



# 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.

#### **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,**

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*Status: This is the original version (as it was originally enacted).*

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and the form in lieu of jurat shall be

**this**                      **day of**                      **Affirmed at**  
**19**                      **, Before me.**