

From the Australian Government Attorney-General's Department Who can witness your statutory declaration?

Your witness must:

- be on the [list of approved witnesses](#), and
- have a [connection to Australia](#) or
- be a [notary public](#) (with or without a connection to Australia)

Your **approved witness** can be a:

- family member
- friend
- person related to the content in your statement

But you should check with the person that asked for the declaration if they will accept it.

List of approved witnesses

A person who is licenced or registered in these occupations

These people can witness your statutory declaration if they are licenced in Australia. Or, if they are registered to practice their work in Australia.

- architect
- chiropractor
- dentist
- financial adviser or financial planner
- legal practitioner, with or without a practicing certificate
- medical practitioner
- midwife
- migration agent registered under Division 3 of Part 3 of the *Migration Act 1958*
- nurse
- occupational therapist
- optometrist
- patent attorney
- pharmacist
- physiotherapist
- psychologist
- trade marks attorney
- veterinary surgeon

A person who is on this list

These people can witness your statutory declaration because they are a member of a professional body or organisation in Australia. Or, they work in a position connected to Australia.

- accountant who is:
 - a. a fellow of the National Tax Accountants' Association, or
 - b. a member of:
 - 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 (Australia Post) who is in charge of an office that provides postal services to the public
- 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
- 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 under *Consular Fees Act 1955*
- bailiff
- bank officer with 5 or more years of continuous 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
- permanent employee of a [Commonwealth authority- external site](#) with 5 or more years of continuous service who is not specified in another item in this Part
- engineer who is:
 - a. a member of Engineers Australia but not a student
 - b. a Registered Professional Engineer of Professionals Australia
 - 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 in this list
- judge
- Justice of the Peace
- magistrate
- marriage celebrant registered under the *Marriage Act 1961*
- master of a court
- 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
 - b. the parliament of a state
 - c. a territory legislature
 - d. a local government authority
- minister of religion registered under 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 a state or territory, or a state or territory authority, with 5 or more years of continuous service, other than such an employee who is specified in another item of this Part
- permanent employee of 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
- prison officer employed by the Commonwealth or a state, territory or local government authority with more than 5 years of continuous service
- 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 full-time or part-time at a school or tertiary education institution
- veterinary surgeons