



## **Social Security (Administration) (Authorised Certifier) Determination 2019**

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I, Kathryn Campbell, Secretary of the Department of Social Services, make the following determination.

Dated 10 December 2019

Kathryn Campbell AO CSC  
Secretary of the Department of Social Services

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## 1 Name

This instrument is the *Social Security (Administration) (Authorised Certifier) Determination 2019*.

## 2 Commencement

- (1) Each provision of this instrument specified in column 1 of the table commences, or is taken to have commenced, in accordance with column 2 of the table. Any other statement in column 2 has effect according to its terms.

Commencement information		
Column 1	Column 2	Column 3
Provisions	Commencement	Date/Details
1. The whole of this instrument	20 December 2019.	20 December 2019

Note: This table relates only to the provisions of this instrument as originally made. It will not be amended to deal with any later amendments of this instrument.

- (2) Any information in column 3 of the table is not part of this instrument. Information may be inserted in this column, or information in it may be edited, in any published version of this instrument.

## 3 Authority

This instrument is made under subsection 63A(9) of the *Social Security (Administration) Act 1999*.

## 4 Definitions

In this instrument:

*Act* means the *Social Security (Administration) Act 1999*.

*social security recipient* means a person required by section 63 of the Act to give a proof of life certificate (as defined in the Act).

## 5 Authorised certifier

- (1) For the purposes of subsection 63A(9) of the Act, the classes of persons specified in subsections (2) and (3) of this section are determined.

Note: A person included in a class of persons specified in this instrument is an **authorised certifier** for the purposes of section 63A of the Act (see subsection 63A(8) of the Act).

*Persons recognised under Australian Law*

- (2) The following classes of person are specified:
- (a) a person who:
- (i) is admitted to the legal profession by a Supreme Court of a State or Territory under a law of a State or Territory; and

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- (ii) holds a certificate to practise as a legal practitioner under a law of a State or Territory;
- (b) a Registrar or Deputy Registrar of a federal court or of a court of a State or Territory;
- (c) a person who is the holder of:
  - (i) an office of a judge, magistrate or justice of a federal court or of a court of a State or Territory; or
  - (ii) an office if the holder has, under an Act of the Commonwealth, a State or a Territory, the same status as a judge, magistrate or justice of a federal court or a court of a State or Territory;
- (d) a justice of the peace;
- (e) a notary public;
- (f) a police officer including:
  - (i) a member of the Australian Federal Police (within the meaning of the *Australian Federal Police Act 1979*); or
  - (ii) a special member (within the meaning of that Act); or
  - (iii) a member, however described, of a police force or police service of a State or Territory who has taken an oath or made an affirmation of office as a police officer;
- (g) an Australian Consular Officer, or Australian Diplomatic Officer, within the meaning of the *Consular Fees Act 1955*;
- (h) a person who is:
  - (i) in a place outside of Australia; and
  - (ii) authorised under paragraph 3(c) or (d) of the *Consular Fees Act 1955* to perform consular acts (within the meaning of that Act) at that place; and
- (i) a person who is a medical practitioner (within the meaning of the *Health Insurance Act 1973*).

### *Persons recognised in social security recipient's place of residence*

- (3) The following classes of person are specified for all social security recipients who are residents of a particular place outside of Australia:
  - (a) a person who, under the law of or applying at that place, is currently authorised or entitled to practise in that place as:
    - (i) a legal practitioner (however described); or
    - (ii) a notary public (however described); or
    - (iii) a medical practitioner (however described); or
    - (iv) a police officer (however described);
  - (b) a person who is the holder of any of the following offices (however described) of a court of, or having jurisdiction at, that place:
    - (i) a judge, magistrate or justice;
    - (ii) a registrar or deputy registrar.