

Western Australia

Oaths, Affidavits and Statutory Declarations Act 2005

Authorised Witnesses

A. For a statutory declaration that is made at a place in Western Australia:

- (a) a person listed in the table below; or
- (b) any person before whom, under the *Statutory Declarations Act 1959* (Cth), a statutory declaration may be made (see part D below).

Item	Formal description	Informal description
1.	A member of the academic staff of an institution established under any of the following Acts — <ul style="list-style-type: none">• <i>Curtin University Act 1966</i>;• <i>Edith Cowan University Act 1984</i>;• <i>Murdoch University Act 1973</i>;• <i>University of Notre Dame Australia Act 1989</i>;• <i>University of Western Australia Act 1911</i>;• <i>Vocational Education and Training Act 1996</i>.	Academic (post-secondary institution)
2.	A member of any of the following bodies — <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Association of Taxation and Management Accountants (ACN 002 876 208);• CPA Australia (ACN 008 392 452);• The Institute of Chartered Accountants in Australia (ARBN 084 642 571);• Institute of Public Accountants (ACN 004 130 643);• National Tax & Accountants' Association Limited (ACN 057 551 854).	Accountant
3.	A person who is registered under the <i>Architects Act 2004</i> .	Architect
4.	An Australian Consular Officer within the meaning of the <i>Consular Fees Act 1955</i> of the Commonwealth.	Australian Consular Officer
5.	An Australian Diplomatic Officer within the meaning of the <i>Consular Fees Act 1955</i> of the Commonwealth.	Australian Diplomatic Officer
6.	A bailiff appointed under the <i>Civil Judgments Enforcement Act 2004</i> .	Bailiff
7.	A person appointed to be in charge of the head office or any branch office of an authorised deposit-taking institution carrying on business in the State under the <i>Banking Act 1959</i> of the Commonwealth.	Bank manager
8.	A member of Governance Institute of Australia Ltd (ACN 008 615 950).	Chartered secretary, governance adviser or risk manager
9.	A person who is registered under the <i>Health Practitioner Regulation National Law (Western Australia)</i> in the pharmacy profession.	Chemist

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10.	A person who is registered under the <i>Health Practitioner Regulation National Law (Western Australia)</i> in the chiropractic profession.	Chiropractor
11.	A person registered as an auditor or a liquidator under the <i>Corporations Act 2001</i> of the Commonwealth.	Company auditor or liquidator
12.	A judge, master, magistrate, registrar or clerk, or the chief executive officer, of any court of the State or the Commonwealth.	Court officer
13.	A member of the Australian Defence Force who is — <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • an officer within the meaning of the <i>Defence Force Discipline Act 1982</i> of the Commonwealth; or • a non-commissioned officer within the meaning of that Act with 5 or more years of continuous service; or • a warrant officer within the meaning of that Act. 	Defence force officer
14.	A person registered under the <i>Health Practitioner Regulation National Law (Western Australia)</i> in the dental profession whose name is entered on the Dentists Division of the Register of Dental Practitioners kept under that Law.	Dentist
15.	A person who is registered under the <i>Health Practitioner Regulation National Law (Western Australia)</i> in the medical profession.	Doctor
15A.	A person appointed under the <i>Parliamentary and Electorate Staff (Employment) Act 1992</i> section 4(1)(b)(i) or (2)(b)(i)	Electorate officer of a member of State Parliament
16.	A member of the Institution of Engineers, Australia, other than at the grade of student.	Engineer
17.	The secretary of an organisation of employees or employers that is registered under one of the following Acts — <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Industrial Relations Act 1979</i>; • <i>Workplace Relations Act 1996</i> of the Commonwealth. 	Industrial organisation secretary
18.	A member of the National Insurance Brokers Association of Australia (ACN 006 093 849).	Insurance broker
19.	A Justice of the Peace.	Justice of the Peace
19A.	A person who is a member of the Authority's staff within the meaning given to that term by the <i>Land Information Authority Act 2006</i> section 3.	Landgate officer
20.	An Australian lawyer within the meaning of that term in the <i>Legal Profession Act 2008</i> section 3.	Lawyer
21.	The chief executive officer or deputy chief executive officer of a local government.	Local government CEO or deputy CEO
22.	A member of the council of a local government within the meaning of the <i>Local Government Act 1995</i> .	Local government councillor
23.	A member of the Australasian Institute of Chartered Loss Adjusters (ACN 074 804 167).	Loss adjuster
24.	An authorised celebrant within the meaning of the <i>Marriage Act 1961</i> of the Commonwealth.	Marriage celebrant
25.	A member of either House of Parliament of the State or of the Commonwealth.	Member of Parliament

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25A.	A person registered under the <i>Health Practitioner Regulation National Law (Western Australia)</i> in the midwifery profession.	Midwife
26.	A minister of religion registered under Part IV Division 1 of the <i>Marriage Act 1961</i> of the Commonwealth.	Minister of religion
27.	A person registered under the <i>Health Practitioner Regulation National Law (Western Australia)</i> in the nursing profession.	Nurse
28.	A person registered under the <i>Health Practitioner Regulation National Law (Western Australia)</i> in the optometry profession.	Optometrist
28A.	A person registered under the <i>Health Practitioner Regulation National Law (Western Australia)</i> in the paramedicine profession.	Paramedic
29.	A registered patent attorney under the <i>Patents Act 1990</i> of the Commonwealth.	Patent attorney
30.	A person registered under the <i>Health Practitioner Regulation National Law (Western Australia)</i> in the physiotherapy profession.	Physiotherapist
31.	A person registered under the <i>Health Practitioner Regulation National Law (Western Australia)</i> in the podiatry profession.	Podiatrist
32.	A police officer.	Police officer
33.	The person in charge of an office established by, or conducted by an agent of, Australia Post within the meaning of the <i>Australian Postal Corporation Act 1989</i> of the Commonwealth.	Post office manager
34.	A person registered under the <i>Health Practitioner Regulation National Law (Western Australia)</i> in the psychology profession.	Psychologist
35.	A public notary within the meaning of the <i>Public Notaries Act 1979</i> .	Public notary
36.	An officer of the Commonwealth public service.	Public servant (Commonwealth)
37.	A person who is employed under the <i>Public Sector Management Act 1994</i> Part 3.	Public servant (State)
38.	The holder of a licence under the <i>Real Estate and Business Agents Act 1978</i> .	Real estate agent
39.	The holder of a licence under the <i>Settlement Agents Act 1981</i> .	Settlement agent
40.	The Sheriff of Western Australia and any deputy sheriff appointed by the Sheriff of Western Australia.	Sheriff or deputy sheriff
41.	A licensed surveyor within the meaning of the <i>Licensed Surveyors Act 1909</i> .	Surveyor
42.	A person registered under the <i>Teacher Registration Act 2012</i> .	Registered teacher
43.	A member, registrar or clerk, or the chief executive officer, of any tribunal of the State or the Commonwealth.	Tribunal officer
44.	A registered veterinary surgeon within the meaning of the <i>Veterinary Surgeons Act 1960</i> .	Veterinary surgeon

- B. For a statutory declaration that is made at a place outside Western Australia but within Australia —
- (a) any person who, under the law of that place, has authority to take or receive a statutory, solemn or other declaration; or
 - (b) any person before whom, under the *Statutory Declarations Act 1959* (Cth), a statutory declaration may be made (see Part D below).
- C. For a statutory declaration that is made at any other place —
- (a) a prescribed consular official who is performing official functions at that place;
 - (b) a person who is a justice or notary public under the law of that place;
 - (c) a person who has authority under the law of that place to administer an oath to another person or to take, receive or witness a statutory, solemn or other declaration.
- D. Authorised witnesses under the *Statutory Declarations Act 1959* (Cth):

- (a) a person who is enrolled on the roll of the Supreme Court of a State or Territory, or the High Court of Australia, as a legal practitioner (however described);
- (b) a person who, under a law of the Commonwealth, a State or Territory, is currently licensed or registered to practise in Australia in an occupation listed below:

Occupation

1. Architect
 2. Chiropractor
 3. Dentist
 4. Financial adviser or financial planner
 5. Legal practitioner
 6. Medical practitioner
 7. Midwife
 8. Migration agent registered under Division 3 of Part 3 of the *Migration Act 1958*
 9. Nurse
 10. Occupational therapist
 11. Optometrist
 12. Patent attorney
 13. Pharmacist
 14. Physiotherapist
 15. Psychologist
 16. Trade marks attorney
 17. Veterinary surgeon
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- (c) any of the following persons:

Person

Accountant who is:

- (a) a fellow of the National Tax Accountants' Association; or
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Person
(b) a member of any of the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) Chartered Accountants Australia and New Zealand; (ii) the Association of Taxation and Management Accountants; (iii) CPA Australia; (iv) the Institute of Public Accountants
Agent of the Australian Postal Corporation who is in charge of an office supplying postal services to the public
APS employee engaged on an ongoing basis with 5 or more years of continuous service who is not specified in another item of this Part
Australian Consular Officer or Australian Diplomatic Officer (within the meaning of the <i>Consular Fees Act 1955</i>)
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 specified in another item in this Part
Employee of the Australian Trade and Investment Commission who is: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) in a country or place outside Australia; and (b) authorised under paragraph 3(d) of the <i>Consular Fees Act 1955</i>; and (c) exercising the employee's function at that place
Employee of the Commonwealth who is: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) at a place outside Australia; and (b) authorised under paragraph 3(c) of the <i>Consular Fees Act 1955</i>; and (c) exercising the employee's function at that place
Engineer who is: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) a member of Engineers Australia, other than at the grade of student; or (b) a Registered Professional Engineer of Professionals Australia; or (c) registered as an engineer under a law of the Commonwealth, a State or Territory; or (d) registered on the National Engineering Register by Engineers Australia
Finance company officer with 5 or more years of continuous service
Holder of a statutory office not specified in another item of this Part
Judge
Justice of the Peace
Magistrate
Marriage celebrant registered under Subdivision C of Division 1 of Part IV of the <i>Marriage Act 1961</i>
Master of a court

Person

Member of the Australian Defence Force who is:

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

Member of the Australasian Institute of Mining and Metallurgy

Member of the Governance Institute of Australia Ltd

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

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

Notary public, including a notary public (however described) exercising functions at a place outside:

- (a) the Commonwealth; and
- (b) the external Territories of the Commonwealth

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

Permanent employee of:

- (a) a State or Territory or a State or Territory authority; or
- (b) a local government authority;

with 5 or more years of continuous service, other than such an employee who is specified in another item of this Part

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 employee of a Commonwealth authority

Senior executive employee of a State or Territory

SES employee of the Commonwealth

Sheriff

Sheriff's officer

Teacher employed on a permanent full-time or part-time basis at a school or tertiary education institution
