Oaths and Affirmations of Office and Allegiance

Public Service of Ontario Act, Regulation 373/07

Oaths and affirmations are important components of the ethical framework for public servants in the *Public Service of Ontario Act, 2006*. This framework emphasizes the importance of acting in an ethical manner to maintain the special trust placed in public servants by the people of Ontario. Public servants are required to swear or affirm two oaths – the Oath or Affirmation of Office and the Oath or Affirmation of Allegiance.

The Oath or Affirmation of Office was revised November 6, 2017 in recognition of the Government's commitment to reconciliation with Indigenous partners. By making the Oath or Affirmation of Office, a public servant promises to faithfully discharge duties, respect the laws of Canada and Ontario (including the recognition and affirmation of the Aboriginal and treaty rights of Indigenous peoples) and not to disclose confidential information or documents unless legally authorized. There are no exemptions allowed in relation to the Oath or Affirmation of Office.

By making the Oath or Affirmation of Allegiance, a public servant pledges loyalty to the Crown, identified as the reigning Sovereign, symbolizing the Canadian State and system of government. There are two exemptions allowed in relation to the Oath or Affirmation of Allegiance related to foreign citizenship and Indigenous considerations.

For instructions on completing the form, refer to the Instructions for Oath Administrators.

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Oath or Affirmation of Office

Swear

I, _____
Name of Public Servant (First and Last Name)

swear that I will faithfully discharge my duties as a public servant; I will respect the laws of Canada and Ontario, including the recognition and affirmation of the aboriginal and treaty rights of Indigenous peoples in the Constitution; and, except as I may be legally authorized or required, I will not disclose or give to any person any information or document that comes to my knowledge or possession by reason of my being a public servant. So help me God.

or

Affirm

I, _____
Name of Public Servant (First and Last Name)

solemnly affirm that I will faithfully discharge my duties as a public servant; I will respect the laws of Canada and Ontario, including the recognition and affirmation of the aboriginal and treaty rights of Indigenous peoples in the Constitution; and, except as I may be legally authorized or required, I will not disclose or give to any person any information or document that comes to my knowledge or possession by reason of my being a public servant.

Oath or Affirmation of Allegiance

Swear

I, _____
Name of Public Servant (First and Last Name)

swear that I will be faithful and bear true allegiance to His Majesty King Charles the Third (or the reigning sovereign for the time being), his heirs and successors according to law. So help me God.

or

Affirm

I, _____
Name of Public Servant (First and Last Name)

solemnly affirm that I will be faithful and bear true allegiance to His Majesty King Charles the Third (or the reigning sovereign for the time being), his heirs and successors according to law.

Oath or Affirmation of Allegiance Exemptions

☐ I am not a citizen of Canada but I am a citizen of another country and I assert that making the Oath or Affirmation of Allegiance could result in the loss of that citizenship.

☐ I identify as an Indigenous person and I assert that making the Oath or Affirmation of Allegiance would be inconsistent with my views regarding the relationship between the Crown and Indigenous peoples.

Indicate which are being sworn/affirmed:

☐ Oath or Affirmation of Office ☐ Oath or Affirmation of Allegiance

Sworn/Affirmed remotely by _____ ,
Name of Public Servant (First and Last Name)

stated as being located at the _____
City, Municipality, Territorial District, County, Regional Municipality etc.

of _____ , in the province of _____ ,
Specific Name (e.g., Toronto, Ottawa etc.) Specific Name (e.g., Ontario)

before me at the _____
City, Municipality, Territorial District, County, Regional Municipality etc.

of _____ , in the province of _____ ,
Specific Name (e.g., Toronto, Ottawa etc.) Specific Name (e.g., Ontario)

this _____ day of _____ , 20 _____ , in accordance with Ontario Regulation 431/20,
Month Year

Administering Oath or Declaration Remotely.

The Government of Ontario acknowledges that what is now known as Ontario has been the home of many Indigenous peoples since time immemorial and that today these lands are subject to both existing Aboriginal and treaty rights.

Signature of Public Servant (declarant)

Signature of Oath Administrator

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