Registry of Births, Deaths and Marriages Victoria

STATUTORY DECLARATION

Home birth (Witness to the birth)

Births, Deaths and Marriages Registration Act 1996

**Who must complete this statutory declaration?**

**The witness** to a home birth must complete this statutory declaration so that the mother or parent(s) can register the birth.

If more than one child was born (e.g. twins), please fill out a separate declaration for each.

To register the birth, the mother or parent(s) should visit https://www.bdm.vic.gov.au/baby and attach:

* this statutory declaration, and
* a letter from the health practitioner.

**Instructions**

1. Complete the Declaration section below. **Don’t** sign it yet.
2. Find a person authorised to witness a statutory declaration. Ask them to fill out the ‘Witness’ details’ section.
3. You must say aloud, in front of the witness:

“I, (full name) of (address), declare that the contents of this statutory declaration are true and correct.”

1. Sign the declaration in front of the witness.

For information about who can be an authorised witness, visit <https://www.justice.vic.gov.au/statdecs>.

# Witness to the birth’s details

|  |  |
| --- | --- |
| I, (full name) |       |
| of (residential address) |       |
| and (occupation) |       |
| Phone number |       |
| Email address |       |

make the following statutory declaration under the Oaths and Affirmations Act 2018:

# I attended the birth

# Mother’s details

|  |  |
| --- | --- |
| Mother’s full name  |       |

# Child’s details

|  |  |
| --- | --- |
| Child’s full name |       |
| Date of child’s birth(in the format DD/MM/YYYY) |       |

### Place of child’s birth

|  |  |
| --- | --- |
| Street number and name |       |
| Suburb/town |       |
| State | VICTORIA |
| Postcode |       |

### Life status

[ ]  The child was born alive

[ ]  The child was not born alive

### Child’s sex

[ ]  Male

[ ]  Female

[ ]  Non-specific

[ ]  Indeterminate

# Declaration

I declare that the contents of this statutory declaration are true and correct and I make it knowing that making a statutory declaration that I know to be untrue is an offence.

## Say the declaration out loud

In front of the witness, you must say:

"I, (your full name) of (your address), declare that the contents of this statutory declaration are true and correct."

You may now sign the declaration in the presence of the witness.

## Signature

**Signature of person making the declaration**(in the presence of a qualified witness)

Please sign. (Do not type.)

|  |  |
| --- | --- |
| Declared at (place) |       |
| In (state or territory) |       |
| Date (in the format DD/MM/YYYY) |       |

# Witness to this declaration

## Witness’ signature

I am an authorised statutory declaration witness and I sign this document in the presence of the person making the declaration:

**Signature of witness**

Please sign. (Do not type.)

|  |  |
| --- | --- |
| Date (in the format DD/MM/YYYY) |       |

## Witness’ details

|  |  |
| --- | --- |
| Family name (surname) |       |
| Given name (first name) |       |
| Other given name(s) (middle names) |       |

### Personal or professional address of witness

|  |  |
| --- | --- |
| Street number and name |       |
| Suburb/town |       |
| State |       |
| Postcode |       |
| Country |       |
| Phone number |       |
| Email address |       |
| Qualification of witness |       |

A person authorised under section 30(2) of the **Oaths and Affirmations Act 2018** to witness the signing of a statutory declaration.