

## Run off Cover Indemnity Scheme Medical practitioner who has ceased medical practice because of permanent disability

### When to use this form

The statutory declaration attached to this form must be completed by a medical practitioner who has ceased medical practice because of permanent disability\*\*. The medical practitioner must have ceased remunerated medical practice because of permanent disability.

For a date of notification **on or after 21 March 2005**, the medical practitioner must have ceased practice in the private\* and public sectors.

For a date of notification **prior to 21 March 2005**, the medical practitioner need only have ceased practice in the private sector.

The Run off Cover Indemnity Scheme (ROCS) only applies to claims or incidents first notified to the Medical Defence Organisation (MDO) or Medical Indemnity Insurer (MII) **on or after 1 July 2004**.

### For more information

For more information about Medical Indemnity or assistance completing the statutory declaration, contact the MDO or MII.

### Filling in this form

You can complete this form on your computer, print and sign it.

If you have a printed form:

- Use black or blue pen.
- Print in BLOCK LETTERS.
- Sign the statutory declaration before an authorised person (see page 3 for a list of authorised persons).

### Returning this form

Check that all required questions are answered and the statutory declaration has been signed and dated.

Send the completed statutory declaration to the MDO or MII.

### Privacy notice

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Commonwealth of Australia  
STATUTORY DECLARATION  
*Statutory Declarations Act 1959*

1 Insert the name, address and occupation of person making the declaration

I, <sup>1</sup> .....

make the following declaration under the *Statutory Declarations Act 1959*:

2 Set out matter declared to in numbered paragraphs

1 I hereby certify that:

2 Medicare provider number .....

3 Medical practitioner's date of birth ...../...../.....

4 I have not engaged in any remunerated private\* medical practice since:

Date ...../...../..... and from this date, I have not resumed private medical practice at any time because of permanent disability\*\*.

or

I have not engaged in any remunerated medical practice including public sector practice since:

Date ...../...../..... and from this date, I have not resumed medical practice including public sector practice, at any time because of permanent disability.

I have ceased (temporarily or permanently) from practice as a medical practitioner, apart from the provision of medical services free of charge in the course of private medical practice, because of permanent disability from

Date ...../...../.....

5 I was a registered medical practitioner under an Australian state or territory law at the time the incident(s) occurred.

6 I understand that a person who intentionally makes a false statement in a statutory declaration is guilty of an offence under section 11 of the *Statutory Declarations Act 1959*, and I believe that the statements in this declaration are true in every particular.

3 Signature of person making the declaration

3 .....

4 Place

5 Day

6 Month and year

Declared at <sup>4</sup> ..... on <sup>5</sup> ..... of <sup>6</sup> .....

Before me,

7 Signature of person before whom the declaration is made (see page 3)

7 .....

8 Full name, qualification and address of person before whom the declaration is made (in printed letters)

8 .....

\* Private medical practice is defined in subsection 34ZB (5) of the *Medical Indemnity Act 2002* to mean practice as a medical practitioner, other than:

- practice consisting of the treatment of public patients in a public hospital, or
- practice for which a Commonwealth, state or territory agency or authority, or a local governing body indemnifies you from liability relating to specified compensation claims, or
- practice conducted wholly outside both Australia and the external territories, or
- practice of a kind specified in the regulations.

\*\* The term **permanent disability** is defined by section 34ZB of the *Medical Indemnity Act 2002*.

A person is taken, for the purposes of paragraph (2)(d), to have ceased the person's practice as a medical practitioner because of permanent disability if:

- the person has incurred an injury, or suffers from an illness, that is permanent, or is likely to be permanent, and
- as a result of that injury or illness, the person can no longer practise in the area of medicine in which the person had, at the time of injury or illness, chosen to practise and been qualified to practise, and
- the person has permanently ceased all practice as a medical practitioner because of permanent disability.

**Note 1** A person who intentionally makes a false statement in a statutory declaration is guilty of an offence, the punishment for which is imprisonment for a term of 4 years — see section 11 of the *Statutory Declarations Act 1959*.

**Note 2** Chapter 2 of the *Criminal Code* applies to all offences against the *Statutory Declarations Act 1959* — see section 5A of the *Statutory Declarations Act 1959*.

Regulation 7 of the *Statutory Declarations Regulations 2018* provides that only the following persons may witness this statutory declaration:

- (1) a person who is enrolled on the roll of the Supreme Court of a state or territory, or the High Court of Australia, as a legal practitioner (however described).
- (2) a person who, under a law of the Commonwealth, a state or territory, is currently licensed or registered to practice in Australia in an occupation listed below:
  - Architect
  - Chiropractor
  - Dentist
  - Financial adviser or financial planner
  - Legal practitioner
  - Medical practitioner
  - Midwife
  - Migration agent registered under Division 3 of Part 3 of the *Migration Act 1958*
  - Nurse
  - Occupational therapist
  - Optometrist
  - Patent attorney
  - Pharmacist
  - Physiotherapist
  - Psychologist
  - Trade marks attorney
  - Veterinary surgeon.
- (3) a person who is listed below:
  - Accountant who is:
    - (a) a fellow of the National Tax Accountants' Association, or
    - (b) a member of any of the following:
      - i. Chartered Accountants Australia and New Zealand
      - ii. the Association of Taxation and Management Accountants
      - iii. CPA Australia
      - iv. the Institute of Public Accountants
  - Agent of the Australian Postal Corporation who is in charge of an office supplying postal services to the public
  - APS employee engaged on an ongoing basis with 5 or more years of continuous service
  - Australian Consular Officer or Australian Diplomatic Officer (within the meaning of the *Consular Fees Act 1955*)
  - Bailiff
  - Bank officer with 5 or more years of continuous service
  - Building society officer with 5 or more years of continuous service
  - Chief executive officer of a Commonwealth court
  - Clerk of a court
  - Commissioner for affidavits
  - Commissioner for declarations
  - Credit union officer with 5 or more years of continuous service
  - Employee of a Commonwealth authority engaged on a permanent basis with 5 or more years of continuous service
  - Employee of the Australian Trade and Investment Commission who is:
    - (a) in a country or place outside Australia, and
    - (b) authorised under paragraph 3(d) of the *Consular Fees Act 1955*, and
    - (c) exercising the employee's function at that place
  - Employee of the Commonwealth who is:
    - (a) at a place outside Australia, and
    - (b) authorised under paragraph 3(c) of the *Consular Fees Act 1955*, and
    - (c) exercising the employee's function at that place
  - Engineer who is:
    - (a) a member of Engineers Australia, other than at the grade of student, or
    - (b) a Registered Professional Engineer of Professionals Australia
    - (c) registered as an engineer under a law of the Commonwealth, a state or territory, or
    - (d) registered on the National Engineering Register by Engineers Australia
  - Finance company officer with 5 or more years of continuous service
  - Holder of a statutory office
  - Judge
  - Justice of the peace
  - Magistrate
  - Marriage celebrant registered under Subdivision C of Division 1 of Part IV of the *Marriage Act 1961*
  - Master of a court
  - Member of the Australian Defence Force who is:
    - (a) an officer, or
    - (b) a non-commissioned officer within the meaning of the *Defence Force Discipline Act 1982* with 5 or more years of continuous service, or
    - (c) a warrant officer within the meaning of that Act
  - Member of Australasian Institute of Mining and Metallurgy
  - Member of the Governance Institute of Australia Ltd
  - Member of:
    - (a) the Parliament of the Commonwealth, or
    - (b) the Parliament of a state, or
    - (c) a territory legislature, or
    - (d) a local government authority
  - Minister of religion registered under Subdivision A of Division 1 of Part IV of the *Marriage Act 1961*
  - Notary public, including a notary public (however described) exercising functions at a place outside:
    - (a) the Commonwealth, and
    - (b) the external territories of the Commonwealth
  - Permanent employee of the Australian Postal Corporation with 5 or more years of continuous service who is employed in an office supplying postal services to the public
  - Permanent employee of:
    - (a) a state or territory or a state or territory authority, or
    - (b) a local government authoritywith 5 or more years of continuous service
  - Person before whom a statutory declaration may be made under the law of the state or territory in which the declaration is made
  - Police officer
  - Registrar, or Deputy Registrar, of a court
  - Senior executive service employee of a Commonwealth authority
  - Senior executive employee of a state or territory
  - SES employee of the Commonwealth
  - Sheriff
  - Sheriff's officer
  - Teacher employed on a permanent full-time basis or a part-time basis at a school or tertiary education institution.