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Epidemic Preparedness (Oaths and Declarations Act 1957) Immediate Modification Order 2020

This order is made under the [Epidemic Preparedness Act 2006](#) and its effect is temporary. It comes into force on 17 April 2020 and is revoked when the [Epidemic Preparedness \(COVID-19\) Notice 2020](#) expires or is revoked. It modifies requirements imposed by the [Oaths and Declarations Act 1957](#) (the Act) that may be impossible or impracticable to comply with during an epidemic.

The modifications expressly allow an oath, an affirmation, or a declaration to be administered or taken using an audiovisual or audio link instead of in the presence of the person swearing the oath or making the affirmation or declaration.

The modifications also enable a declaration to be taken by any officer or employee of an entity who is authorised by the entity, but only if an enactment authorises or requires the declaration to be provided to the entity.