

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