

CONFIRMATION OF ABORIGINALITY

IMPORTANT

There are 3 criteria the Board assesses to process these requests, and all 3 of these criteria need to be undisputed by at least 2 Board members. The criteria are:

1. that you **are** an Aboriginal person
2. that you are **recognised by the Whyalla Aboriginal community** as an Aboriginal person, and
3. that you **identify and acknowledge yourself** as an Aboriginal person

If all three of these criteria are not met, the Board will not confirm your Confirmation of Aboriginality, and your form will be returned to you unsigned.

All parts of the form overleaf need to be filled in completely for your application to be processed.

INFORMATION DOCUMENT

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APPLICANT DECLARATION

Date: _____

I, _____ (First Name) _____ (Surname)

Born on _____ at _____ (date of birth) (Place of Birth)

Now living at _____ (Address)

Do solemnly and sincerely declare that I am of Aboriginal descent.

(Signature)

My Mothers name is/was: _____ Aboriginal / TSI Yes No

My Fathers name is/was: _____ Aboriginal / TSI Yes No

My Grandmothers name is/was: _____ Aboriginal / TSI Yes No

My Grandfathers name is/was: _____ Aboriginal / TSI Yes No

My language group and /or home community is: _____

I HAVE PROVIDED ADDITIONAL INFORMATION, EG: BIRTH CERTIFICATE

I make this solemn declaration conscientiously believing the statements contained in this declaration to be true and correct

Applicant Signature

Date

OFFICE USE ONLY

IT IS HEREBY CONFIRMED THAT THE ABOVE NAMED APPLICANT IS OF AN ABORIGINAL DESCENT, IDENTIFIES AS AN ABORIGINAL PERSON AND IS ACCEPTED AS SUCH BY THE COMMUNITY IN WHICH HE / SHE* LIVES.

MEETING DATE: _____ VENUE: _____

MOVED BY: _____ PRINT NAME SIGNATURE

SECONDED BY: _____ PRINT NAME SIGNATURE



AFFIX COMMON SEAL HERE

RESOLUTION NUMBER: _____

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Family History Resources

Nunkuwarrin Yunti of South Australia

Towilla Purruuttiappendi [Link up]
182-190 Wakefield Street
Adelaide, SA, 5000
Phone: 08 8223 5217
Fax: 08 8232 6086
Email: kaygd@nunku.org.au
Web: www.salinkup.com.au

Office of Consumer and Business Affairs

Births, Deaths and Marriages
Level 2, Chesser House
9197 Grenfell Street
Adelaide, SA, 5000
GPO Box 1351, Adelaide, SA, 5001
Phone: 08 8204 9599
Fax: 08 8204 9605
Email: applications.bdm@agd.sa.gov.au
Web: www.ocba.sa.gov.au/bdm

South Australian Genealogy and Heraldry Society

GPO Box 592, Adelaide, SA, 5001
Phone: 08 8272 4222
Fax: 08 8272 4910
Email: admin@saghs.org.au
Web: www.saghs.org.au/

SA Museum

Ingarnendi Indigenous Information Centre
North Terrace, Adelaide, SA, 5000
Phone: 08 8207 7500
Email: samii@sau.gov.au
Web: www.samuseum.sa.gov.au

National Archives of Australia

78 Angus Street
PO Box 6356, Adelaide, SA, 5000
Phone: 08 8409 8400
Fax: 08 8409 8499
Email: refsa@naa.gov.au
Web: www.naa.gov.au

State Records of SA

Search Room

222 Marion Road, Netley, SA, 5037
GPO Box 1072, Adelaide, SA, 5001
Phone: 08 8204 8767
Fax: 08 8204 8777
Email: staterecords@saugov.sa.gov.au
Web: <http://www.archives.sa.gov.au>

Aboriginal Access Team

GPO Box 1072, Adelaide, SA, 5001
Phone: 08 8343 6820
Email: srsaAboriginalServices@saugov.sa.gov.au
Web: www.archivessa.gov.au/aboriginal/index.html

Department for Families and Communities

Adoption and Family Information Services
1st Floor, 45 Wakefield Street, Adelaide
PO Box 292, Adelaide, SA, 5001
Phone: 08 8207 0060
Fax: 08 8207 0066
Email: adoptions@dfc.sa.gov.au
Web: www.adoptions.sa.gov.au

State Library of South Australia

North Terrace, Adelaide, SA, 5001
PO Box 419, Adelaide, SA, 50001
Phone: 088207 7200 or freecall SA only: 1800 182 013
Fax: 088207 7247
Web: www.ssa.sa.gov.au

CONFIRMATION OF ABORIGINALITY FORM

Why would I need a confirmation?

Your Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander heritage is something that is personal and you don't need a 'letter of confirmation' to identify as an Indigenous person. However, you may be asked to provide a confirmation of Aboriginality and, or Torres Strait Islander form or letter when applying for Indigenous specific services or programs such as:

- Special needs housing
- Grants
- University Courses
- Centrelink
- Employment
- School programs
- TAFE

Why is it so involved?

These services and programs are intended to address the social, health and educational issues that Indigenous people often face as the result of past removal policies and inadequate educational, employment and health services. Requesting proof of Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander heritage from applicants helps to make sure that this intention is honoured.

How do I obtain proof of my Aboriginality?

1. **Gather as much information about your family history and heritage as possible**

When applying for confirmation of your Aboriginality from an Indigenous organisation, you are likely to be requested to explain your heritage to their committee. For this reason, it is often useful to gather as much information about your family history as you can before you contact them. This is particularly important if you or your ancestors have been displaced from your heritage.

Examples of useful information include birth, death and marriage certificates that trace your family to a particular Aboriginal station or reserve, oral history stories and photographs. There is a list of organisations attached that can help with tracing family history.

2. **Contact an Indigenous organisation**

A 'Confirmation of Aboriginality' is usually obtained from an incorporated Indigenous organisation and must be stamped with their common seal. It is useful to **contact an organisation where your family is from** if possible, as someone in the community might know of or remember your family.