

PERSONS WHO CAN WITNESS STATUTORY DECLARATIONS

- A Justice of the Peace or a Bail Justice
- A Public Notary
- A barrister and solicitor of the Supreme Court
- A clerk to a barrister and solicitor of the Supreme Court
- The Prothonotary or a Deputy Prothonotary of the Supreme Court, the Registrar or a Deputy Registrar of the County Court, the Principal Registrar of the Magistrates' Court or a Registrar or Deputy Registrar of the Magistrates' Court
- The Registrar of Probates or an Assistant Registrar of Probates
- The Associate to a Judge of the Supreme Court or of the County Court
- The Secretary of a Master of the Supreme Court or of the County Court
- A person registered as a Patent Attorney under Part XV of the Patents Act 1952 of the Commonwealth
- A member of the police force
- The sheriff or a deputy sheriff
- A member or a former member of either House of the Parliament of Victoria
- A member or a former member of either House of the Parliament of the Commonwealth
- A councillor of a municipality
- A senior officer of a Council as defined in the Local Government Act 1989
- A registered medical practitioner within the meaning of the Medical Practice Act 1994
- A registered dentist within the meaning of the Dental Practice Act 1999.
- A veterinary practitioner
- A pharmacist
- A principal in the [State] teaching service
- The manager of an authorised deposit-taking institution
- A member of the Institute of Chartered Accountants in Australia or the Australian Society of Accountants or the National Institute of Accountants
- The secretary of a building society
- A minister of religion authorised to celebrate marriages [not a civil celebrant]
- A person employed under Part 3 of the Public Administration Act 2004 with a classification that is prescribed as a classification for statutory declarations or who holds office in a statutory authority with such a classification
- A fellow of the Institute of Legal Executives (Victoria)

PERSONS WHO CAN RECEIVE AFFIDAVITS

- Any Judge or the Associate to any Judge
- A Master of the Supreme Court or the County Court or the Secretary of such a Master
- A Justice of the Peace or a Bail Justice
- The Prothonotary or a Deputy Prothonotary of the Supreme Court, the Registrar or a Deputy Registrar of the County Court, the Principal Registrar of the Magistrates' Court or a Registrar or Deputy Registrar of the Magistrates' Court
- The Registrar of Probates or an Assistant Registrar of Probates
- The Registrar or Deputy Registrar of the Legal Profession Tribunal
- 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
- [Solicitor]: A natural person who is a current practitioner or registered interstate practitioner within the meaning of the Legal Practice Act 1996
- A member of the police force of or above the rank of sergeant or for the time being in charge of a police station
- A person employed under Part 3 of the Public Administration Act 2004 with a classification that is prescribed for receiving affidavits
- A senior officer of a Council as defined in the Local Government Act 1989
- A person registered as a Patent Attorney under Part XV of the Patents Act 1952 of the Commonwealth
- A fellow of the Institute of Legal Executives (Victoria)

Please note:

This list contains the persons who are accepted as Authorised Witnesses for documents that are remaining within Victoria.

For any documents that are being sent **interstate**, it is best for them to be signed by a Justice of the Peace or a solicitor.

For any documents that are being sent **overseas**, it is best for them to be signed by a Justice of the Peace or a Public Notary, depending on the country. For example, Commonwealth countries will usually accept either one, but European countries will usually insist on the seal of a Public Notary.