OATHS (AMENDMENT) ACT.

Act No. 5, 1962.

An Act to make further provision with respect to the taking or making of oaths, declarations and affidavits outside the State, the verification of instruments executed outside the State and the examination of certain witnesses de bene esse outside the State; for these purposes to amend the Oaths Act, 1900-1953, the Conveyancing Act, 1919, as amended by subsequent Acts, and the Workers' Compensation Act, 1926, as amended by subsequent Acts; and for purposes connected therewith. [Assented to, 10th May, 1962.]

BE it enacted by the Queen's Most Excellent Majesty, by and with the advice and consent of the Legislative Council and Legislative Assembly of New South Wales in Parliament assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows: —

1. (1) This Act may be cited as the “Oaths (Amendment) Act, 1962”.

(2)
Oaths (Amendment) Act.

(2) The Oaths Act, 1900, as amended by subsequent Acts and by this Act, may be cited as the Oaths Act, 1900–1962.

(3) The Conveyancing Act, 1919, as amended by subsequent Acts and by this Act, may be cited as the Conveyancing Act, 1919–1962.

(4) The Workers’ Compensation Act, 1926, as amended by subsequent Acts and by this Act, may be cited as the Workers’ Compensation Act, 1926–1962.

2. The Oaths Act, 1900–1953, is amended by inserting at Amendment the end of the definition of “Australian Consular Officer” in Act No. 20, subsection two of section twenty-six the words “and includes 1900.
a person appointed to hold or act in the office of Counsellor, Sec. 26. Official Secretary or Assistant Official Secretary at the (Before whom oaths or affidavits may be taken.) Australian Commissioner’s Office in Singapore or of Secretary at the Australian Military Mission in Berlin or of Agent-General in London of the State of New South Wales or of Secretary, New South Wales Government Offices, London”.

3. The Conveyancing Act, 1919, as amended by subse-quent Acts, is amended—

(a) by inserting in paragraph (a) of subsection one of “part,” where lastly occurring the words “or a British Consular Officer or Australian Consular Officer exercising his functions in that part,”;

(b) by inserting at the end of the definition of “Australian Consular Officer” in subsection five of the same section the words “and includes a person appointed to hold or act in the office of Counsellor, Official Secretary or Assistant Official Secretary at the Australian Commissioner’s Office in Singapore or of Secretary at the Australian Military Mission in Berlin or of Agent-General in London of the State of New South Wales or of Secretary, New South Wales Government Offices, London”.

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4. The Workers' Compensation Act, 1926, as amended by subsequent Acts, is amended—

(a) by omitting from subsection one of section seventy the words “British consul or vice-consul” and by inserting in lieu thereof the words “British Consular Officer or Australian Consular Officer”;

(b) by inserting next after subsection two of the same section the following new subsection:

(3) In this section—

“Australian Consular Officer” means a person appointed to hold or act in any of the following offices (being an office of the Commonwealth of Australia) in a country or place outside the Commonwealth of Australia, namely, Ambassador, High Commissioner, Minister, Head of Mission, Commissioner, Chargé d’Affaires, Counsellor or Secretary at an Embassy, High Commissioner’s Office or Legation, Consul-General, Consul, Vice-Consul, Trade Commissioner, Consular Agent and includes any person appointed to hold or act in the office of Counsellor, Official Secretary or Assistant Official Secretary at the Australian Commissioner’s Office in Singapore or of Secretary at the Australian Military Mission in Berlin or of Agent-General in London of the State of New South Wales or of Secretary, New South Wales Government Offices, London.

“British Consular Officer” means a British Ambassador, Envoy, Minister, Chargé d’Affaires, Secretary of Embassy or Legation, Consul-General, Acting Consul-General, Consul, Acting Consul, Vice-Consul, Acting Vice-Consul, Proconsul, Consular Agent and Acting Consular Agent.