



Application of Enactments Ordinance 1954 (FLK No.13 of 1954)

Application of Colony Laws Ordinance 1955 (DS No.1 of 1955)

Oaths Act 1909

UK Legis LINK as originally enacted	Oaths Act 1909 c.39
English commencement	1 January 1910
English status	Repealed fully by Oaths Act 1978
AEO Schedule No.	8
Date applied in SGSSI:	1 November 1954
Extent of Application	Whole Act except Section 4

Oaths Act 1909

An Act to amend the Law as to Oaths

BE it enacted by the Kings most Excellent Majesty, by and with the advice and consent of the Lords Spiritual and Temporal, and Commons, in this present Parliament assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows :

1 Short title

This Act may be cited for all purposes as the Oaths Act, 1909; and the Oaths Act, 1888, and this Act may be cited together as the Oaths Acts, 1888 and 1909.

2 Manner of administration of oaths

- (1) Any oath may be administered and taken in the form and manner following:

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The person taking the oath shall hold the New Testament, or, in the case of a Jew, the Old Testament, in his uplifted hand, and shall say or repeat after the officer administering the oath the words “ I swear by Almighty God that.....”, followed by the words of the oath prescribed by law.

- (2) The officer shall (unless the person about to take the oath voluntarily objects thereto, or is physically incapable of so taking the oath) administer the oath in the form and manner aforesaid without question :

Provided that, in the case of a person who is neither a Christian nor a Jew, the oath shall be administered in any manner which is now lawful.

3 Definition

In this Act the word “ officer ” shall mean and include any and every person duly authorised to administer oaths.

4 Commencement and extent

[not applied]

Notes:

1. Consider the effect of all of the Principal Adaptive Provisions when determining whether this Act and its replacement in England has implications for the current laws of South Georgia and the South Sandwich Islands.

Historic Notes:

1. It is evident from the way in which the Oaths Act 1909 was applied that:
 - a. the Oaths Act 1888 was already considered to be part of the corpus of laws for the Falkland Islands and their Dependencies; and
 - b. the effect of what is now s81A Interpretation and General Clauses Ordinance (1977) and previously s31 Interpretation and General Law Ordinance 1900 had

prevented the Oaths Act 1909 from automatic reception into the laws of the Falkland Islands and their Dependencies

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