



Yamatji Marlpa ABORIGINAL CORPORATION

Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander Descent Form

Introduction

YMAC is often asked to provide Confirmation of Aboriginality; usually this evidence will consist of a statutory declaration completed by the applicant and a document executed by an Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander organisation confirming that the applicant is recognised by his or her community as an Aboriginal person or Torres Strait Islander. However, applicants may be required to provide additional evidence if the usual evidence is not considered sufficient.

The following guidelines are intended to assist applicants applying for benefits and confirming organisations to complete this form:

Guidelines for Applicants / Guidelines for Recognising Organisations

Each applicant must complete a statutory declaration, as the statutory declaration requires the applicant to state that he or she is of Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander descent, some, or all the applicants ancestors must be Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander people. The declaration also requires the applicant to state that he or she identifies as an Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander person and that he or she is recognised by his or her community as a person who is of Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander descent.

Applicants should complete the applicants declaration before forwarding the document to an organisation for completion of the confirmation section.

Section 136 of the Criminal Code Act 1995 makes it an offence punishable by imprisonment for 12 months for a person to make a statement to the Commonwealth entity in a document knowing that statement to be false or misleading.

Such confirmation must be approved by a resolution at a formal meeting of the YMAC Board of Directors and the record of such resolution is to be sealed with the Common Seal of the organisation and signed by the authorised signatories.

Privacy Statement

YMAC respects the privacy of all people that it works with and is committed to managing personal and sensitive information in accordance with the Privacy Act 1998 (Cth) and the Australian Privacy Principles (APPs) set out in the Privacy Act.

Applicant Declaration

(Note: Each Aboriginal/Torres Strait Islander applicant must complete a separate Declaration)

I, _____
(full name)

Are you also known by other name – i.e. (maiden name, community or traditional name)

Of _____
(address)

Occupation _____

Do solemnly and sincerely declare that (check all which apply):

- I am of Aboriginal descent; and/or
- I am of Torres Strait Islander descent; and/or
- I identify as an Aboriginal person; and/or
- I identify as a Torres Strait Islander; and/or
- I am accepted as such by the # _____ Community
in which I currently live; and/or
- I am accepted as such by the # _____ Community
in which I formerly lived for: _____ years.

(# Insert name of community).

I make this solemn declaration by virtue of the Statutory Declarations Act 1959 and subject to the penalties provided by that Act for the making of false statements in statutory declarations, conscientiously believing that the statements contained in this declaration to be true in every particular.

Signature of Applicant _____

Declared at _____ this _____ day of _____

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Before me _____
(signature of person before whom the declaration is made)

* _____
(here inserted printed name, qualification and address of person before whom the declaration is made)

(before whom a statutory declaration may be made are listed on the enclosure)

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Recognising Organisation Resolution

Name of Applicant: _____

Address of Applicant: _____

It is hereby confirmed that the above named applicant, seeking assistance from the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Commission has provided sufficient evidence to indicate Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander descent;

- Identifies as an Aboriginal person; and/or
- Identifies as a Torres Strait Islander; and/or
- *is recognised as such by the _____
Community in which the applicant currently lives and has lived for _____ years;
and/or
- *Is recognised as such by the _____
Community; and/or
- *Is recognised as such by the _____
Community which the *applicant's traditional area or *area where the applicants
family has lived for _____ years.

Organisation details

Name of organisation:

ICN or ACN number:

Date of meeting:

Contact phone number:



Organisation's Common Seal to be affixed

Resolution Number _____

Date of Meeting _____

Signature: _____
(Authorised signatory)

Signature: _____
(Authorised signatory)