



Nunyara Wellbeing Centre Inc

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CONFIRMATION OF ABORIGINALITY



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

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.



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Family History Resources

Nunkuwarri Yunti of South Australia Inc

Towilla Puruttiappendi [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
Fax: 08 8207 7430
Email: samii@sau.gov.au
Web: www.samuseum.sa.gov.au/orig/aacg/index.htm

National Archives of Australia

78 Angus Street
PO Box 6356, Adelaide, SA, 5000
Phone: 08 8409 8400
Fax: 08 8409 8499



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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