

Commissioner of Oaths Responsibilities

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Legal Foundation

All Commissioners of Oaths on Oaths.co.za operate under the authority of:

- **Justices of the Peace and Commissioners of Oaths Act, 1963 (Act 16 of 1963)**
- **Regulations Governing the Administering of an Oath or Affirmation, GN R1258 of 21 July 1972 (as amended)**
- **Electronic Communications and Transactions Act, 2002 (Act 25 of 2002)**—which provides for the legal recognition and evidentiary weight of electronic documents and signatures.

What Our Commissioners Are Authorised to Do

Commissioners registered with Oaths.co.za are authorised to:

- **Certify true copies of original South African documents**, including:
 -  Smart ID Cards
 -  Driver's Licences
 -  Passports
 -  Proof of Address (bank confirmation letters and similar documents)
- Operate exclusively within the secure Oaths.co.za digital platform.
- Certify only what is legally permitted under South African law.
-  Not administer affidavits, affirmations, sworn statements, or declarations—these services traditionally require a physical presence and remain outside the scope of Oaths.co.za.

How Oaths.co.za Vets Commissioners







Every Commissioner on the platform is vetted through a strict onboarding process:

- Verified via face-to-face onboarding or digitally recorded verification.
- Required to submit:
 - South African Smart ID.
 - Proof of professional membership (e.g., SAIPA, SAICA, IRBA, LPC).
 - Valid SARS Tax Compliance Status.
 - Proof of residential address.

- Upon approval, each Commissioner receives a unique digital token for secure platform access.

What the Platform Provides

Each certification is supported by Oaths.co.za's patented compliance and security infrastructure, which performs a **closed-loop forensic audit** to confirm the veracity of all information before a Commissioner can even review it :

-  **Biometric Identity & Liveness Verification:** This scientifically verifiable and legally defensible method proves the user is a real, present human whose face matches their ID photo.
-  **AI Document Analysis:** Our system uses Optical Character Recognition (OCR), barcode reading, and AI to confirm that all data on the document is authentic and consistent.
-  **DHA Confirmation:** We validate the user's identity and status against the National Population Register, creating a powerful "triangulation of trust" between the user, their document, and the government's official records.
-  **AML/PEP/PIP/Sanctions Screening:** We screen every client against national and international watchlists, a critical step that directly supports FICA compliance.
-  **Blockchain Hashing and Tamper-Proof Audit Trail:** A secure, time-stamped, and immutable record of every verification step is stored using blockchain technology, providing a level of legal traceability and data integrity that a paper stamp cannot match.
-  **Secure Digital Signatures:** The final certification is sealed with a 2048-bit encrypted digital signature, ensuring the document cannot be altered without detection.

Professional Obligations

Commissioners on Oaths.co.za remain subject to the codes of conduct and disciplinary frameworks of their professional bodies, including SAIPA, SAICA, IRBA, and the Legal Practice Council. They must:

- Act with integrity, independence, and impartiality.
- Maintain confidentiality of all client documents and data.
- Ensure every certification complies with the law and Oaths.co.za's standards.