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# Digital Commonwealth statutory declarations in myGov

## Information for third parties

People can now create digital Commonwealth statutory declarations in myGov.

From 1 January 2024, the *Statutory Declarations Act 1959* changed to introduce new ways to make a Commonwealth statutory declaration. People can continue to make a Commonwealth statutory declaration with a witness in person or remotely over video link.

People can also now create a digital Commonwealth statutory declaration in myGov using their Digital ID. As a Digital ID is used to verify who a person is, there is no need for this type of statutory declaration to have a witness. A digital Commonwealth statutory declaration is a legal document.

It is a criminal offence to write something in a statutory declaration that is not true. If you think a statutory declaration you've been given is false, go to [ag.gov.au/statdec](https://ag.gov.au/statdec)

For more information on digital Commonwealth statutory declarations, go to [my.gov.au/statdec](https://my.gov.au/statdec)

## What a digital Commonwealth statutory declaration created in myGov looks like

When someone creates a digital Commonwealth statutory declaration in myGov, they create a PDF file. They may provide you with a digital or printed copy.

It contains the same information as any other type of Commonwealth statutory declaration, except it will not have a witness. This is because the person has used their Digital ID to verify who they are.

Commonwealth of Australia  
STATUTORY DECLARATION  
Statutory Declarations Act 1959

I, John Doe, of 1 Example Street, Brisbane QLD 4000, Student, make the following declaration under the Statutory Declarations Act 1959:

1. I am declaring that I am a student at the University of Brisbane  
2. I am studying a Bachelor of Arts

I believe that the statements in this declaration are true in every particular, and I understand that a person who intentionally makes a false statement in a statutory declaration is guilty of an offence under section 11 of the Statutory Declarations Act 1959, the punishment for which is imprisonment for a term of 4 years.

EXAMPLE

Signature  
J Doe

Email  
Example@example.com.au  
Phone number  
1234 567 890

myGov  
This Commonwealth statutory declaration was executed using myGov, an online platform prescribed for that purpose under section 9A of the Statutory Declarations Act 1959.  
Declared on 16 January 2024 at 12:39PM AEST  
Declaration made by John Doe at University of Brisbane  
The declarant's identity was verified via an approved identity service to make this statutory declaration for the purposes of section 9A of the Statutory Declarations Act 1959.  
Scan the QR code on this page using the myGov app to verify the declaration.  
Document ID: 649f0334-14aa-4031-8162-7401c4b08457  
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QR code

Declarant's name and address

Declaration

Declarant's signature

Declarant's contact details


Information about the declaration including time, date and location of declaration and that it was made in myGov

## How to check the statutory declaration is genuine and valid

Statutory declarations created in myGov have a QR code on each page. You can scan this QR code to verify the declaration is genuine and valid. You must use the QR code scanner in the myGov app to do this.

When you scan the QR code using the scanner in the myGov app, you will see the information declared in the statutory declaration when it was created in myGov.

The QR code scanner does not take a photo of the completed declaration or store any information from the statutory declaration.

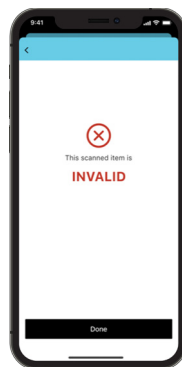
 **The myGov app QR scanner will never ask you to provide any personal information.**

To scan the QR code, follow these steps:

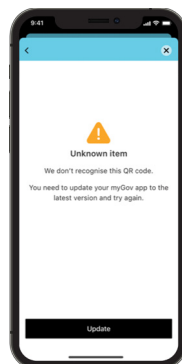
- 1 Open the myGov app and select the **QR code scanner icon** from the top right hand corner of the Welcome screen. There is no need to sign in to a myGov account.
- 2 If asked, allow camera permission to scan the item by selecting **I agree**.
- 3 Scan the QR code presented on each page of the statutory declaration.
- 4 The statutory declaration will be described as Valid, Invalid or Unknown.



**Valid item:** a green tick and the information in the declaration. Third parties can compare this declaration created in myGov with the one you scanned to check it's a match. Make sure the document number, date and name match the document presented. If you're scanning more than one document, select **Scan** again.





**Invalid item:** a red cross and the word invalid. Select **Done**.





**Unknown item:** the QR code is not recognised. You need to update your myGov app and try again. Select **Update**.


## NEED HELP?

-  If you need help using myGov or signing in to myGov, call **132 307** and select **Option 1** for the myGov helpdesk, which operates from:
- **Monday to Friday 7:00 am – 10:00 pm**
  - **Saturday to Sunday 10:00 am – 5:00 pm**

 If you're outside Australia, call **+61 1300 169 468** and select **Option 1**. International call charges apply.

 For detailed steps on how to link services and manage your myGov account, go to **my.gov.au/help**

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