

## Commonwealth of Australia

### PERSONS WHO CAN WITNESS COMMONWEALTH (FEDERAL) STATUTORY DECLARATIONS

A statutory declaration under the *Statutory Declarations Act 1959* (as amended) may be made before -

#### Part 1 - Members of Certain Professions

Chiropractor, Dentist, Legal practitioner, Medical practitioner, Nurse, Patent attorney, Pharmacist, Physiotherapist, Psychologist, Veterinary surgeon

#### Part 2 - Other Persons

Agent of the Australian Postal Corporation who is in charge of an office supplying postal services to the public  
Australian Consular Officer, or Australian Diplomatic Officer, (within the meaning of the *Consular Fees Act 1955*)  
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

Civil marriage celebrant

Clerk of a court

Commissioner for Affidavits

Commissioner for Declarations

Credit union officer with 5 or more years of continuous service

Fellow of the National Tax Accountants' Association

Finance company officer with 5 or more years of continuous service

Holder of a statutory office not specified in another item in this Part

Judge of a court

Justice of the Peace

Magistrate

Master of a court

Member of the Association of Taxation and Management Accountants

Member of the Australian Defence Force who is:

- (a) an officer; or
- (b) a non-commissioned officer with the meaning of the *Defence Force Discipline Act 1982* with 5 or more years of continuous service; or
- (c) warrant officer within the meaning of that Act

Member of the Institute of Chartered Accountants in Australia, the Australian Society of Certified Practising Accountants or the National Institute of Accountants

Member of the Institute of Corporate managers, Secretaries and Administrators

Member of the Institution of Engineers, Australia, other than at the grade of student

Member of:

- (a) the Parliament of the Commonwealth; or
- (b) the Parliament of a State; or
- (c) a Territory legislature; or
- (d) a local government authority of a State or Territory

Minister of religion registered under Division 1 of Part IV of the *Marriage Act 1961*

Notary public

Permanent employee of:

- (a) the Commonwealth or of a Commonwealth authority; or
- (b) a State or Territory or of a State or Territory authority; or
- (c) a local government authority;

with 5 or more years of continuous service who is not specified in another item in this Part

Permanent employee of the Australian Postal Corporation with 5 or more years of continuous service who is employed in an office supplying postal services to the public

Person before whom a statutory declaration may be made under the law of the State or Territory in which the declaration is made

Police Officer

Registrar, or Deputy Registrar, of a court

Senior Executive Service officer of the Commonwealth, or of a State or Territory, or of a Commonwealth, State or Territory authority

Sheriff

Sheriff's officer

Teacher [includes a lecturer, tutor or qualified principal] employed on a full-time basis at a school or tertiary education institution

### PERSONS WHO CAN RECEIVE COMMONWEALTH (FEDERAL) AFFIDAVITS

Section 186 of the Commonwealth *Evidence Act 1995*, provides that an affidavit for use in federal courts, and in other courts exercising federal jurisdiction, may be sworn before any Justice of the Peace, Notary Public or Lawyer, without the issue of any commission for taking affidavits.