

SCHEDULE 1

Regulation 11(10)

OATHS AND AFFIRMATIONS

Manner of Administering Oaths and Affirmations

1. The person taking the oath shall hold the New Testament, or if a Jew the Old Testament, in his uplifted hand and shall say, or repeat after the person administering it, the oath provided in this Schedule for that category of person.
2. If any person to whom an oath is administered desires to swear in the form and manner in which an oath is usually administered in Scotland, he may do so with uplifted hand and saying, or repeating after the person administering it, the Scottish oath provided in this Schedule for that category of person.
3. If none of the forms of oath provided in this Schedule is appropriate to the religious beliefs of the person taking the oath, an oath may be administered in such form and manner as the person taking the oath declares to be binding on his conscience in accordance with his religious beliefs.
4. A person making a solemn affirmation instead of taking an oath shall say, or repeat after the person administering it, the affirmation provided in this Schedule for that category of person.

Forms of Oath

Witness aged 18 years or over

5. I swear by Almighty God that the evidence which I shall give shall be the truth, the whole truth, and nothing but the truth.

Witness under the age of 18 years

6. I promise before Almighty God that the evidence which I shall give shall be the truth, the whole truth, and nothing but the truth.

Form of Scottish oaths

7. The form of Scottish oath shall in each case be the same as the form of oath set out in paragraph 5 or 6 (as appropriate to the age of the person taking the oath), except that:

- (a) for the words “I swear by Almighty God” there shall be substituted the words “I swear by Almighty God and as I shall answer to God at the Great Day of Judgement”; and
- (b) for the words “I promise before Almighty God” there shall be substituted the words “I promise before Almighty God and as I shall answer to God at the Great Day of Judgement”.

Form of solemn affirmations

8. The form of solemn affirmation shall in each case be the same as the form of oath set out in paragraph 5 or 6 (as appropriate to the age of the person taking this oath), except that for the words “I swear by Almighty God” and “I promise before Almighty God” there shall be substituted the words “I solemnly, sincerely and truly declare and affirm”.