

# How to get your documents certified.



Please provide certified copies of the relevant identification documents.

A certified copy is a document which has been certified as a true and correct copy of the original document by an approved certifier. The certifier should certify that the photocopy is a true and correct copy of the original by writing on and signing the photocopy as follows:

I, [full name of authorised certifier], as [select appropriate person from authorised list refer page 2-3], certify that this [name of document] is a true copy of the original.

*Signature*

Date

## Example

- **ONE Primary Photographic Identification Document**

(all information on documents must be clear and legible), for example:



I, Sam Sample, as a Medical Practitioner, certify that this Driver Licence, is a true copy of the original.

*Sam*

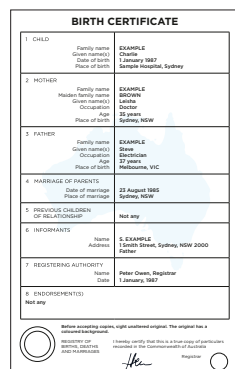
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Driver Licence certified and signed by Medical Practitioner.

## OR

- **ONE Primary Non-Photographic Identification Document AND ONE Secondary Identification Document**

(all information on documents must be clear and legible), for example:



I, Sam Sample, as a Medical Practitioner, certify that this Australian Birth Certificate and Medicare card, is a true copy of the original.

*Sam*

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Birth Certificate and Medicare card certified and signed by Medical Practitioner.

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## Acceptable persons for certifying documents in Australia.

- A person who, under a law in force in a State or Territory, is currently licensed or registered to practise in one of the following occupations:
  - Architect
  - Chiropractor
  - Dentist
  - Financial adviser or planner
  - Legal practitioner
  - Medical practitioner
  - Midwife
  - Migration agent registered under Division 3 of Part 3 of the *Migration Act 1958*
  - Nurse
  - Occupational therapist
  - Optometrist
  - Patent attorney
  - Pharmacist
  - Physiotherapist
  - Psychologist
  - Trade marks attorney
  - Veterinary surgeon
- 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)
- Accountant who is:
  - a fellow of the National Tax Accountants' Association; or
  - a member of any of the following:
    - Chartered Accountants Australia and New Zealand;
    - the Association of Taxation and Management Accountants;
    - CPA Australia; or
    - 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 (APS) employee engaged on an ongoing basis with 2 or more years of continuous service not specified elsewhere in this list
- Australian Consular Officer or Australian Diplomatic Officer (within the meaning of the *Consular Fees Act 1955*)
- Bailiff
- Bank officer with 2 or more continuous years of service
- Building society officer with 2 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 2 or more years of continuous service
- Employee of the Australian Trade and Investment Commission who is:
  - in a country or place outside of Australia; and
  - authorised under paragraph 3(d) of the *Consular Fees Act 1955*; and
  - exercising his or her function at 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
- Engineer who is:
  - a member of Engineers Australia, other than at the grade of student; or
  - a Registered Professional Engineer of Professionals Australia; or
  - registered as an engineer under a law of the Commonwealth, a State or Territory; or
  - registered on the National Engineering Register by Engineers Australia
- Finance company officer with 2 or more years of continuous service
- Holder of a statutory office not specified elsewhere in this list
- Judge
- 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 the Australian Defence Force who is:
  - an officer; or



## Acceptable persons for certifying documents in Australia (continued).

- a non-commissioned officer within the meaning of the *Defence Force Discipline Act 1982* with 2 or more years of continuous service; or
- a warrant officer within the meaning of that Act
- Member of the Australasian Institute of Mining and Metallurgy
- Member of the Governance Institute of Australia Ltd
- Member of:
  - the Parliament of the Commonwealth; or
  - the Parliament of a State; or
  - 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 2 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 2 or more years of continuous service and is a person not already specified elsewhere 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 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
- An officer with, or authorised representative of, a holder of an Australian financial services licence, having 2 or more years of continuous service with one or more licensees
- An officer with, or a credit representative of, a holder of an Australian credit licence, having 2 or more years of continuous service with one or more licensees

## Acceptable persons for certifying documents outside Australia.

- A legal practitioner who holds a current practicing certificate under a law in force in a State or Territory in Australia
- An officer of an Australian bank, building society or finance company branch or office located in a foreign jurisdiction with 2 or more years of continuous service (includes or an employee of Westpac New Zealand Limited with 2 or more years of continuous service)
- Australian Consular Officer or Australian Diplomatic Officer (within the meaning of the *Consular Fees Act 1955*)
- Employee of the Australian Trade and Investment Commission who is:
  - in a country or place outside of Australia; and
  - authorised under paragraph 3(d) of the *Consular Fees Act 1955*; and
  - exercising his or her function at 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
- Judge of a court
- Magistrate
- Registrar, or Deputy Registrar, of a court
- A person authorised as a notary public in a foreign jurisdiction
- Accountant who is:
  - a fellow of the National Tax Accountants' Association; or
  - a member of any of the following:
    - Chartered Accountants Australia and New Zealand;
    - the Association of Taxation and Management Accountants;
    - CPA Australia; or
    - the Institute of Public Accountants
- A person who is authorised by law in the relevant jurisdiction to administer oaths or affirmations or to authenticate documents