level 2 or above
- Victorian Inspectorate Officer
- A Victorian Public Service employee with a prescribed classification level of 2 or above
  - For example, a project officer employed as a VPS4 or an administrative assistant employed as a VPS2
- Victorian WorkCover Authority officer or employee with a classification of band 2 or above
- Any authorised affidavit taker, including:
  - A judicial officer
    - For example, a judge or magistrate
  - An associate to a judicial officer
  - An honorary justice
  - The prothonotary or a deputy prothonotary of the Supreme Court
  - The registrar of probates or an assistant registrar of probates
  - The registrar or a deputy registrar of the County Court
  - The principal registrar, a registrar or a deputy registrar of the Magistrates' Court
  - The principal registrar, a registrar or a deputy registrar of the Children's Court
  - The principal registrar, a registrar or a deputy registrar of VCAT
  - The principal registrar or a registrar of the Coroners Court
  - A member of VCAT

- A member or former member of either House of the Parliament of Victoria
- A member or former member of either House of the Parliament of the Commonwealth
- A public notary
- A senior officer of a Victorian municipal Council who meets one of the following criteria:
  - Chief Executive Officer
  - A member of Council staff with management responsibilities and reporting directly to the Chief Executive Officer
  - Any other member of Council staff earning a salary of at least \$124,000 (or a higher threshold, if specified by the Minister under s 97B of the Local Government Act 1989)
- A fellow of the Institute of Legal Executives (Victoria)
- A person acting judicially
  - For example, an arbitrator or any person or body with authority to hear, receive and examine evidence
- Any other officer or person empowered, authorised or permitted by or under any Act or rules of a court or rules of a tribunal to administer affidavits