

New Zealand.



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Title.	AN ACT to amend the Law as to the Manner of taking Oaths. <div style="text-align: right;"><i>[25th October, 1910.]</i></div>
Short Title.	BE IT ENACTED by the General Assembly of New Zealand in Parliament assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:— 1. This Act may be cited as the Oaths Act, 1910.
Interpretation.	2. In this Act,— “Oath” means an oath administered or taken for any purpose, whether in judicial proceedings or otherwise; “Officer” means any person duly authorized to administer oaths.
Forms of oaths.	3. An oath may be administered and taken in any of the manners following:— (a.) The person taking the oath may, while holding in his hand a copy of the Bible, New Testament, or Old Testament, repeat the words of the oath as prescribed or allowed by law; or (b.) The officer administering the oath may repeat the appropriate form of adjuration commencing with the words “You swear by Almighty God that,” or words to the like effect, and concluding with the words of the oath as prescribed or allowed by law, and the person taking the oath shall thereupon, while holding in his hand a copy of the Bible, New Testament, or Old Testament, indicate his assent to the oath so administered by uttering the words “I do,” or other words to the like effect; or (c.) The oath may be administered and taken in any manner which would have been lawful if this Act had not been passed.
Special provision as to oaths in judicial proceedings.	4. In all judicial proceedings the officer administering the oath shall, unless the person about to take the oath voluntarily objects thereto, administer the oath in the form and manner set out in paragraph (b) of the last preceding section; but no oath shall be deemed illegal or invalid by reason of any breach of the provisions of this section.