Who can certify a document?

It’s easier than you think to get your document/s certified. You just need to find the right person.

Whether you are in Australia or residing in another country, the following list will help you find someone to certify your document/s.

Those who are approved to certify documents include someone who holds registration, enrolment or occupation as described in the list IN AUSTRALIA:

1. Currently licensed or registered under a law to practise as a chiropractor, dentist, legal practitioner, medical practitioner, nurse, optometrist, patent attorney, pharmacist, physiotherapist, psychologist, trademarks attorney or veterinary surgeon;
2. 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. Any of the following:
   - 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)
   - Bailiff
   - Bank officer with five or more continuous years of service
   - Building society officer with five 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 five or more years of continuous service
   - Employee of the Australian Trade Commission who is:
     - in a country or place outside Australia; and
     - authorised under paragraph 3 (d) of the Consular Fees Act 1955; and
     - exercising his or her function in that place.
   - Employee of the Commonwealth who is:
     - in a country or place outside Australia; and
     - authorised under paragraph 3 (c) of the Consular Fees Act 1955; and
     - exercising his or her function in that place
   - Fellow of the National Tax Accountants’ Association
   - Finance company officer with five 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:
     - an officer; or
     - a non-commissioned officer within the meaning of the Defence Force Discipline Act 1982 with five or more years of continuous service; or
     - 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 the Parliament of the Commonwealth, the Parliament of a State, a Territory legislature or 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 five or more years of continuous service who is employed in an office supplying postal services to the public
   - Permanent employee of:
     - the Commonwealth or a Commonwealth authority; or
     - a State or Territory or a State or Territory authority; or
     - a local government authority, with five 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:
     - the Commonwealth or a Commonwealth authority; or
     - 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