



## Personal-Privacy OFFICIAL: Sensitive

For use by Commonwealth employees, contractors, consultants

### Declaration

I (Name) ..... Date of Birth .....

Of (city/town) ..... In the State/Territory of .....

Understand that all official information, including sensitive and classified information, acquired by me in the course of my duties is the property of the Australian Government. I will not publish or communicate any such information to another person in any form either during or after my service in or association with the Australian Government, unless that disclosure is for official purposes.

*Official information* is all information created, sent and received as part of the work of the Australian Government. I understand that a conversation or opinion expressed as part of work for the Australian Government is official information.

I acknowledge that I must comply with my obligations under the following legislation, and any other relevant legislation relating to official secrecy:

- Part 5.6 of the *Criminal Code Act 1995* (Commonwealth)
- Section 13 of the *Public Service Act 1999* (Commonwealth) – APS employees only
- Regulation 7 of the *Public Service Regulations 2023* (Commonwealth) – APS employees only
- Part 6 of the *Australian Border Force Act 2015* (Commonwealth)
- Part IXAA in the *Defence Act 1903* (Commonwealth)
- *National Anti-Corruption Commission Act 2022*

I further understand that any breach of laws regarding the safeguarding of official information may be an offence, and may render me liable to criminal prosecution. I also understand that these obligations continue to apply to me after I cease employment or engagement with the Australian Government including the end of a contractual or secondment arrangement.

I acknowledge that in accordance with Part IXAA in the *Defence Act 1903* (Commonwealth), it is an offence to perform work for, or on behalf of, a military organisation or government body of a relevant foreign country without authorisation. If authorisation is not granted, I risk committing an offence under the *Defence Act 1903* (Commonwealth).

I also acknowledge that I have a duty to report any contact from former colleagues who show a suspicious, persistent or unusual interest in my work with the Department of Home Affairs or that of the Australian Government.

I hereby certify that all official information/matters that will be/have been acquired by me in the course of my employment with or on behalf of the Australian Government will be or has been returned to an official representative of the Australian Government authorised to receive the information/matters prior to the cessation of such employment or contract.

Dated this Day ..... Month ..... Year ..... Signature .....

### Witness

Signature of Witness: .....

Name of Witness: .....

Address of Witness: .....