



# Oaths Act 1978

## 1978 CHAPTER 19

### PART II

#### UNITED KINGDOM

#### *Solemn affirmations*

#### **5 Making of solemn affirmations.**

- (1) Any person who objects to being sworn shall be permitted to make his solemn affirmation instead of taking an oath.
- (2) Subsection (1) above shall apply in relation to a person to whom it is not reasonably practicable without inconvenience or delay to administer an oath in the manner appropriate to his religious belief as it applies in relation to a person objecting to be sworn.
- (3) A person who may be permitted under subsection (2) above to make his solemn affirmation may also be required to do so.
- (4) A solemn affirmation shall be of the same force and effect as an oath.

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#### **Modifications etc. (not altering text)**

- C1** S. 3-6 applied (with modifications) (31.10.2009) by [The Court Martial Appeal Court Rules 2009 \(S.I. 2009/2657\)](#), **rule 15**, Sch. 1
- C2** S. 3-6 applied (with modifications) (31.10.2009) by [The Armed Forces \(Court Martial\) Rules 2009 \(S.I. 2009/2041\)](#), **rule 21**
- C3** S. 3-6 applied (with modifications) (31.10.2009) by [The Armed Forces \(Summary Hearing and Activation of Suspended Sentences of Service Detention\) Rules 2009 \(S.I. 2009/1216\)](#), **rule 14**
- C4** S. 3-6 applied (with modifications) (31.10.2009) by [The Armed Forces \(Summary Appeal Court\) Rules 2009 \(S.I. 2009/1211\)](#), **rule 28**
- C5** S. 3-6 applied (with modifications) (31.10.2009) by [The Armed Forces \(Service Civilian Court\) Rules 2009 \(S.I. 2009/1209\)](#), **rule 20**

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- C6** S. 3-6 applied (with modifications) (31.10.2009) by [The Armed Forces \(Warrants of Arrest for Service Offences\) Rules 2009 \(S.I. 2009/1110\)](#), **rule 16**
- C7** S. 3-6 applied (with modifications) (31.10.2009) by [The Armed Forces \(Custody Proceedings\) Rules 2009 \(S.I. 2009/1098\)](#), **rule 21**
- C8** S. 5 applied (1.1.2004) by 1981 c. 61, s. 42(7) (as substituted by [Nationality, Immigration and Asylum Act 2002 \(c. 41\)](#), ss. 3, 162(2), **Sch. 1**, (with s. 159); S.I. 2003/3156, **art. 2**)

## 6 Form of affirmation.

(1) Subject to subsection (2) below, every affirmation shall be as follows:—

“I, do solemnly, sincerely and truly declare and affirm,” and then proceed with the words of the oath prescribed by law, omitting any words of imprecation or calling to witness.

(2) Every affirmation in writing shall commence:—

“I, of , do solemnly and sincerely affirm,” and the form in lieu of jurat shall be “Affirmed at this day of 19 , Before me.”

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- C9** S. 3-6 applied (with modifications) (31.10.2009) by [The Court Martial Appeal Court Rules 2009 \(S.I. 2009/2657\)](#), **rule 15**, Sch. 1
- C10** S. 3-6 applied (with modifications) (31.10.2009) by [The Armed Forces \(Court Martial\) Rules 2009 \(S.I. 2009/2041\)](#), **rule 21**
- C11** S. 3-6 applied (with modifications) (31.10.2009) by [The Armed Forces \(Summary Hearing and Activation of Suspended Sentences of Service Detention\) Rules 2009 \(S.I. 2009/1216\)](#), **rule 14**
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- C13** S. 3-6 applied (with modifications) (31.10.2009) by [The Armed Forces \(Service Civilian Court\) Rules 2009 \(S.I. 2009/1209\)](#), **rule 20**
- C14** S. 3-6 applied (with modifications) (31.10.2009) by [The Armed Forces \(Warrants of Arrest for Service Offences\) Rules 2009 \(S.I. 2009/1110\)](#), **rule 16**
- C15** S. 3-6 applied (with modifications) (31.10.2009) by [The Armed Forces \(Custody Proceedings\) Rules 2009 \(S.I. 2009/1098\)](#), **rule 21**
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- C17** S. 6(1) modified (1.6.2007) by [The Citizenship Oath and Pledge \(Welsh Language\) Order 2007 \(S.I. 2007/1484\)](#), **art. 4(2)**
- C18** S. 6(2) modified (1.6.2007) by [The Citizenship Oath and Pledge \(Welsh Language\) Order 2007 \(S.I. 2007/1484\)](#), **art. 4(2)**

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