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Dear Sir/Madam

Occupational Therapists in the course of their practice in either public or private service are often asked by their clients to witness and be signatories to official documents on their behalf. Currently, Occupational Therapists are not able to do this other than in a capacity as a public servant and to refer to the previous point, a large proportion of practising Occupational Therapists operate in the private sector.

Not being able to assist with requests for witnessing and signing documents for clients is an inconvenience to the client and an source of frustration to Occupational Therapists as other similarly trained and registered professionals are able to do this. ( e.g. physiotherapists, teachers etc).

WAOTA wishes to submit on behalf of Occupational Therapists in Western Australia that the rules of Statutory Declarations be amended to allow for Occupational Therapists to be added as witness to statutory declarations in their own professional right, not solely as a public servant.

Kind regards

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