

STATUTORY DECLARATION – Currency in leadership/guiding skills

I, _____
of _____

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

[read and initial each paragraph]

___ that I am intending to apply for membership with PACI in the capacity of a leader and am using this document to declare that my formal leadership/guiding skills are current.

___ that I understand and accept that venturing outdoors with a group of friends on an informal social activity (eg abseiling or climbing) does not by itself constitute an organised / structured activity where a legal duty of care is owed to others. I realise that such activities do not ordinarily burden one person with leadership responsibilities and expectations to achieve a defined set of group objectives. In consideration of the informal nature of such activities, I further realise that my performance as an individual within the group will not be measured against professional benchmarks established in national leadership standards. I further acknowledge and accept that it would therefore be inappropriate to try to use such activities as a basis for making claims about my capability as a professional leader/guide.

___ that I make this declaration in lieu of a properly signed and authenticated logbook record or letter of verification from participants who I was in charge of in an organised and structured activity.

___ that I have personally led (and owed a duty of care) a group of participants in an organised activity within the past 12 months.

___ that I made decisions at appropriate times to guide/steer the group so that it could achieve its planned activity outcomes

___ that I made adjustments to the pace and tempo of the activity to suit individual and group needs

___ that I maintained a social atmosphere throughout the activity to ensure everyone enjoyed their participation

___ that I was the person in charge of the group and not someone else.

___ that I completed all activity objectives/aims within agreed time frames.

___ that I made arrangements for logistical support of the activity including such things as travel, equipment needs, communications, nutrition, water, permits to access the activity area and 1st aid requirements

___ that I was able to deal with conflict within the group and arrive at mutually acceptable solutions

___ that it is my responsibility to remain up-to-date with current best practice in the guiding of groups so that I can continuously improve my leadership techniques.

___ 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 Section 107A (1) of the evidence Act 1958 to witness the signing of a Statutory Declaration