

Accepted Identification Referees

<p>A member of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> the Chartered Accountants Australia and New Zealand, or the Australian Society of Accountants, or the Institute of Public Accountants. 	<p>A member of a municipal, city, town, district or shire council of a State or Territory.</p>	<p>An employee of a financial institution who is authorised by the financial institution to open accounts with the institution.</p>
<p>An agent of a financial institution who is authorised by the financial institution to open accounts with the institution.</p>	<p>A full-time employee of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a financial institution or a corporation that is a registered corporation within the meaning of the <i>Financial Sector (Collection of Data) Act 2001</i> <p>who has been employed continuously for at least 5 years by one or more financial bodies.</p>	<p>An employee of a bank carrying on a business outside Australia:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> that does not have an authority under Section 9 of the <i>Banking Act 1959</i>, and that is engaged in a transaction with a cash dealer <p>who is authorised by the bank to open accounts with the bank.</p>
<p>A full-time employee of a company carrying on insurance business who has been employed continuously for at least 5 years by one or more companies of that type.</p>	<p>A legal practitioner of a Federal, State or Territory Court.</p>	<p>A registrar, clerk, sheriff or bailiff of a Federal, State or Territory Court.</p>
<p>An officer within the meaning of the <i>Defence Act 1903</i>.</p>	<p>An individual registered or licensed as:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a dentist a medical practitioner a pharmacist, or a veterinary surgeon <p>under a law of a State or Territory providing for that registration or licensing.</p>	<p>An individual who is employed and registered as a nurse under the law of a State or Territory providing for that registration.</p>
<p>A diplomatic or consular officer of an Australian Embassy, High Commission or Consulate, in Australia or overseas.</p>	<p>A holder of an office established by a law of the Commonwealth, a State or Territory in respect of which annual salary is payable.</p>	<p>A judge or master of a Federal, State or Territory Court.</p>
<p>A stipendiary magistrate of the Commonwealth or of a State or Territory.</p>	<p>A justice of the peace of a State or Territory.</p>	<p>A member of the Federal Parliament or a State Parliament.</p>
<p>A member of the Legislative Assembly of the Australian Capital Territory, the Northern Territory or Norfolk Island.</p>	<p>A minister of religion who is registered as a marriage celebrant.</p>	<p>A notary public.</p>
<p>A member of the Australian Federal Police, or of the police force of a state or territory, who in the normal course of their duties, oversees a police station.</p>	<p>A member of the Australian Federal Police, or of the police of a state or territory, of or above the rank of sergeant.</p>	<p>A manager of a post office.</p>
<p>An individual employed as an officer or employee by one or more of the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> the Commonwealth, a State or Territory an authority of the Commonwealth a State or Territory, or a local government body of a State or Territory <p>who has been so employed continuously for a period of at least 5 years, whether or not the individual was employed for part of that period as an officer and for part as an employee.</p>	<p>An individual employed as a full-time teacher or as a principal at one or more of the following educational institutions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a primary or secondary school forming part of the education system in a State or Territory or an institution listed in section 4 or paragraphs 34(4)(b) - (j) (inclusive) of the <i>Higher Education Funding Act 1988</i> <p>who has been so employed continuously for a period of at least 5 years.</p>	<p>An individual who, in relation to an Aboriginal community:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> is recognised by the members of the community to be a community elder, or if there is an elected Aboriginal council that represents the community – is an elected member of the council.
<p>An individual who is an agent of a totalisator agency board if:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> the individual conducts an agency of the totalisator agency board at a particular premises and the agency is not ancillary to any other business conducted at those premises. 	<p>A Commissioner for oaths of a State or Territory.</p>	<p>An individual who is registered as a tax agent under part VIIA of the <i>Income Tax Assessment Act 1936</i>.</p>
<p>A member of the Chartered Institute of Company Secretaries in Australia Limited.</p>	<p>A member or fellow of the Association of Taxation and Management Accountants.</p>	<p>A member of the Institution of Engineers Australia, other than a member with the grade of student.</p>
<p>A fellow member of the National Tax and Accountants' Association Limited.</p>		

A guide to acceptable and unacceptable identification referees

This is not a complete list of acceptable identification referees but a list of those referees that are commonly mistaken.

Identification Referees	Acceptable	Unacceptable
<p>An individual registered or licensed as:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Medical practitioner, e.g. general practitioner • Dentist • Pharmacist, or • Veterinary surgeon <p>under a law of a State or Territory providing for that registration or licensing.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Medical Practitioner (e.g. general practitioner) • Dentist • Pharmacist • Veterinary Surgeon. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Optometrist • Psychologist • Chiropractor • Physiotherapist • Podiatrist
<p>An employee of a financial institution who is authorised by the financial institution to open accounts with the institution.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bank manager 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Assistant bank manager • IT manager at a banking institution • Bank clerk • Teller
<p>A member of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • the Chartered Accountants Australia and New Zealand, or • the Australian Society of Accountants, or • the Institute of Public Accountants. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CA (Certified Accountant) • CPA (who are captured under the old name of the Australian Society of Accountants), or • IPA (Institute of Practising Accountant). 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tax agent
<p>A manager of a post office.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Manager operating a Government owned Post Office. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Manager of a post office agency (privately owned)
<p>A member of the Australian Federal Police, or the police of a State or Territory, of or above the rank of sergeant.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Victoria Police members can provide an identification reference only. • Police members of or above the rank of sergeant <p><i>Note: In relation to private security licence applicants, Victoria Police members cannot provide character references.</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Protective Services Officers (PSO) • Police member below the rank of sergeant
<p>A member of the Australian Federal Police, or of the police of a State or Territory, who in the normal course of their duties, oversees a police station.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Victoria Police members can provide an identification reference only. • Victoria Police members below rank of sergeant may provide an identification reference where they, in the normal course of their duties oversee a police station. <p><i>Note: In relation to private security licence applicants, Victoria Police members cannot provide character references.</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Victoria Police member below the rank of sergeant, who in the normal course of their duties does not oversee a police station.
<p>An individual employed as a full-time teacher or as a principal at one or more of the following education institutes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A primary or secondary school forming part of the education system in a State or Territory, or • An institution listed in section 4 or paragraphs 34(4)(b) - (j) (inclusive) of the <i>Higher Education Funding Act 1988</i> who has been so employed continuously for a period of at least 5 years. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Full time primary school teacher • Full time secondary school teacher or principal. <p><i>Note: For a full list of acceptable education institutes: refer to details listed in section 4 or paragraphs 34(4)(b) - (j) (inclusive) of the Higher Education Funding Act 1988.</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tutor, lecturer, or professor at a university (not registered with the Victorian Institute of Teaching), or • Retired teacher.
<p>An officer within the meaning of the <i>Defence Act 1903</i>.</p> <p>"Officer " means:</p> <p>(a) in relation to the Australian Navy - a person appointed as an officer of the Australian Navy, including a person who holds the rank in the Australian Navy of Acting Sub-Lieutenant or of Midshipman or</p> <p>(b) in relation to the Australian Army or the Australian Air Force - a person appointed as an officer of the Australian Army or the Australian Air Force.</p>	<p>An officer within the meaning of the <i>Defence Act 1903</i>.</p>	<p>Non-commissioned officers, such as:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Warrant officer, or • Petty officer.