

## Verification of Identity (VOI) in South Australia

If you're buying or selling property in South Australia, you may have heard of **Verification of Identity (VOI)**. It's a legal requirement that ensures everyone involved in a property transaction is who they say they are—a key step to prevent fraud and protect your investment.

### What Is VOI?

VOI has been part of property law since the **Real Property Act of 1886**, but it was updated in **2013** to keep up with modern online property transactions using platforms like **PEXA**.

In simple terms, VOI:

- Confirms the identity of buyers, sellers, and their agents.
- Protects the integrity of the **Torrens land title system**.
- Ensures that online property transactions are safe and fraud-resistant.

By completing VOI, you can focus on buying or selling your property with confidence.

### What Documents Do You Need for VOI?

Your conveyancer will guide you, but generally, you need **original, physical documents** that prove your identity:

#### Option 1:

- Current or recently expired passport (within 2 years)
- Current driver's licence or proof of age card

#### Option 2 (if no passport):

- Full birth certificate
- Medicare, Centrelink, or Department of Veteran Affairs card

#### Requirements:

- Names must match across documents
- Photos must be an accurate likeness
- If your name has changed, provide a marriage certificate

Verification must be done **face-to-face**, either with your conveyancer, an Identity Agent (e.g., Australia Post), or a justice of the peace. Some online platforms, like **LiveSign**, allow secure remote VOI that meets the legal standard.

### How Long Does VOI Last?

- **Validity:** 2 years from the date of verification
- **Record keeping:** VOI documents are stored for 7 years by your agent
- If you change conveyancers, you'll need to redo the process.

## How Beltana Conveyancing Can Help

At **Beltana Conveyancing**, we guide you through the VOI process step by step, answering questions and ensuring all your documents meet South Australian requirements. Whether you're buying or selling in **metropolitan Adelaide** or **regional South Australia**, we make VOI simple, stress-free, and secure.

**Get in touch today** to prepare your VOI and take the first step toward a safe and confident property transaction.