

Confirmation of Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander Identity

If you are Aboriginal or a Torres Strait Islander person, the University may require you to confirm your identity in order to access some programs, services and opportunities at the University.

This will confirm that you:

- are of Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander descent
- identify as an Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander person
- are accepted as such by the community/ies in which you live or have lived.

The University requires the following documentation to confirm your identity:

- A. A statutory declaration completed by you
- B. A Confirmation statement from a registered* Aboriginal organisation.

A. STATUTORY DECLARATION

A statutory declaration is a written statement that a person signs and declares to be true and correct before an authorised witness. By signing a statutory declaration, you agree that the information in it is true, and you can be charged with perjury if the information is false.

To confirm identity, your statutory declaration must include statements of the following:

1. You are of Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander descent.
2. You are an Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander person.
3. You are accepted as such by the Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander community in which you live or have lived.

A template is attached.

B. CONFIRMATION STATEMENT FROM A REGISTERED ABORIGINAL ORGANISATION

The confirmation statement is to be provided by a registered Aboriginal Organisation*. It must state:

- (i) your full name, date of birth and address
- (ii) that you are an Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander person
- (iii) that you are accepted as an Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander person by the community in which you live or have lived.

The confirmation statement can be provided to the University in one of two ways:

- A letter or fax, on an organisation's letterhead, signed by an authorised person and bearing the name and position of the authorised person and date of signing;
- An email, from an organisation's email address and completed by an authorised person.

*A registered Aboriginal Organisation for the purpose of confirming identity is a registered organisation governed by a board or committee predominately comprising Aboriginal people whose primary purpose is to represent and advances the interests of Aboriginal people in that region, and includes Native Title Representative Bodies and Service Providers and Regional Aboriginal and Indigenous Cooperatives, Aboriginal and Indigenous Councils, but does not include Aboriginal or Indigenous commercial entities whose main purpose is the provision of a good or service for profit.

CONFIRMATION OF IDENTITY

STATUTORY DECLARATION

OATHS ACT 2001

I (full name) _____

Of (residential address) _____

Occupation _____

Do solemnly and sincerely declare that:

1. I am of Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander descent.
2. I identify as an Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander person.
3. I am accepted as such by the Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander community in which I live or have lived.

I make this solemn declaration under the *Oaths Act 2001*.

Declared at (place) _____

On (date) _____

Signature _____

Before me _____

(Justice, Commissioner for Declarations or authorised person)

** Please see attached list of persons before whom this declaration can be made*