**Someone in a recognised profession\* can witness your**

**‘LIFE CERTIFICATE’ if you’re claiming State Pension**

**abroad.**

They do not need to live in the UK, or have a British passport.

Please note that Consular Officials at your local Embassy are no longer supposed to

act as witnesses for this purpose.

**Examples of people working in (or being retired from) recognised professions**

**resp “persons of good standing in their community” are:**

 accountant

 airline pilot

 articled clerk of a limited company

 assurance agent of recognised company

 bank/building society official

 barrister

 chairman/director of limited company

 chiropodist

 commissioner of oaths

 councillor (local or county)

 civil servant (permanent), but not someone who works for Her Majesty’s

Passport Office

 dentist

 director/manager of a VAT-registered charity

 director/manager/personnel officer of a VAT-registered company

 engineer (with professional qualifications)

 financial services intermediary (eg a stockbroker or insurance broker)

 fire service official

 funeral director

 insurance agent (full time) of a recognised company

 journalist

 Justice of the Peace

 legal secretary (fellow or associate member of the Institute of Legal

Secretaries and PAs)

 licensee of public house

 local government officer

 manager/personnel officer (of a limited company)

 member, associate or fellow of a professional body

 Member of Parliament

 Merchant Navy officer

 minister of a recognised religion (including Christian Science)

 nurse (RGN and RMN)

 officer of the armed services

 optician

 paralegal (certified paralegal, qualified paralegal or associate member of the

Institute of Paralegals)

 person with honours (an OBE or MBE, for example)