



***JobKeeper legislation includes temporary powers to amend Commonwealth legislation relating to executing and witnessing documents***

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**Abstract:**

Under the [Coronavirus Economic Response Package Omnibus \(Measures No. 2\) Act 2020 \(Cth\)](#), ministers are afforded temporary powers to amend or disapply any provisions of a Commonwealth Act or legislative instrument that require or permit the following matters (among others):

- the signature of a person;
- the witnessing of signatures;
- the certification of matters by witnesses;
- the verification of the identity of witnesses; and
- the attestation of documents.

Any such amendment or disapplication will cease to have any operation after 31 December 2020.

These measures are in addition to the temporary powers given to the Treasurer to amend provisions of the *Corporations Act 2001* (Cth) as detailed [here](#).