

STATUTORY DECLARATION

Buildings & structures

I, _____
of _____

in the State / Territory of _____, do solemnly and sincerely declare

[Initial each paragraph]

___ that I am applying for an endorsement for conducting abseiling/roping activities in building/structural environments.

___ that I am applying for full Recognition of Prior Learning (RPL) of my knowledge and skills in the context of my ability to conduct and supervise abseiling activities in building/structural environments.

___ that I make this application on the basis of my proven capability in applying abseiling skills in a range of building/structural environments.

___ that I have proven capability in:

1. Conducting a risk assessment for my intended activities at height
2. Selecting and utilising structural anchor points on top of buildings & structures for abseiling purposes
3. Rigging anchor systems that are solid and reliable – meeting the requirements of AS 1891.4
4. Safeguarding ordinary members of the public from foreseeable risks and hazards associated with my abseiling activities from buildings and structures
5. Maintaining a safe and healthy work place in accordance with OH&S legislation in my State
6. Initiating a rescue procedure in response to an abseiling emergency in a building/structural environment

___ that I am competent in selecting and utilising a range of structural points/fittings on the top of buildings for the purpose of rigging an anchor system. I realise that in some instances, I may need to rig a diversion system to redirect my ropes to a more suitable position. I also realise and understand that in the absence of reliable anchor points, I may need to use proprietary devices (eg clamping devices such as parapet hangers) to specified strong points in order to rig a reliable anchor system.

___ that I am aware that many parapets on buildings are of cosmetic value only and if any attempt to place reliance on such structures were made, in all probability they would collapse with potentially catastrophic consequences.

___ that I am able to avoid sharp edges and abrasive surfaces contacting with my rope(s) which could result in cutting or catastrophic failure of the load bearing system.

___ that I am aware that many buildings/structures have radio frequency transmitters installed on top which emit harmful amounts of radiation. I am able to conduct my activities in such a way as to avoid harmful exposure to such radiation. I am also aware that such transmitters are carefully oriented and therefore sensitive to being knocked out of alignment and therefore my activities must not interfere with the said transmitters.

___ that I am aware that any objects dropped from the top of a building/structure constitute a potentially lethal missile. I will take every possible precaution to ensure that ordinary members of the public or any other person are not exposed to falling objects caused by my carelessness or the carelessness of anyone else under my control.

___ that I have proven capability in applying complex judgement required to conduct abseiling activities in building/structural environments to the standard required by industry. I realise that each building is different and an individual risk assessment will need to be conducted for each proposed building/structure that I intend to operate from.

___ that the reliability of my anchors are only as good as the quality of the underlying structural integrity of the materials I have chosen to anchor to. I further realise that some buildings may not in fact have been constructed in accordance with the original engineering plans on account of poor or substandard work practices and that I must therefore apply my own good judgment based on my assessment of the building.

___ that I have proven ability in erecting barricades/barriers to exclude ordinary members of the public from entering hazard areas below my abseiling/climbing activities. I am aware that such barricades could include any combination of; hazard tape, warning signs, witches hats, hazard netting, sentries or security personnel. I realise that if I do not take adequate precautionary measures, ordinary members of the public could be exposed to considerable danger.

___ that it is my responsibility to remain up-to-date with current best practice in applying abseiling/climbing techniques in building/structural environments.

___ that I have an obligation to maintain a safe and healthy work environment and that if I fail to fulfil that obligation, ordinary members of the public could be placed in considerable danger.

___ I further acknowledge that this document may be relied upon in any proceedings instituted in any Court by me or my heirs, executors and assigns or any other natural person.

I acknowledge that this declaration is true and correct and I make it in the belief that a person making a false declaration is liable to the penalties of perjury.

Signature of person making declaration	
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Declared at _____ in the State/Territory of _____

on the ____ Day of _____ 19 ____

Before me,

Signature	
Print Name	
Address	
Status*	

* Justice of the Peace

* Person authorised under relevant State/Territory legislation to witness the signing of a Statutory Declaration.