

Commonwealth of Australia  
STATUTORY DECLARATION  
*Statutory Declarations Act 1959*

1 *Insert the name,  
address and  
occupation of  
person making the  
declaration*

I, <sup>1</sup> \_\_\_\_\_  
(name)  
\_\_\_\_\_  
(address and occupation)  
\_\_\_\_\_

make the following declaration under the *Statutory Declarations Act 1959*:

2 *Set out matter  
declared to in  
numbered  
paragraphs*

<sup>2</sup>  
I was born on \_\_\_\_\_ at \_\_\_\_\_

It is impracticable for me to provide a birth certificate for the purpose of marriage as required  
By Section 42(1)(b) of the Marriage Act, 1961 for the following reason.

I understand that a person who intentionally makes a false statement in a statutory declaration is guilty  
of an offence under section 11 of the *Statutory Declarations Act 1959*, and I believe that the  
statements in this declaration are true in every particular.

3 *Signature of  
person making the  
declaration*

<sup>3</sup>

4 *Place*  
5 *Day*  
6 *Month and year*

Declared at <sup>4</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ on <sup>5</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ of <sup>6</sup> \_\_\_\_\_

Before me,

7 *Signature of  
person before  
whom the  
declaration is  
made (see over)*

<sup>7</sup>

8 *Full name,  
qualification and  
address of person  
before whom the  
declaration is  
made (in printed  
letters)*

<sup>8</sup>

*Note 1* A person who intentionally makes a false statement in a statutory declaration is guilty of an offence, the punishment for  
which is imprisonment for a term of 4 years — see section 11 of the *Statutory Declarations Act 1959*.

*Note 2* Chapter 2 of the *Criminal Code* applies to all offences against the *Statutory Declarations Act 1959* — see section 5A of  
the *Statutory Declarations Act 1959*.

**A statutory declaration under the *Statutory Declarations Act 1959* may be made before—**

(1) a person who is currently licensed or registered under a law to practise in one of the following occupations:

|                      |                      |                    |
|----------------------|----------------------|--------------------|
| Chiropractor         | Dentist              | Legal practitioner |
| Medical practitioner | Nurse                | Optometrist        |
| Patent attorney      | Pharmacist           | Physiotherapist    |
| Psychologist         | Trade marks attorney | Veterinary surgeon |

(2) 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); or

(3) a person who is in the following list:

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*)  
Bailliff

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 the Australian Trade Commission who is:

- (a) in a country or place outside Australia; and
- (b) authorised under paragraph 3 (d) of the *Consular Fees Act 1955*; and
- (c) exercising his or her function in that place

Employee of the Commonwealth who is:

- (a) in a country or place outside Australia; and
- (b) authorised under paragraph 3 (c) of the *Consular Fees Act 1955*; and
- (c) exercising his or her function in that place

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 list  
Judge of a court  
Justice of the Peace  
Magistrate

Marriage celebrant registered under Subdivision C of Division 1 of Part IV of the *Marriage Act 1961*  
Master of a court

Member of Chartered Secretaries Australia  
Member of Engineers Australia, other than at the grade of student  
Member of the Association of Taxation and Management Accountants  
Member of the Australasian Institute of Mining and Metallurgy

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

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 Subdivision A of Division 1 of Part IV of the *Marriage Act 1961*

Notary 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

Permanent employee of:

- (a) the Commonwealth or a Commonwealth authority; or
  - (b) a State or Territory or 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 list

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 employee of:

- (a) the Commonwealth or a Commonwealth authority; or
- (b) a State or Territory or a State or Territory authority

Sheriff

Sheriff's officer

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