



## Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander Declaration

Applicants holding Australian Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander status may be eligible for Indigenous-specific services, scholarships and/or priority admission. Access to these services is conditional on the provision of confirmation of Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander heritage.

**You should complete this form if you:**

- Are of Australian Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander descent; and,
- Identify as an Australian Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander; and
- Are accepted as such by the community/ies in which you have been or are associated.

### 1. Applicant details

Full name:

ANU application number:

### 2. Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander Descent

Do you identify as an Australian Aboriginal?  Yes  No

Do you identify as a Torres Strait Islander?  Yes  No

Please attach confirmation of your Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander descent. Please refer to the policy on the reverse page for guidance on accepted supporting documentation.

### 3. Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander Community

Which community/ies do you belong to or are associated with and where is this community located?

What name does your community refer to you as?

### 4. Applicant Declaration

I certify that the information supplied by me on this form is complete and true.

Signature:  Date

DD/MM/YYYY



## Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander Declaration Policy

### 1. Purpose of Policy

- a. This policy sets out the evidence and procedures required for an individual to establish that they are of Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander descent. Our definition of an Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander person is based on the definition commonly known as the [Commonwealth Definition](#).

### 2. Scope of Policy

- a. This policy will be used by ANU when assessing the eligibility of Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander applicants into our programs.

### 3. Establishing Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander status

- a. A person may confirm Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander identity through:
  - i. A letter stamped with the common seal and signed by a delegate of an incorporated Aboriginal and or Torres Strait Islander organisation.
  - ii. A letter stamped with the common seal and signed by the chairperson of an Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander Land Council, in whose area the person lives or has previously lived: or
- b. Where such a letter is not available, a person's Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander identity may be confirmed by a statutory declaration from the individual, declaring:
  - i. That they are of Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander descent
  - ii. That they identify as an Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander
  - iii. That they are accepted as such by the community in which they live, or previously lived; and
  - iv. The reasons why a supporting letter as noted in point 3a is not available
- c. The individual is responsible for providing evidence of their own Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander identity.

### 3. Confirmation and Approval Process

- a. Once an applicant has provided their documented evidence it will be viewed and approved by a panel consisting of at least one Aboriginal staff member.
- b. If the documentation is deemed insufficient the Admissions office will:
  - i. Contact the applicant and seek additional evidence
- c. If the applicant is unable to provide the required evidence they will not be eligible for this pathway or an identified scholarship. The decision of the panel is final.

#### DOCUMENT SUBMISSION

This form and all additional documentation must be uploaded to your ANU Application no later than the [application deadline](#). This document must be saved in PDF format and must be smaller than 5MB with a file name of no more than 40 characters.

If you need assistance completing this form, contact:

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