

Statutory Declaration

Authorised Witnesses

In accordance with the *Evidence Act 1958*, any of the following persons may witness the signing of a statutory declaration within Victoria:

- a justice of the peace or 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
- the Registrar or a 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 chapter 20 of the *Patents Act 1990*
- a member of the police force
- the Sheriff or a Deputy Sheriff
- 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 councillor of a municipality
- a senior officer of a council as defined in the *Local Government Act 1989*
- a medical practitioner registered under the *Health Professions Registrations Act 2005*
- a dentist registered under the *Health Professions Registration Act 2005*
- a veterinary practitioner
- a pharmacist
- a principal in the teaching service
- the manager of an authorised deposit taking institution (bank and other financial institutions)
- 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
- a person employed under Part 3 of the *Public Administration Act 2004* with 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).

WARNING

It is a criminal offence to provide a false declaration. Where Care Park has evidence that indicates the content of a statutory declaration is untrue, it is company policy to **refer the matter to police for investigation and prosecution**. Several people have recently been **imprisoned for making false declarations** to avoid minor offences.