

STATUTORY DECLARATION

Lead climbing

I, _____

of _____

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

[read and initial each paragraph]

___ that I am applying for full Recognition of Prior Learning (RPL) of my personal Lead Climbing Skills in the context of natural cliff environments.

___ that I make this application on the basis of my proven capability in leading climbing routes on-sight and without falls up to Australian grade fourteen (14) without prior rehearsals on a top-rope system.

___ that I am competent in selecting and inserting a range of passive (e.g. wired nuts) and active (e.g. cams) protection devices into rock features in order to safeguard against potential falls while lead climbing. I am able to select and use extension slings and 'quick-draws' to reduce unnecessary movement to the protection devices.

___ that I have proven capability in installing a system of fall protection using a single-rope in a way that avoids rope drag, and links each of my protection devices from the belay to my harness in a continuous chain.

___ that I have proven capability in installing a system of fall protection using double-ropes in a way that avoids rope drag, and links each of my protection devices from the belay to my harness in a continuous chain.*

___ that I have proven capability in installing a system of fall protection in such a way that does not expose a 'second' climber to unreasonable risk of a pendulum (swinging) fall on routes that involve a traverse section.

___ that I am capable of retreating from a position above the half-way point on a lead route from where it is not possible to be lowered back to the belay.

___ that I have proven capability in leading multi-pitch routes where it is not possible to reach the top of the cliff/route in one standard rope length*.

___ that I have proven capability in applying complex judgement required to conduct/supervise lead climbing activities involving students/clients to the standard required by industry.

___ that it is my responsibility to remain up-to-date with current best practice in the conduct and supervision of lead climbing activities.

___ that I have an obligation to ensure the health and safety of my students/clients and that if I fail to fulfil that obligation, my students/clients could be placed in considerable danger.

___ that I will provide my students/clients with adequate and sufficient equipment that meets UIAA/CEN/AS standards (or equivalent) whenever conducting and/or supervising abseiling/climbing activities in my professional capacity whether paid or unpaid.

___ that my professional (whether paid or unpaid) climbing activities will be measured against standards established by the outdoor recreation industry and PACI.

___ that my professional activities will be monitored and any verified deviations from established industry and/or PACI standards may result in the cancellation of my lead climbing instructional qualification.

___ 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 or person authorised under Section 107A (1) of the evidence Act 1958 to witness the signing of a Statutory Declaration
*Strike out paragraphs that do not apply