



Retention of the Title 'Honourable' in relation to the Parliament of South Australia

In South Australia, the title 'Honourable' (commonly abbreviated to 'Hon' or 'The Hon') is entitled to be held by the following, whilst in office:

- Governor
- Members of Executive Council (ie. Premier and Ministers)
- Speaker of the House of Assembly
- Members of the Legislative Council (including President of the Legislative Council)
- Judges of the Supreme Court and of the Court of Appeal

Individuals who hold office as a Member of Executive Council, Speaker of the House of Assembly, President of the Legislative Council, and Member of the Legislative Council do not automatically retain the title when they cease to hold office.

Once an individual ceases to hold one of the aforementioned Parliamentary offices, they may upon request apply for the retention of the title for life. Approval of the retention of the title is granted if the following criteria of minimum length of service has been met:

Leader of the Government (ie. Premier)	- One year
Member of Executive Council (ie. Minister)	- Three years
President	- Three years
Speaker	- Three years
Member of the Legislative Council	- Ten years

Subsequent to Royal Assent of the *Australia Act 1986 (Cth)*, the Governor has delegated authority from the Sovereign to grant approval for the retention of the title in cases that meet the above criteria. The Clerk of the Legislative Council or the Clerk of the House of Assembly (depending on which House the applicant served in) notifies the individual of their eligibility and seeks their consent. If the applicant consents, the Clerk then writes to the Premier, confirming that the applicant satisfies the aforementioned criteria and has consented to their application to retain the title. The Premier may then offer advice/recommend to the Governor on approving the retention of the title. Any approval is subsequently published in the [South Australian Government Gazette](#).

NB: There is provision for a combination of service to be judged as meeting the criteria for retention (eg. one year of service as Minister with an additional two years' service as Speaker will total the minimum three years' service required to retain the title in both cases).

The following is a list of individuals who have been granted retention of the title 'Honourable' in relation to the Parliament of South Australia (listed in order of gazetted date):

Name	Office Held	Gazetted Date
BLYTH KCMG CB, Hon Sir Arthur	Minister	18 Aug 1864
HANSON, Hon Sir Richard Davies	Premier	18 Aug 1864
REYNOLDS, Hon Thomas	Premier	18 Aug 1864
STRANGWAYS, Hon Henry Bull Templar	Minister	18 Aug 1864
WATERHOUSE, Hon George Marsden	Premier	18 Aug 1864
FINNISS, Hon Boyle Travers	Premier/Minister	15 Dec 1864
AYERS GCMG, Hon Sir Henry	Premier	13 Sep 1866
MILNE, Hon Sir William	Minister	13 Sep 1866
ANDREWS QC, Hon Richard Bullock	Minister	10 Jun 1869
HART CMG, Hon John	Premier	18 Apr 1872
GLYDE, Hon Lavington	Minister	21 Oct 1875
CARR, Hon John	Minister	2 May 1878
COLTON KCMG, Hon Sir John	Premier	2 May 1878
MANN QC, Hon Charles	Minister	19 Jun 1879
MORGAN KCMG, Hon Sir William	Premier/Minister	10 Mar 1880
BUNDEY KC, Hon Sir William Henry	Minister	16 Nov 1882
HAWKER, Hon Sir George Charles	Minister/Speaker	16 Nov 1882
PLAYFORD, Hon Thomas	Minister	16 Nov 1882
PARSONS, Hon John Langdon	Minister	21 May 1884
BRAY KCMG, Hon Sir John Cox	Premier	19 Mar 1885
CATT, Hon Alfred	Minister	20 Jan 1887
DOWNER KCMG KC, Hon Sir John William	Premier	28 Jul 1887
RAMSAY, Hon James Garden	Minister	28 Jul 1887
BOUCAUT KCMG KC, Hon Sir James Penn	Premier	3 Oct 1887
CAVENAGH, Hon Wentworth	Minister	24 Nov 1887
SANTO, Hon Philip	Minister	24 Nov 1887
COLES KCMG, Hon Sir Jenkin	Minister	19 Dec 1889
KINGSTON KC, Rt Hon Charles Cameron *	Minister	19 Dec 1889
WARD, Hon Ebenezer	Minister	19 Dec 1889
HOWE, Hon James Henderson	Minister	24 Jul 1890
COCKBURN KCMG, Hon Sir John Alexander	Premier	8 Jan 1891
ROUNSEVELL, Hon William Benjamin	Minister	20 Oct 1892
GORDON KC, Hon Sir John Hannah	Minister	21 May 1896

HOLDER KCMG, Hon Sir Frederick William	Minister	3 May 1900
JENKINS, Hon John Greeley	Minister	3 May 1900
O'LOGHLIN VD, Hon James Vincent	Minister	3 May 1900
O'LOUGHLIN, Hon Laurence Theodore	Minister	3 May 1900
FOSTER, Hon Richard Witty	Minister	8 Aug 1904
BUTLER, Hon Sir Richard	Premier/Minister	12 Sep 1905
HOMBURG, Hon Robert	Minister	12 Sep 1905
KIRKPATRICK, Hon Andrew Alexander	Minister	24 Jun 1909
PEAKE, Hon Archibald Henry	Premier/Minister	8 Sep 1910
VERRAN, Hon John	Premier	20 Jun 1912
HOMBURG, Hon Hermann	Minister	6 May 1915
BICE KCMG, Hon Sir John George	Minister	22 May 1915
PASCOE, Hon Thomas	Minister	22 May 1915
VAUGHAN, Hon Crawford	Premier	1 Nov 1917
LUCAS, Hon Sir Edward	Legislative Council	13 Jun 1918
CONEYBEER, Hon Frederick William	Speaker	18 Aug 1921
RITCHIE KCMG, Hon Sir George	Minister	15 Mar 1923
BARWELL KCMG, Hon Sir Henry Newman	Premier	28 Aug 1924
HAGUE, Hon William	Minister	28 Aug 1924
LAFFER, Hon George Richards	Minister	28 Aug 1924
GUNN, Hon John	Premier	16 Dec 1926
BUTTERFIELD, Hon Thomas	Minister	14 Jul 1927
DENNY MC, Hon William Joseph	Minister	14 Jul 1927
HILL, Hon Lionel Laughton	Premier/Minister	14 Jul 1927
JELLEY, Hon James	Minister	14 Jul 1927
BUTLER KCMG, Hon Sir Richard Layton	Premier	7 Aug 1930
COWAN, Hon Sir John	Minister	7 Aug 1930
JENKINS KBE, Hon Sir George Frederick	Minister	7 Aug 1930
McINTOSH KBE, Hon Sir Malcolm	Minister	7 Aug 1930
TASSIE, Hon Henry	Minister	7 Aug 1930
McINNIS, Hon John	Minister/Speaker	20 Jul 1933
RICHARDS, Hon Robert Stanley	Premier/Minister	20 Jul 1933
WHITFORD, Hon Stanley R.	Minister	20 Jul 1933
COOKE, Hon John Herbert	Legislative Council	15 Mar 1934
PROSSER, Hon George Henry	Legislative Council	15 Mar 1934
WALLIS, Hon Frederick Samuel	Legislative Council	9 Aug 1934
HUDD KBE MC, Hon Sir Herbert Sydney	Minister	21 Jul 1938

HANNAFORD, Hon Walter	Legislative Council	14 Aug 1941
YOUNG, Hon Harry Dove	Legislative Council	14 Aug 1941
GORDON, Hon Sir David John	President	19 Oct 1944
JEFFRIES, Hon Sir Shirley Williams	Minister	19 Oct 1944
HOLDEN, Hon Sir Edward Wheewall	Legislative Council	22 May 1947
CASTINE, Hon Ernest William	Legislative Council	2 Oct 1947
HOARE, Hon Albert Alfred	Legislative Council	10 May 1956
NICHOLLS, Hon Sir Robert Dove	Speaker	10 May 1956
SANDFORD, Hon Sir James Wallace	Legislative Council	10 May 1956
ANTHONEY, Hon Ernest	Legislative Council	23 Apr 1959
BICE, Hon John Leonard Sandoe	Legislative Council	23 Apr 1959
CUDMORE, Hon Sir Collier Robert	Legislative Council	23 Apr 1959
EDMONDS, Hon Ernest Harry	Legislative Council	23 Apr 1959
DUNCAN, Hon Sir Walter Gordon	President	21 Jun 1962
TEUSNER CMG, Hon Berthold Herbert	Speaker	21 Jun 1962
BROOKMAN, Hon David Norman	Minister	6 May 1965
PATTINSON KBE, Hon Sir Baden	Minister	6 May 1965
PEARSON, Hon Sir Glen Gardner	Minister	6 May 1965
PLAYFORD GCMG, Hon Sir Thomas	Premier	6 May 1965
ROBINSON, Hon William Walsh	Legislative Council	6 May 1965
WILSON, Hon Robert Richard	Legislative Council	6 May 1965
STOTT CBE, Hon Tom Cleave	Speaker	26 Aug 1965
DENSLEY, Hon Leslie Harold	President	13 Jul 1967
BYWATERS, Hon Gabriel Alexander	Minister	11 Jul 1968
DUNSTAN AC QC, Hon Donald Allan	Premier/Minister	11 Jul 1968
HUTCHENS CBE, Hon Cyril Douglas	Minister	11 Jul 1968
LOVEDAY, Hon Ronald Redvers	Minister	11 Jul 1968
BEVAN, Hon Stanley Charles	Minister	26 Nov 1970
JUDE, Hon Sir Norman Lane	Minister	29 Jul 1971
HART, Hon Leslie Rupert	Legislative Council	14 Jun 1973
KNEEBONE, Hon Alfred Francis	Minister	28 Aug 1975
McKEE, Hon David Hugh	Minister	28 Aug 1975
GILFILLAN, Hon Gordon James	Legislative Council	13 Nov 1975
McEWIN KBE, Hon Sir Alexander Lyell	Minister	13 Nov 1975
RYMILL, Hon Sir Arthur Campbell	Legislative Council	13 Nov 1975
SHARD AO, Hon Albert James	Minister	13 Nov 1975
STORY CMG, Hon Clarence Ross	Legislative Council	13 Nov 1975

BROOMHILL, Hon Glen Raymond	Minister	18 Dec 1975
COOPER, Hon Jessie Mary	Legislative Council	6 Sep 1979
BANFIELD AO, Hon Donald Hubert Louis	Minister	13 Dec 1979
CASEY, Hon Thomas Mannix	Minister	13 Dec 1979
CORCORAN AO, Hon James Desmond	Premier/Minister	13 Dec 1979
DUNCAN, Hon Peter John Keith	Minister	13 Dec 1979
GEDDES, Hon Richard Alexander	Legislative Council	13 Dec 1979
HOPGOOD AO, Hon Dr Donald Jack	Minister	13 Dec 1979
HUDSON, Hon Hugh Richard	Minister	13 Dec 1979
PAYNE, Hon Ronald George	Minister	13 Dec 1979
SIMMONS AM DFC, Hon Donald William	Minister	13 Dec 1979
VIRGO AM, Hon Geoffrey Thomas	Minister	13 Dec 1979
WRIGHT AO, Hon John David	Minister	13 Dec 1979
ALLISON, Hon Harold	Minister	13 Jan 1983
ARNOLD, Hon Peter Bruce	Minister	13 Jan 1983
BROWN AO, Hon Dean Craig	Minister	13 Jan 1983
CASHMORE AM, Hon Jennifer Lilian **	Minister	13 Jan 1983
CHAPMAN, Hon William Edwin	Minister	13 Jan 1983
DAWKINS MBE, Hon Maynard Boyd	Legislative Council	13 Jan 1983
GOLDSWORTHY AO, Hon Eric Roger	Minister	13 Jan 1983
TONKIN AO, Hon Dr David Oliver	Premier	13 Jan 1983
WILSON AM, Hon Michael Minell	Minister	13 Jan 1983
WOTTON AM, Hon David Charles	Minister	13 Jan 1983
EASTICK AM, Hon Dr Bruce Charles	Speaker	3 Feb 1983
DE GARIS AM, Hon Renfrey Curgenvin	Legislative Council	27 Mar 1986
SLATER, Hon John William	Minister	27 Mar 1986
WHYTE AM, Hon Arthur Mornington	President	27 Mar 1986
HILL AM, Hon Charles Murray	Minister	Jul 1988
ABBOTT, Hon Roy Kitto	Minister	25 Oct 1988
CORNWALL OAM, Hon Dr John Robert	Minister	Mar 1989
HEMMINGS, Hon Terence Henry	Minister	2 Aug 1990
KENEALLY, Hon Gavin Francis	Minister	2 Aug 1990
TRAINER OAM, Hon John Patrick	Speaker	2 Aug 1990
BANNON AO, Hon Dr John Charles	Premier	26 Nov 1992
RITSON, Hon Robert John	Legislative Council	26 Aug 1993
CREEDON, Hon Cecil William	Legislative Council	2 Dec 1993
ARNOLD AO, Hon Dr Lynn Maurice Ferguson	Premier	26 May 1994

BLEVINS, Hon Frank Trevor	Minister	26 May 1994
BRUCE, Hon Gordon Lindsay	President	26 May 1994
CRAFTER AO, Hon Gregory John	Minister	26 May 1994
GILFILLAN, Hon Ian	Legislative Council	26 May 1994
GREGORY, Hon Robert John	Minister	26 May 1994
LENEHAN, Hon Susan Mary	Minister	26 May 1994
MAYES, Hon Milton Kym	Minister	26 May 1994
PETERSON, Hon Norman Thomas	Speaker	26 May 1994
RANN AC CNZM, Hon Michael David	Minister	26 May 1994
SUMNER AM, Hon Christopher John	Minister	24 Nov 1994
FELEPPA OAM, Hon Mario Severino	Legislative Council	16 Nov 1995
WIESE, Hon Barbara Jean	Minister	16 Nov 1995
MATTHEW, Hon Wayne Anthony	Minister	24 Oct 1997
SUCH, Hon Dr Robert Bruce	Minister	24 Oct 1997
BAKER, Hon Stephen John	Minister	20 Nov 1997
DUNN, Hon Henry Peter Kestel	President	20 Nov 1997
LEVY AO, Hon Judith Anne Winstanley	Minister	20 Nov 1997
GUNN AM, Hon Graham McDonald	Speaker	4 Jun 1998
INGERSON, Hon Graham Alexander	Minister	27 Aug 1998
WEATHERILL, Hon George	Legislative Council	12 Oct 2000
OLSEN AO, Hon John Wayne	Premier	29 Nov 2001
ARMITAGE, Hon Dr Michael Harry	Minister	2 May 2002
BUCKBY, Hon Malcolm Robert	Minister	2 May 2002
CROTHERS, Hon Trevor	Legislative Council	2 May 2002
DAVIS, Hon Legh Hewitson	Legislative Council	2 May 2002
EVANS, Hon Iain Frederick	Minister	2 May 2002
GRIFFIN, Hon Kenneth Trevor	Minister	2 May 2002
IRWIN, Hon James Campbell	President	2 May 2002
KERIN, Hon Robert Gerard	Premier/Minister	2 May 2002
KOTZ, Hon Dorothy Christine	Minister	2 May 2002
OSWALD, Hon John Kenneth Gibson	Speaker	2 May 2002
PICKLES, Hon Carolyn Ann	Legislative Council	2 May 2002
ELLIOTT, Hon Michael John	Legislative Council	30 Jan 2003
LAIDLAW AM, Hon Diana Vivienne	Minister	17 Jul 2003
WHITE AM, Hon Patricia Lynne	Minister	2 Jun 2005
LEWIS, Hon Ivan Peter	Speaker	14 Jul 2005
STEVENS, Hon Lea	Minister	18 May 2006

KEY, Hon Stephanie Wendy	Minister	22 Jun 2006
REDFORD, Hon Angus John	Legislative Council	29 Jun 2006
ROBERTS, Hon Ronald Roy	President	13 Jul 2006
STEFANI AM, Hon Julian Ferdinand	Legislative Council	13 Jul 2006
CAMERON, Hon Terry Gordon	Legislative Council	19 Jul 2007
KANCK, Hon Sandra Myrtho	Legislative Council	27 May 2009
McEWEN, Hon Rory John	Minister	27 May 2009
LAWSON RFD KC, Hon Robert David	Minister	20 May 2010
LOMAX-SMITH AM, Hon Dr Jane Diane	Minister	20 May 2010
MAYWALD, Hon Karlene Ann	Minister	20 May 2010
SCHAEFER, Hon Caroline Veronica	Legislative Council	20 May 2010
WRIGHT, Hon Michael John	Minister	23 May 2011
ATKINSON, Hon Michael John	Minister	18 Aug 2011
FOLEY, Hon Kevin Owen	Minister	15 Mar 2012
HOLLOWAY, Hon Paul	Minister	25 Jun 2012
SNEATH, Hon Robert Kenneth	President	6 Dec 2012
CAICA, Hon Paul	Minister	28 Mar 2013
CONLON, Hon Patrick Frederick	Minister	28 Mar 2013
HILL, Hon John David	Minister	28 Mar 2013
BREUER OAM, Hon Lynette Ruth	Speaker	19 Sep 2013
KENYON, Hon Thomas Richard	Minister	15 May 2014
ZOLLO, Hon Carmelina	Minister	31 May 2014
PORTOLESI, Hon Grace	Minister	30 Oct 2014
RANKINE, Hon Jennifer Mary	Minister	27 Mar 2015
PICCOLO, Hon Antonio	Minister	7 Jul 2016
SNELLING, Hon John James	Minister	27 Oct 2017
GAGO, Hon Gail Elizabeth	Minister	1 Mar 2018
HAMILTON-SMITH, Hon Martin Leslie James	Minister	1 Mar 2018
BETTISON, Hon Zoe Lee	Minister	5 Jul 2018
BIGNELL, Hon Leon William Kennedy	Minister	5 Jul 2018
BROCK, Hon Geoffrey Graeme	Minister	5 Jul 2018
GAZZOLA, Hon John Mario	President	5 Jul 2018
KOUTSANTONIS, Hon Anastasios	Minister	5 Jul 2018
MULLIGHAN, Hon Stephen Campbell	Minister	5 Jul 2018
RAU SC, Hon John Robert	Minister	5 Jul 2018
WEATHERILL AO, Hon Jay Wilson	Premier	5 Jul 2018
RIDGWAY, Hon David Wickham	Legislative Council	13 Aug 2021

CHAPMAN, Hon Vickie Ann	Minister	29 May 2022
GARDNER, Hon John Anthony William	Minister	29 May 2022
MARSHALL, Hon Steven Spence	Premier	29 May 2022
PISONI, Hon David Gregory	Minister	29 May 2022
SANDERSON, Hon Rachel	Minister	29 May 2022
SPEIRS, Hon David James	Minister	29 May 2022
VAN HOLST PELLEKAAN, Hon Daniel Cornelis	Minister	29 May 2022
WINGARD, Hon Corey Luke	Minister	29 May 2022
DARLEY OAM, Hon John Andrew	Legislative Council	13 Jul 2022
DAWKINS, Hon John Samuel Letts	Legislative Council	13 Jul 2022
LUCAS, Hon Robert Ivan	Minister	21 Oct 2022
WADE, Hon Stephen Graham	Minister	3 Mar 2023
TARZIA, Hon Vincent Anthony	Speaker/Minister	21 May 2023

* Kingston would later be appointed a Member of the Privy Council (9 Jul 1897), which accords the retention of the higher title 'Right Honourable' (abbreviated to 'Rt Hon').

** Formerly known as Jennifer Adamson.

For Members of the Commonwealth Parliament of Australia, those persons sworn in as a Member of the Federal Executive Council (ie. Prime Minister, Ministers, or Parliamentary Secretaries), retain the title 'Honourable' for life. It rests with the Governor-General to continue or terminate membership of the Executive Council and consequently the right to the title. With one exception, Ministers appointed to the Executive Council have not in the past had their appointment to the Council terminated upon termination of their commission and hence have retained the title 'Honourable' for life. For the Speaker of the House of Representatives, they may be granted the privilege to retain the title for life if they served in the office for three or more years. For the President of the Senate, the practice is that the title may be retained only if authorised by the monarch. The title was also granted to all those who served as a Member of the First Parliament (1901). *Vide House of Representatives Practice, 7th Edition, page 161; Odgers' Australian Senate Practice, 14th Edition, page 149.*

The following is a list of individuals who served in the Parliament of South Australia and who have been granted retention of the title 'Honourable' in relation to the Commonwealth Parliament of Australia (listed in order of date received):

Name	Office Held	Date Received
BAKER KCMG KC, Hon Sir Richard Chaffey	<i>First Parliament</i>	<i>9 May 1901</i>
CHARLESTON, Hon David Morley	<i>First Parliament</i>	<i>9 May 1901</i>
SOLOMON, Hon Vaiben Louis	<i>First Parliament</i>	<i>9 May 1901</i>
BATCHELOR, Hon Egerton Lee	<i>Minister</i>	<i>27 Apr 1904</i>
McGREGOR, Hon Gregor	<i>Minister</i>	<i>27 Apr 1904</i>
SYMON KCMG KC, Hon Sir Josiah Henry	<i>Minister</i>	<i>18 Aug 1904</i>

<u>HUTCHISON, Hon James</u>	<i>Minister</i>	13 Nov 1908
<u>GLYNN KC, Hon Patrick McMahon</u>	<i>Minister</i>	2 Jun 1909
<u>O'MALLEY, Hon King</u>	<i>Minister</i>	29 Apr 1910
<u>ROBERTS, Hon Ernest Alfred</u>	<i>Minister</i>	23 Oct 1911
<u>ARCHIBALD, Hon William Oliver</u>	<i>Minister</i>	17 Sep 1914
<u>POYNTON OBE, Hon Alexander</u>	<i>Minister</i>	14 Nov 1916
<u>NEWLAND KCMG CBE, Hon Sir John</u>	<i>President</i>	1 Jul 1926
<u>CAMERON, Hon Archie Galbraith</u>	<i>Minister</i>	29 Nov 1937
<u>McLEAY KCMG MM, Hon Sir John</u>	<i>Speaker</i>	29 Aug 1956
<u>LAUCKE KCMG, Hon Sir Condor Louis</u>	<i>President</i>	17 Feb 1976

Parliamentary Papers/Sources relating to the Title 'Honourable'

1. Title to President and Members of Legislative Council and to Speaker of House of Assembly - Despatch, 30 Oct 1856 and Parliamentary Paper No. 136, 1860.
2. Title to ex-Ministers and Premiers who have been Members of a Government for three years or head for one year, for life within the State. Duke of Newcastle's despatch, 28 Dec 1863; Parliamentary Paper No. 113, 1864. Note - Ministers are not gazetted during term of office.
3. Title recognised throughout British Dominions in case of Members of Executive and Legislative Councils - Despatch, 15 Jun 1893; Parliamentary Paper No. 76, 1894; Gazette, 27 Jul 1893.
4. Title continued to Presidents of Legislative Council and Speakers of House of Assembly on recommendation of Governor on quitting office after three years' service - Despatch, 10 Mar 1894; Parliamentary Paper No. 76, 1894.
5. Title continued to ex-Members of Legislative Council after 10 years' continuous service on recommendation of the Governor - Despatches, 14 Nov 1896; 18 Mar 1897; April 14, 1897; 5 May 1897; vide Parliamentary Papers, Nos. 63 and 79, 1898-99.
6. Title conferred on Members of both Houses of the first Commonwealth Parliament for life and in Australia only. See Volume II of Commonwealth Parliamentary Papers, 1904; Paper No. 21, page 1639: Despatch to Governor-General, 23 Mar 1904.
7. ...since service as Speaker ranks equally with service as Minister of the Crown in respect of the retention of the title total service in the two capacities may be regarded as equivalent to a similar period in either.; 'Application for the Title Honourable', Letter from the Secretary of State for Dominion Affairs to the Governor of South Australia, 6 May 1929, File 6/1929, SRSA GRG2/13.