

# Reference from an Acceptable Referee (s.21)

## Identification Record for a Signatory to an Account

This form must be signed by an 'Acceptable Referee'.  
Additional signatories to an account must each complete separate 'Acceptable Referee'(s.21) forms.  
See overleaf for guidance notes before completing the form.

### PART A: DETAILS OF SIGNATORY

#### 1. Name of signatory

 Surname

 Given names

#### 2. Account name/title (name(s) the account is to be held in)

#### 3. Account number (if unknown leave blank)

#### 4. Signature (to be signed in the presence of the referee)

### PART B: DOCUMENTS EXAMINED BY REFEREE

#### 5. Primary identification document – birth certificate, citizenship certificate, or international travel document (eg passport)

 Type of document

 Name on document

 Date of birth

 Date of issue

 Office of issue\*

\* For a travel document, show country of issue

#### 6. Secondary identification document

 Name on document

 Date of birth

 Address

 State  Postcode

 Type of document

 Document number

 Issued by

 Date of issue

 Date of expiry

Please note: if only a secondary identification document is relied upon, the cash dealer must notify the Director of AUSTRAC, pursuant to section 22 of the Financial Transaction Reports Act 1988.

### PART C: DETAILS OF ACCEPTABLE REFEREE

#### 7. Name of acceptable referee

 Surname

 Given names

#### 8. Occupation

#### 9. Address


 State  Postcode

#### 10. Category of referee (see list overleaf)

### PART D: STATEMENT BY ACCEPTABLE REFEREE

#### 11. I have known the signatory for a period of (minimum 12 months):

#### 12. The signatory has been commonly known to me by the name shown in Part A for a period of:

#### 13. I have examined the identification documents whose details are shown in Part B, consisting of (tick one):

A primary document in the name shown in Part A

A secondary document in the name shown in Part A, plus a primary document in a former name

Only a secondary document in the name shown on Part A

#### 14. Where the name on the primary identification document differs from the name used by the signatory in relation to account, the explanation given by the signatory is:

  


#### 15. Where only a secondary identification document is examined, the explanation given by the signatory as to why a primary identification document was not produced is:

  


#### 16. The signatory signed the identification reference in my presence.

#### 17. Signature of the Acceptable Referee

 Date / /

# Notes of Guidance for Acceptable Referees

An Identification Reference must be signed in the presence of an Acceptable Referee.

An Identification Reference is to be provided for each signatory to an account and comprises a written and signed reference by a person within a specified class of Acceptable Referees, declared by the Minister by Notice in the Gazette on 6 November 2002 in GN 44 (see list below).

The reference must set out the name and used by the signatory in relation to the account and must state that:

- the referee has known the signatory for the period specified in the reference (being a period of at least 12 months)
- during the whole of that period, or for so much of that period as is specified in the reference, the signatory has been commonly known by that name, and
- the referee has examined:
  - a specified primary identification document for the signatory in that name, or
  - a specified secondary identification document for the signatory in that name and a specified primary identification document for the signatory in a former name of the person, or
  - only a specified secondary identification document for the signatory in that name.

**Primary identification documents are:**

- birth certificate
- citizenship certificate
- international travel document:
- current passport
  - expired passport which has not been cancelled and was current with the preceding two years
  - other document of identity having the same characteristics as a passport (eg this may include some diplomatic documents and some documents issued to refugees).

**Secondary identification documents are** documents (other than a primary identification document) which establish the identity of the signatory, eg Australian drivers licence.

**Warning:** it is an offence under section 21 of the Financial Transaction Reports Act 1988 to make a false or misleading statement.

## Categories of Acceptable Referees

1. A member of:
  - (a) the institute of Chartered Accountants in Australia, or
  - (b) the Australian Society of Certified Practising Accountants, or
  - (c) the National Institute of Accountants.
2. A member of a municipal, city, town, district or shire council of a State or Territory.
3. An employee of a financial institution who is authorised by the financial institution to open accounts with the institution.
4. An agent of a financial institution who is authorised by the financial institution to open accounts with the institution.
5. A full-time employee of:
  - (a) a financial institution (other than an employee mentioned in item 3), or
  - (b) a corporation that is a registered corporation within the meaning of the Financial Corporations Act 1974who has been employed continuously for at least five years by one or more financial bodies.
6. An employee of a bank carrying on business outside Australia:
  - (a) that does not have an authority under section 9 of the Banking Act 1959, and
  - (b) that is engaged in a transaction with a cash dealer, who is authorised by the bank to open accounts with the bank.
7. A full-time employee of a company carrying on insurance business who has been employed continuously for at least five years by one or more companies of that type.
8. A legal practitioner (however described) of a Federal, State or Territory court.
9. A registrar, clerk, sheriff or bailiff of a Federal, State or Territory court.
10. An officer within the meaning of the Defence Act 1903.
11. An individual registered or licensed as:
  - (a) a dentist or,
  - (b) a medical practitioner, or
  - (c) a pharmacist, or
  - (d) a veterinary surgeonunder a law of a State or Territory providing for that registration or licensing.
12. An individual who holds the position of nursing sister and is registered as a nurse under the law of a State or Territory providing for that registration.
13. A diplomatic or consular officer of an Australian Embassy, High Commission or Consulate, in Australia or overseas.
14. A holder of an office established by a law of the Commonwealth, a State or Territory in respect of which annual salary is payable, other than an office mentioned in item 15.
15. A judge or master of a Federal, State or territory court.
16. A stipendiary magistrate of the Commonwealth or of a State or Territory.
17. A justice of the peace or a State Parliament.
18. A member of the Parliament or a State Parliament.
19. A member of the Legislative Assembly of the Australian Capital Territory, the Northern Territory or Norfolk Island.
20. A minister of religion within the meaning of the Marriage Act 1961 who is registered under Division 1 of Part IV of that Act.
21. A notary public.
22. A member of the Australian Federal Police, or of the police force of a State or Territory, who, in the normal course of his or her duties, is in charge of a police station.
23. A member of the Australian Federal Police, or of the police force of a State or Territory, of or above the rank of sergeant.
24. A manager of a post office.
25. An individual employed as an officer or employee by one or more of the following:
  - (a) The Commonwealth, a State or Territory, or
  - (b) an authority of the Commonwealth, a State or Territory, or
  - (c) a local government body of a State or Territorywho has been so employed continuously for a period of at least five years, whether or not the individual was employed for part of that period as an officer and for part as an employee.
26. An individual employed as a full-time teacher or as a principal at one or more of the following educational institutions:
  - (a) a primary or secondary school forming part of the education system in a State or Territory, or
  - (b) an institution listed in section 4 or paragraphs 34(4)(b)-(j) (inclusive) of the Higher Education Funding Act 1988who has been so employed continuously for a period of at least five years.
27. An individual who, in relation to an Aboriginal community:
  - (a) is recognised by the members of the community to be a community elder, or
  - (b) if there is an elected Aboriginal council that represents the community – is an elected member of the council
28. An individual who in an agent of a totalisator agency board if:
  - (a) the individual conducts an agency of the totalisator agency board at particular premises, and
  - (b) that agency is not ancillary to any other business conducted at those premises.
29. A commissioner for oaths of a State or Territory.
30. An individual who is registered as a tax agent under part VIIA of the Income Tax Assessment Act 1936.
31. A member of the Chartered Institute of Company Secretaries in Australia Limited.
32. A member or fellow of the Association of Taxation and Management Accountants.
33. A member of the Institution of Engineers, Australia, other than a member with the grade of student.
34. A fellow member of the National Tax and Accountants' Association Limited.
35. The holder, or an authorised representative/proper authority holder of, a licence under sections 780, 781 or 913B of the Corporations Act 2001 who has known another person for at least 12 months is an acceptable referee in respect of the other person for the purposes of the definition of 'acceptable referee' in subsection 3(1) of the FTR Act.
36. The holder of, or an authorised representative/proper authority holder of, a licence under sections 780, 781 or 913B of the Corporations Act 2001, who has complied with the requirements of section 912A of that Act and ASIC Policy Statement 122 in relation to another person is an acceptable referee in respect of that other person for the purposes of the definition of 'acceptable referee' in subsection 3(1) of the FTR Act.  
(In this situation there is no requirement for an existing 12-month relationship).