

Authorised people to witness execution of documents

State or Territory	Authorised Witness for mortgages signed by individuals can be any person who is:	
	Inside Australia	Outside Australia
QLD Mortgage	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • a Justice of the Peace; • a Commissioner for Declarations or faking Affidavits; • a Barrister; • a Solicitor; • a Barrister and Solicitor; • a Legal Practitioner; 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A Notary Public; An 'Australian Consular Officer' including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • an Ambassador; • a High Commissioner/Commissioner/Trade Commissioner • a Minister/Head of Mission; • a Charge d'Affaires; • a Counsellor or Secretary at the Australian Embassy, High Commissioner's office, Legation or other post; • a Consul-General/Consul/Vice-Consul/Consular Agent of the Australian Embassy
Victorian Mortgage Tasmanian Mortgage	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • not a party to the dealing/instrument; • over 18 years of age and not under any legal disability • whose full name and address is stated on the instrument* <p>*For Tasmania: include occupation</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A Notary Public; An 'Australian Consular Officer' including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • an Ambassador; • a High Commissioner/Commissioner/Trade Commissioner • a Minister/Head of Mission; • a Charge d'Affaires; • a Counsellor or Secretary at the Australian Embassy, High Commissioner's office, Legation or other post; • a Consul-General/Consul/Vice-Consul/Consular Agent of the Australian Embassy
New South Wales* Mortgage Australian Capital Territory Mortgage	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • not a party to the dealing/instrument; • over 18 years of age and not under any legal disability; and • whose full name and address is stated on the instrument* 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • an Australian or British Consular Officer exercising their function in that country • Commissioned Officer in the Defence Force of the Commonwealth of Australia; • Judge / Magistrate / a Notary Public; • Justice of the Peace; • Commissioner for taking Affidavits; • Officer-in-Charge of a Police Station; • Mayor or other Chief Officer/Town Clerk or Executive officer administering any Local Government Corporation or Local Government
South Australian Mortgage	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • either knows the person executing the instrument personally or is satisfied as to his or her identity; • over 18 years of age and not under any legal disability; • whose full name, address and telephone number is stated on the instrument; and • is not a party to the instrument/dealing 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A Notary Public; An 'Australian Consular Officer' including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • an Ambassador; • a High Commissioner/Commissioner/Trade Commissioner • a Minister/Head of Mission; • a Charge d'Affaires; • a Counsellor or Secretary at the Australian Embassy, High Commissioner's office, Legation or other post; • a Consul-General/Consul/Vice-Consul/Consular Agent of the Australian Embassy
Western Australian Mortgage*	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • not a party to the dealing/instrument; • over 18 years of age and not under any legal disability; and • whose full name, address and occupation is stated on the instrument <p>*Different requirements apply for instruments executed for Crown Land</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A Notary Public; An 'Australian Consular Officer' including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • an Ambassador; • a High Commissioner/Commissioner/Trade Commissioner • a Minister/Head of Mission; • a Charge d'Affaires; • a Consul-General/Consul/Vice-Consul; • a Judge or Magistrate qualified and entitled to practice law; • an elected member of Parliament or other representative body at the equivalent of State or Federal level; • a person qualified and entitled to practice as a doctor of medicine; • a person qualified and entitled to practice as a civil, electrical or mechanical engineer; • a qualified schoolteacher • a University Lecturer • the Mayor of the town; • the Mayor of the town;
Nothern Territory Mortgage	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • a Commissioner for Oaths; • a member of the Legislative Assembly; • a Legal Practitioner; • a person holding office under the Supreme Court Act, the Justices Act, the Local Court or the Registration Act; • a Member of the Police Force; • a person licensed as a conveyancing agent or real estate agent under the Agents Licensing Act; • a Notary Public • Any other person approved by the Registrar-General; • Is not a party to the instrument/dealing 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • a Notary Public; • an officer of judge of the Superior Court of that place; • a British or Australian diplomat in that place; or • a British or Australian diplomat in that place; or
Companies	For mortgages executed by companies, the mortgage is valid if it is executed in a way permitted by law.	