

SECTION: Protocol and International Engagement

NUMBER: GES.PRO.008

SUBJECT: Retention of the title 'Honourable'

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1. Purpose

- 1.1 To outline the policy regarding retention of the title 'Honourable' by relevant office holders in Queensland.

2. Scope

- 2.1 This policy applies to the following office holders upon their departure from office:
 - 2.1.1 Members of the Executive Council of Queensland;
 - 2.1.2 Speakers of the Legislative Assembly of Queensland;
 - 2.1.3 Judges of the Supreme Court of Queensland.

3. References and Authority

- 3.1 *MEMORANDUM RECORDING AGREEMENTS REGARDING SECTION 7 OF THE AUSTRALIA ACTS AND ESTABLISHED PRACTICE TAKING INTO ACCOUNT THE AUSTRALIA ACTS*, 16 February 1989.
- 3.2 Delegation of Authority by Her Majesty The Queen to the Governor of Queensland, 25 May 1993 (file reference F783).
- 3.3 Letter from the Foreign and Commonwealth Office, London, dated 20 February, 1984, relating to requests for retention of the title 'Honourable' where the period of service has been less than three (3) years.

4. Definitions

- 4.1 **Office holders** refers to those persons who have occupied any of the offices listed in 2.1.1, 2.1.2 or 2.1.3.

5. Guidelines

- 5.1 The office holders listed in 2.1, who are entitled to use the title 'Honourable' whilst in office, do not automatically retain the title when they cease to hold that office. If they wish to retain the title, they must apply for it but only after their departure from office (refer 7.1 and 7.2 for application procedure).
- 5.2 Under the guidelines laid down by Buckingham Palace, office holders must have served a minimum period of time in that office to be eligible to retain the title. The minimum length of service required for each particular office holder is as follows:

Premiers - One year;

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| Ministers | - | Three years; |
| Speakers | - | Three years; |
| Judges | - | No qualifying period. |

5.3 The Governor of Queensland has been granted a delegation of authority from The Queen to grant the right of retention of the title 'Honourable' for life where applications for such grant are in accordance with the guidelines outlined in 5.2.

5.4 In each case, the Governor relies on the advice of the Premier who has sole discretion in this matter. The Premier can decline to recommend an office holder for retention of the title on the following grounds:

5.4.1 the office holder has failed to serve the required period in office (refer 5.2); or

5.4.2 the office holder's departure from office was a direct consequence of some misdeed or action regarded as having brought his/her office into disrepute.

[Note: There have been a number of cases where the Premier of the day has declined to recommend former Ministers for retention of the title.]

5.5 Notwithstanding the guidelines outlined in 5.2, the Premier may, in special circumstances, recommend an office holder for retention of the title even though the office holder has served less than the required period in office. As such cases are not covered by the Governor's delegation of authority, the matter must be referred, via the Governor, to Buckingham Palace for determination.

[Note: There are only two known cases of Queensland office holders being approved for retention of the title under special circumstances - Heading (Minister) in 1960 and Warner (Speaker) in 1987. In both cases, they failed by only several weeks to serve the required three (3) years due to an early State Election being called and were prevented from standing for re-election because of ill health.]

6. Responsibilities

6.1 The **Director, Protocol and International Engagement**, is responsible for the administration of this policy.

7. Actions

7.1 Upon receiving notification of the retirement or resignation of an office holder, the Director, Protocol and International Engagement, should contact the office holder to inform them of their entitlement to retain the title 'Honourable' and advise them of the required procedure should they wish to apply.

7.2 Former Executive Councillors and former Speakers wishing to retain the title should apply in writing direct to the Premier.

7.3 Former Judges of the Supreme Court wishing to retain the title should apply in writing direct to the Minister responsible for the administration of the Court who will then submit the matter, with a recommendation, to the Premier.

7.4 All applications are assessed by the Director, Protocol and International Engagement, in accordance with the guidelines established by Buckingham Palace (refer 5.2), following

which a recommendation is submitted by the Director-General to the Premier for consideration.

- 7.5 If the Premier supports the office holder's application for retention of the title, a letter of recommendation signed by the Premier is despatched to the Governor.
- 7.6 The Governor may approve retention of the title 'Honourable' for life, where an application complies with the guidelines. Alternatively, the Governor may refer the matter to Buckingham Palace, if the Premier has recommended that the application be considered as a special case (refer 5.5).
- 7.7 Following advice from Government House that retention of the title has been approved, a letter is prepared for the Premier's signature informing the office holder of such approval.
- 7.8 A notice is then prepared for publication in the *Queensland Government Gazette*. After publication, copies are to be distributed to 7.8.1 and 7.8.2 and also to the appropriate officials listed in 7.8.3 to 7.8.6:
 - 7.8.1 The applicant (ie the former office holder)
 - 7.8.2 The Official Secretary, Government House;
 - 7.8.3 All Ministers;
 - 7.8.4 The Chief Justice of the Supreme Court;
 - 7.8.5 The Clerk of the Parliament;
 - 7.8.6 The Leader of the Opposition.
- 7.9 The lists contained in Attachment 1, as well the *List of Queenslanders who have been awarded Honours*, are then up-dated:

8. Attachment

Attachment 1 *Title 'Honourable' Lists*

Title ‘Honourable’ Lists

last updated – 7 March 2025

List of office holders who have been granted approval to retain the title ‘Honourable’ for life (in order of date of gazette)

* indicates application approved as special case.

| Office Holder | Office Held | Date Gazetted |
|---------------------------------|---------------------|---------------|
| GRAY George Wilkie | Minister | 3/11/1903 |
| MURRAY John | Minister | 3/11/1903 |
| BLAIR James William | Minister | 17/12/1910 |
| KIDSTON William | Minister | 17/05/1911 |
| HAWTHORN Arthur George Clarence | Minister | 20/04/1914 |
| APPEL John George | Minister | 11/11/1915 |
| PAGET Walter Trueman | Minister | 9/03/1916 |
| ARMSTRONG William Drayton | Speaker | 14/07/1916 |
| HARDARCE Herbert Freemont | Minister | 21/01/1920 |
| HUNTER John McEwan | Minister | 21/01/1920 |
| RYAN Thomas Joseph | Premier | 21/01/1920 |
| REAL Patrick | Judge | 4/08/1922 |
| O’SULLIVAN Thomas K.C | Judge | 15/03/1927 |
| SHAND William Alfred Byam | Judge | 25/01/1928 |
| LUKIN Lionel Oscar | Judge | 2/04/1928 |
| MACNAUGHTON Allan Wight | Judge | 12/03/1929 |
| FIHELLY John Arthur | Minister | 29/04/1930 |
| SIZER Hubert Ebenezer | Minister | 17/01/1935 |
| KING Reginald MacDonnell | Minister | 22/10/1935 |
| MORGAN Godfrey | Minister | 17/01/1939 |
| MULLAN John | Minister | 8/03/1941 |
| DASH John | Minister | 13/05/1941 |
| SMITH William Forgan | Premier | 20/02/1943 |
| BULCOCK Frank W | Minister | 15/06/1943 |
| HANSON Edward Joseph | Speaker | 27/10/1944 |
| COOPER F.A. | Lieutenant-Governor | 13/03/1946 |
| WALKER Henry Fredrick | Minister | 13/01/1947 |
| BRUCE Henry Adam | Minister | 1/07/1950 |
| DOUGLAS Robert Johnstone | Judge | 8/01/1954 |
| WILLIAMS Thomas Lewis | Minister | 16/05/1956 |
| HILTON Paul Jerome Remigius | Minister | 1/12/1957 |
| COLLINS Harold Henry | Minister | 2/12/1957 |
| GAIR Vincent Clair | Minister | 2/12/1957 |
| JONES Arthur | Minister | 2/12/1957 |
| POWER William | Minister | 2/12/1957 |

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| HEADING James Alfred CMG DCM * | Minister | 15/09/1960 |
| MATTHEWS Benjamin Henry | Judge | 23/01/1962 |
| MORRIS Kenneth James | Minister | 13/02/1963 |
| MADSEN Otto Ottosen | Minister | 18/07/1963 |
| TOWNLEY Kenneth Russell | Judge | 18/01/1964 |
| STANLEY Edward James Droughton | Judge | 14/11/1964 |
| JEFFERIES Bernard Joseph | Judge | 25/02/1965 |
| MUNRO Alan Whiteside | Minister | 25/02/1965 |
| HILEY Thomas Alfred | Minister | 25/02/1966 |
| MANSFIELD Alan KCMG | Chief Justice | 10/03/1966 |
| NICKLIN G. F (Francis) R. | Premier | 28/02/1968 |
| RICHTER Harold | Minister | 10/07/1969 |
| DEWAR Alexander Tattenhall | Minister | 13/03/1970 |
| TATTENHALL Dewar Alexander | Minister | 13/03/1970 |
| SHEEHY Sir Joseph Aloysius KBE | Judge | 15/07/1970 |
| MACK Sir William George KBE | Chief Justice | 24/06/1971 |
| DELAMOTHE Dr Peter Roylance OBE | Minister | 3/02/1972 |
| NICHOLSON Sir David | Speaker | 8/08/1972 |
| ROW Sir John Alfred | Minister | 8/08/1972 |
| SKERMAN Russell Wigton | Judge | 17/01/1974 |
| FLETCHER Sir Alan Roy | Minister | 23/12/1974 |
| RAE Sir Wallace Alexander Ramsay | Minister | 23/12/1974 |
| TOOTH Sir Douglas | Minister | 23/12/1974 |
| CHALK Sir Gordon William Wesley KBE | Minister | 13/09/1976 |
| HANGER Sir Moystn KBE | Chief Justice | 10/09/1977 |
| HERBERT John Desmond | Minister | 24/10/1978 |
| HOUGHTON James Edward Hiram | Speaker | 23/08/1979 |
| HODGES Allen Maxwell | Minister | 23/10/1979 |
| NEWBURY T. G | Minister | 23/10/1979 |
| STABLE Norton S | Judge | 23/10/1979 |
| HOARE Marcus Bentram CMG | Judge | 12/03/1980 |
| CAMM Ronald Ernest | Minister | 18/08/1980 |
| CAMPBELL Frederick Alexander | Minister | 25/02/1981 |
| GREENWOOD John Ward QC | Minister | 25/02/1981 |
| HEWITT Neville Thomas Eric MM AFM | Minister | 25/02/1981 |
| LEE Norman Edward | Minister | 25/02/1981 |
| LICKISS William Daniel QGM | Minister | 25/02/1981 |
| PORTER Charles Robert | Minister | 25/02/1981 |
| LUCAS Geoffrey A G AC | Judge | 27/02/1982 |
| WANSTALL Sir Charles | Judge | 27/02/1982 |
| SULLIVAN Victor Bruce | Minister | 22/01/1983 |
| TOMKINS Kenneth Burgoyne | Minister | 22/01/1983 |
| DOUMANY Samuel Sydney | Minister | 22/10/1983 |

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| EDWARDS Sir Llewellyn AC | Minister | 22/10/1983 |
| KNOX Sir William | Minister | 22/10/1983 |
| BIRD Valmond James | Minister | 31/03/1984 |
| MULLER Selwyn John | Speaker | 31/03/1984 |
| WILLIAMS Sir Edward KCMG KBE | Judge | 14/04/1984 |
| SHEAHAN C D | Judge | 27/04/1985 |
| CAMPBELL Sir Walter AC QC | Judge | 29/06/1985 |
| CAMPBELL Douglas Malcolm | Judge | 2/09/1985 |
| WHARTON Claude Alfred CMG | Minister | 2/12/1986 |
| TURNER Neil John | Minister | 28/01/1987 |
| WARNER John Herbert* | Speaker | 25/06/1987 |
| BJELKE-PETERSEN Sir Joh KCMG | Premier | 4/02/1988 |
| MATTHEWS Ronald Henry | Judge | 20/02/1989 |
| ANDREWS Sir Dormer | Judge | 1/06/1989 |
| POWELL Lionel William | Minister/Speaker | 4/10/1989 |
| AHERN Michael John | Premier | 8/12/1989 |
| GLASSON William Hamline | Minister | 8/12/1989 |
| MCKECHNIE Peter Richard | Minister | 8/12/1989 |
| TENNI Martin James | Minister | 8/12/1989 |
| HARPER Neville John | Minister | 26/04/1990 |
| KATTER Robert Carl | Minister | 26/04/1990 |
| LESTER Vincent Patrick | Minister | 26/04/1990 |
| GUNN William Angus Mason | Minister | 12/07/1990 |
| COMBEN Patrick | Minister | 23/06/1995 |
| SMITH Geoffrey Norman | Minister | 17/11/1995 |
| WELLS Dean MacMillan | Minister | 22/12/1995 |
| CARTER William Joseph | Judge | 12/01/1996 |
| CONNOLLY Peter David CBE | Judge | 12/01/1996 |
| KELLY Jack Lawrence CBE | Judge | 12/01/1996 |
| RYAN Kevin William | Judge | 12/01/1996 |
| BRADDY Paul Joseph | Minister | 26/04/1996 |
| BURNS Thomas James | Minister | 26/04/1996 |
| DELACY Keith Ernest | Minister | 26/04/1996 |
| ELDER James Peter | Minister | 26/04/1996 |
| FOLEY Matthew Joseph | Minister | 26/04/1996 |
| GIBBS Robert James | Minister | 26/04/1996 |
| HAMILL David John | Minister | 26/04/1996 |
| HAYWARD Kenneth William OAM | Minister | 26/04/1996 |
| MACKENROTH Terence Michael | Minister | 26/04/1996 |
| MCGRADY Anthony | Minister | 26/04/1996 |
| MILLINER Glen Richard | Minister | 26/04/1996 |
| FOURAS Demetrios | Speaker | 17/05/1996 |
| WARNER Anne Marie AM | Minister | 17/05/1996 |

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| CASEY Edmund | Minister | 23/08/1996 |
| GIBBS Ivan J | Minister | 4/07/1997 |
| MACROSSAN John AC | Chief Justice | 5/06/1998 |
| BORBIDGE Robert Edward | Premier | 2/10/1998 |
| COOPER Theo Russell | Minister | 2/10/1998 |
| LINGARD Kevin Rowson | Minister | 2/10/1998 |
| LITTLEPROUD Brian George | Minister | 2/10/1998 |
| FITZGERALD Gerald Edward AC | President Court of Appeal | 12/02/1999 |
| DERRINGTON Desmond Keith | Judge | 14/07/2000 |
| LEE William Charles | Judge | 14/07/2000 |
| SHEPHERDSON Tom Farquhar | Judge | 4/08/2000 |
| THOMAS James Burrows | Judge | 14/06/2002 |
| AMBROSE Brian William | Judge | 28/11/2003 |
| BREDHAUER Stephen Dominic | Minister | 2/04/2004 |
| CUNNINGHAM Junita Irene | Minister | 2/04/2004 |
| EDMOND Wendy Marjorie | Minister | 7/05/2004 |
| DAVIES Geoffrey Lance AO | Judge | 22/04/2005 |
| BARTON Thomas Alfred | Minister | 9/02/2007 |
| McPHERSON Bruce Harvey CBE | Judge | 9/02/2007 |
| PALASZCZUK Henry | Minister | 9/02/2007 |
| HELMAN John Westlake Barrett | Judge | 19/10/2007 |
| BEATTIE Peter Douglas | Premier | 26/10/2007 |
| MOYNIHAN Martin Patrick AO | Judge | 16/11/2007 |
| JERRARD John Alexander | Judge | 8/12/2008 |
| MACKENZIE Kenneth George William | Judge | 20/03/2009 |
| KEECH Margaret Majella | Minister | 19/06/2009 |
| PITT Frederick Warren | Minister | 19/06/2009 |
| REYNOLDS Michael Francis | Minister/Speaker | 19/06/2009 |
| SPENCE Judith Caroline | Minister | 19/06/2009 |
| WELFORD Rodney Jon | Minister | 19/06/2009 |
| BOYLE Desley Carole | Minister | 29/04/2011 |
| SCHWARTEN Robert Evan | Minister | 29/04/2011 |
| CULLINANE Keiran A AM | Judge | 13/01/2012 |
| CHESTERMAN Richard AO RFD | Judge | 25/07/2012 |
| MICKEL John | Minister/Speaker | 25/07/2012 |
| JONES Stanley Graham AO | Judge | 17/08/2012 |
| WHITE Margaret AO | Judge | 11/09/2013 |
| BLIGH Anna Maria | Premier | 13/12/2013 |
| DICK Cameron Robert | Minister | 13/12/2013 |
| LUCAS Paul Thomas | Minister | 13/12/2013 |
| MULHERIN Timothy Sean | Minister | 13/12/2013 |
| NOLAN Rachel Genevieve | Minister | 13/12/2013 |
| PALASZCZUK Anastacia | Minister | 13/12/2013 |

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| REEVES Philip Gerard | Minister | 13/12/2013 |
| ROBERTS Neil Stuart | Minister | 13/12/2013 |
| WALLACE Craig Andrew | Minister | 13/12/2013 |
| WILSON Geoffrey James | Minister | 13/12/2013 |
| de JERSEY Paul AC CVO | Chief Justice | 9/07/2014 |
| FRYBERG Henry George | Judge | 27/03/2015 |
| WILSON Margaret Anne | Judge | 27/03/2015 |
| HINCHLIFFE Stirling | Minister | 3/07/2015 |
| MUIR John Daniel Murray QC | Judge | 14/08/2015 |
| WILSON Alan Muir QC | Judge | 18/12/2015 |
| SPRINGBORG Lawrence AM | Minister | 23/09/2016 |
| FRASER, Andrew Peter | Minister | - |
| McMURDO Margaret Anne AC | Judge | 2/06/2017 |
| LYONS Peter | Judge | 28/07/2017 |
| BYRNE John Harris AO | Judge | 2/03/2018 |
| McMEEKIN Duncan Vincent Cook | Judge | 1/06/2018 |
| ATKINSON Roslyn Gay AO | Judge | 7/06/2019 |
| GOTTERSON, Robert AO | Judge | 9/10/2020 |
| DOUGLAS, James Sholto | Judge | 16/10/2020 |
| LYNHAM, Anthony Joseph | Minister | 12/03/2021 |
| JONES, Kate Jennifer | Minister | 16/04/2021 |
| O'ROURKE, Coralee Jane | Minister | 16/04/2021 |
| PHILIPPIDES, Anthe Ioanna | Judge | 24/09/2021 |
| LYONS, Ann | Judge | 14/04/2022 |
| DAUBNEY, Alfred (Martin) AM | Judge | 13/05/2022 |
| FRASER, Hugh Barron KC | Judge | 20/01/2023 |
| HOLMES, Catherine Ena AC | Chief Justice | 3/02/2023 |
| JACKSON, David John Sandford | Judge | 21/07/2023 |
| McMURDO, Philip Donald | Judge | 21/07/2023 |
| BAILEY, Mark Craig | Minister | 15/03/2024 |
| CRAWFORD, Craig Daryl | Minister | 28/03/2024 |
| MORRISON, Philip | Judge | 27/09/2024 |
| PITT, Curtis Warren | Minister/Speaker | 25/10/2024 |
| MILES, Steven John | Premier | 7/03/2025 |
| GRACE, Grace | Minister | 7/03/2025 |
| FENTIMAN, Shannon Maree | Minister | 7/03/2025 |
| de BRENNI, Michael Christopher | Minister | 7/03/2025 |
| SCANLON, Meaghan Alana Jenkins | Minister | 7/03/2025 |
| RYAN, Mark Thomas | Minister | 7/03/2025 |
| ENOCH, Leeanne Margaret | Minister | 7/03/2025 |
| FARMER, Dianne Elizabeth | Minister | 7/03/2025 |
| FURNER, Mark | Minister | 7/03/2025 |
| BUTCHER, Glenn James | Minister | 7/03/2025 |
| LINARD, Leanne Maree | Minister | 7/03/2025 |

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| APPLEGARTH, Peter AM KC | Judge | 7/03/2025 |