

ELIGIBILITY FORM

For Tasmanian Government Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander programs and services

Complete this form to confirm your eligibility to access Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander specific programs and services provided by the Tasmanian Government.

Guidelines for applicants

To be eligible to access Tasmanian Government Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander programs and services, you must be an Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander person. This means you must:

1. have Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander ancestry, and;
2. self-identify as an Aboriginal person and/or Torres Strait Islander, and;
3. be recognised as an Aboriginal person and/or Torres Strait Islander by the Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander community in which you live or have lived.

Tasmanian Government agencies require you to complete this form to determine your eligibility for some programs and services. The form includes:

- a statutory declaration (pages 2 and 3); and
- a confirmation statement from an Aboriginal organisation (page 5).

A statutory declaration is a legal document, and making a false declaration is a criminal offence.

The confirmation statement from an Aboriginal organisation must be completed by two authorised signatories from an organisation which is currently registered under the *Commonwealth Corporations (Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander) Act 2006* (you can view a list of registered organisations at www.oric.gov.au), or from the Tasmanian Aboriginal Centre, Tasmanian Aboriginal Child Care Association, Flinders Island Aboriginal Association or Cape Barren Island Aboriginal Association.

Making a false statement in a statutory declaration is a crime punishable under section 113 of the *Criminal Code Act 1924*. The maximum penalty under the *Criminal Code* is 21 years imprisonment.

Confidentiality

Personal information will be collected from you for the purpose of determining your eligibility to access Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander specific programs and services delivered by the Tasmanian Government and will be used by relevant Tasmanian Government agencies for the purpose of determining your eligibility in accordance with the *Personal Information Protection Act 2004*. Personal information will be managed in accordance with the *Personal Information Protection Act 2004* and may be accessed by you on request to the relevant Tasmanian Government agency.

Statutory Declaration

Applicant details

Given name(s)	
Surname	
Previous names	
Date of birth	
Address	
Contact phone number	
Email address	

Family details

Mother's family	Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander person, or descendant of (yes/no):
Mother's name:	
Grandfather's name:	
Grandmother's name:	

Father's family	Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander person, or descendant of (yes/no):
Father's name:	
Grandfather's name:	
Grandmother's name:	

Declaration

I, (Full name)

of..... (Address)

Occupation:

do solemnly and sincerely declare that:

1. I am of Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander ancestry; and
2. I identify as an Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander person; and
3. I am accepted as such by thecommunity in which I currently live or formerly lived; and
4. All information provided in the Applicant and Family details is correct and true.

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

Declared at (place)

on (date)

.....
(Signature of applicant)

Before me.....
(Justice, Commissioner for Declarations or authorised person)

Persons before whom this declaration may be made are listed on the following page.

A statutory declaration under the Oaths Act 2001 may be made before:

People who are Commissioners for Declarations because of their profession

- Chiropractor
- Dentist
- Legal practitioner
- Medical practitioner
- Nurse
- Optometrist
- Patent attorney
- Pharmacist
- Physiotherapist
- Psychologist
- Trade Marks Attorney
- Veterinary Surgeon

People who are Commissioners for Declarations because of an appointment they hold

- Agent of the Australian Postal Corporation who is in charge of an office supplying postal services to the public
- Australian Consular Officer or Australian Diplomatic Officer (within the meaning of the Consular Fees Act 1985)
- Bailiff
- Bank officer with 5 or more continuous years of service
- Building society officer with 5 or more years of continuous service
- Chief executive officer of a Commonwealth court
- Clerk of a court
- Commissioner for affidavits
- Commissioner for declarations
- Credit union officer with 5 or more years of continuous service
- Employee of the Australian Trade Commission who is:
 - a) in a country or place outside Australia; and
 - b) authorised under paragraph 3(c) of the Consular Fees Act 1955; and
 - c) exercising his or her function in that place.
- Employee of the Commonwealth who is:
 - a) in a country or place outside Australia; and
 - b) authorised under paragraph 3(c) of the Consular Fees Act 1955; and
 - c) exercising his or her function in that place.
- Fellow of the National Tax Accountant's Association
- Finance company officer with five or more years of continuous service
- Holder of a statutory office not specified elsewhere
- Judge of a court

- Justice of the peace
- Magistrate
- Marriage celebrant registered under Subdivision C of division 1 of Part IV of the *Marriage Act 1961*
- Master of a court
- Member of Chartered Secretaries Australia
- Member of the Engineers Australia other than at the grade of student.
- Member of Association of Taxation and Management Accountants
- Member of the Australasian Institute of Mining and Metallurgy
- Member of the Australian Defence Force who is:
 - a) an officer; or
 - b) a non-commissioned officer within the meaning of the Defence Force Discipline Act 1982; or
 - c) a warrant officer within the meaning of that Act
- Member of the Institute of Chartered Accountants in Australia, the Australian Society of Certified Practising
- Accountants or the Institute of Public Accountants
- Member of
 - a) the Parliament of the Commonwealth; or
 - b) the Parliament of a State; or
 - c) a Territory legislature; or
 - d) a local government authority of a State or Territory
- Minister of Religion registered under Subdivision A of Division 1 of Part IV of the *Marriage Act 1961*
- Notary public
- Permanent employee of the Australian Postal Corporation with 5 or more years continuous service who is
- employed in an office supplying postal services to the public
- Permanent employee of:
 - a) the Commonwealth or Commonwealth authority; or
 - b) a State or Territory or State or Territory Authority; or
 - c) a local government authoritywith 5 or more years continuous service who is not specified elsewhere
- Person before whom a statutory declaration may be made under the laws of the State or territory in which the declaration is made.
- Police officer
- Registrar or Deputy Registrar of a court
- RSPCA Inspector
- Senior Executive Service Officer of
 - a) the Commonwealth or Commonwealth authority; or
 - b) a State or Territory or of State or Territory authority
- Sheriff
- Sheriff's officer
- Teacher employed on a full time basis at a school or tertiary education institution

Confirmation from an Aboriginal organisation

Confirmation Statement

It is hereby confirmed by(name of organisation)
that (full name of applicant)
of.....(address)
born(date of birth)

Is an Aboriginal Person and/or a Torres Strait Islander and is recognised and accepted by the Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander community in which(full name of applicant)
has lived or continues to live.

AUTHORISED SIGNATORIES

Name of organisation
ACN

Signatory one:

Name
Position/Title
Phone number
Signature
Date

Signatory two:

Name
Position/Title
Phone number
Signature
Date

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