

Instructions for completing a statutory declaration

Please complete the following form using the notes in the left-hand margin for guidance. More guidance on making statutory declarations can be found at www.justice.vic.gov.au.

When making the statutory declaration the declarant must say aloud:

I, [full name of person making declaration] of [address], declare that the contents of this statutory declaration are true and correct.

Statutory Declaration

Insert the name, address and occupation (or alternatively, unemployed or retired or child) of person making the statutory declaration.

I, _____ (full name)
of, _____ (address)
_____ (occupation)

Set out matter declared to in numbered paragraphs. Add numbers as necessary.

make the following statutory declaration under the **Oaths and Affirmations Act 2018**:

1. I confirm that I meet the eligibility requirements for a short-stay at a retreat provided by the registered charity, Forever Held Foundation Ltd.

I declare that the contents of this statutory declaration are true and correct and I make it knowing that making a statutory declaration that I know to be untrue is an offence.

Signature of person making the declaration

Place (City, town or suburb)

Declared at

*in the state of Victoria

Date

on _____

Signature of authorised statutory declaration witness

I am an authorised statutory declaration witness and I sign this document in the presence of the person making the declaration:

Date

on _____

Name, capacity in which authorised person has authority to witness statutory declaration, and address (writing, typing or stamp)

A person authorised under section 30(2) of the **Oaths and Affirmations Act 2018** to witness the signing of a statutory declaration.

The witness must only sign this section if the person making the statutory declaration is illiterate, blind or cognitively impaired and the statutory declaration is read to them.

I certify that I read this statutory declaration to *[name of the person making the statutory declaration]* at the time the statutory declaration was made.

This section must be signed by any person who has assisted the person making the statutory declaration, for example by translating the document or reading it aloud. If no assistance was required, this section does not need to be completed.

I certify that I have assisted *[name of the declarant]* by *[insert assistance provided, for example translating the document]*.

Signed: _____

Date

Name and address of person providing assistance

On: _____

Name and address of person providing assistance:

Under Section 19 of the *Oaths and Affirmations Act 2018* (as of 1 March 2019), previously *Evidence (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1958*, the list of persons who may witness statutory declarations includes:

- A person currently licensed or registered to practice in Australia as one of the following occupations:
 - Architect
 - Chiropractor
 - Conveyancer
 - Dentist
 - Financial adviser or financial planner
 - Legal practitioner
 - Medical practitioner
 - Midwife
 - Migration agent
 - Nurse
 - Occupational therapist
 - Optometrist
 - Patent attorney
 - Pharmacist
 - Physiotherapist
 - Psychologist
 - Trade marks attorney
 - Veterinary surgeon
- An accountant who meets at least one of the following criteria:
 - Fellow of the National Tax Accountants' Association
 - Member of Chartered Accountants Australia and New Zealand
 - Member of the Association of Taxation and Management Accountants
 - Member of CPA Australia
 - Member of the Institute of Public Accountants
- Agent of the Australian Postal Corporation who is in charge of an office supplying postal services to the public
- Australian Public Service employee engaged on an ongoing basis with 5 or more years of continuous service who is not otherwise authorised
- Australian Consular Officer or Australian Diplomatic Officer
- 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 otherwise authorised
- Employee of the Australian Trade and Investment Commission who is authorised in writing by the Secretary of DFAT to collect fees under s 3(d) of the *Consular Fees Act 1955*, if at a place outside Australia and in the course of the employee's duties at that place
- Employee of the Commonwealth who is authorised in writing by the Secretary of DFAT to collect fees under s 3(c) of the *Consular Fees Act 1955*, if at a place outside Australia and in the course of the employee's duties at that place
- An engineer who meets at least one of the following criteria:
 - A member of Engineers Australia, other than a student
 - A Registered Professional Engineer of Professionals Australia
 - Registered as an engineer under a law of the Commonwealth or a State or Territory
 - Registered on the National Engineering Register by Engineers Australia
- Finance company officer with 5 or more years of continuous service
- Holder of a Commonwealth statutory office not otherwise specified
 - For example, Director of the Australian Institute of Family Studies
- IBAC Officers
- Judge
- Justice of the Peace
- Local government Councillor
- Magistrate
- Registered marriage celebrant
- Master of a court
- Member of the Australian Defence Force who meets at least one of the following criteria:
 - An officer
 - A non-commissioned officer with 5 or more years of continuous service
 - A warrant officer

- Member of the Australasian Institute of Mining and Metallurgy
- Member of the Governance Institute of Australia Ltd
- Member of the Parliament of a State
- Member of a Territory legislature
- Member of a local government authority
- Registered minister of religion
- Notary public, including a notary public exercising functions at a place outside either the Commonwealth or the external Territories of the Commonwealth
- Permanent employee of the Australian Postal Corporation with 5 or more years continuous service who is employed in an office providing postal services to the public
- Permanent employee with 5 or more years of continuous service who is not otherwise specified, if employed at one of the following:
 - State
 - Territory
 - State authority
 - Territory authority
 - Local government authority
- Police officer
- Police reservist
- Protective service officer (PSO)
- Registrar, or Deputy Registrar, of a court
- A school principal
- Senior executive employee of a Commonwealth authority
- Senior executive employee of a State or Territory
- Senior Executive Service employee of the Commonwealth
- Sheriff
- Sheriff's officer
- State Trustees officer or employee with a classification level of 2 or above
- Teacher employed on a permanent full-time or part-time basis at a school or tertiary education institution
- Transport Accident Commission officer or employee with a classification of level 2 or above
- VicRoads officer or employee with a classification of level 2 or above
- Victorian Inspectorate Officer
- A Victorian Public Service employee with a prescribed classification level of 2 or above
 - For example, a project officer employed as a VPS4 or an administrative assistant employed as a VPS2
- Victorian WorkCover Authority officer or employee with a classification of band 2 or above
- Any authorised affidavit taker, including:
 - A judicial officer
 - For example, a judge or magistrate
 - An associate to a judicial officer
 - An honorary justice
 - The prothonotary or a deputy prothonotary of the Supreme Court
 - The registrar of probates or an assistant registrar of probates
 - The registrar or a deputy registrar of the County Court
 - The principal registrar, a registrar or a deputy registrar of the Magistrates' Court
 - The principal registrar, a registrar or a deputy registrar of the Children's Court
 - The principal registrar, a registrar or a deputy registrar of VCAT
 - The principal registrar or a registrar of the Coroners Court
 - A member of VCAT
 - 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
 - A senior officer of a Victorian municipal Council who meets one of the following criteria:
 - Chief Executive Officer
 - A member of Council staff with management responsibilities and reporting directly to the Chief Executive Officer
 - Any other member of Council staff earning a salary of at least \$124,000 (or a higher threshold, if specified by the Minister under s 97B of the *Local Government Act 1989*)
 - A fellow of the Institute of Legal Executives (Victoria)
 - A person acting judicially
 - For example, an arbitrator or any person or body with authority to hear, receive and examine evidence
 - Any other officer or person empowered, authorised or permitted by or under any Act or rules of a court or rules of a tribunal to administer affidavits
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