



# Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander Descent Form

## Introduction

YMAC is often asked to provide Confirmation of Aboriginality; usually this evidence will consist of a statutory declaration completed by the applicant and a document executed by an Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander organisation confirming that the applicant is recognised by his or her community as an Aboriginal person or Torres Strait Islander. However, applicants may be required to provide additional evidence if the usual evidence is not considered sufficient.

*The following guidelines are intended to assist applicants applying for benefits and confirming organisations to complete this form:*

## Guidelines for Applicants / Guidelines for Recognising Organisations

Each applicant must complete a statutory declaration, as the statutory declaration requires the applicant to state that he or she is of Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander descent, some, or all the applicant's ancestors must be Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander people. The declaration also requires the applicant to state that he or she identifies as an Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander person and that he or she is recognised by his or her community as a person who is of Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander descent.

*Applicants should complete the applicant's declaration before forwarding the document to an organisation for completion of the confirmation section.*

***Section 136 of the Criminal Code Act 1995 makes it an offence punishable by imprisonment for 12 months for a person to make a statement to the Commonwealth entity in a document knowing that statement to be false or misleading.***

Such confirmation must be approved by a resolution at a formal meeting of the YMAC Board of Directors and the record of such resolution is to be sealed with the Common Seal of the organisation and signed by the authorised signatories.

## Privacy Statement

***YMAC respects the privacy of all people that it works with and is committed to managing personal and sensitive information in accordance with the Privacy Act 1998 (Cth) and the Australian Privacy Principles (APPs) set out in the Privacy Act.***

Please complete the forms below and return to the following address:

If your request relates to YMAC's Yamatji representative region (Mid West and Gascoyne):

Yamatji Marlpa Aboriginal Corporation  
PO Box 2119  
Geraldton WA 6531

If your request relates to YMAC's Pilbara representative region:

Yamatji Marlpa Aboriginal Corporation  
PO Box 2252  
South Hedland WA 6722



## **Applicant Declaration**

*(Note: Each Aboriginal/Torres Strait Islander applicant must complete a separate Declaration)*

I, \_\_\_\_\_  
(full name)

Are you also known by other name – i.e. (maiden name, community or traditional name)

\_\_\_\_\_

Of \_\_\_\_\_  
(address)

Occupation \_\_\_\_\_

**Do solemnly and sincerely declare that (check all which apply):**

**I am of Aboriginal descent; and/or**

**I am of Torres Strait Islander descent; and/or**

**I identify as an Aboriginal person; and/or**

**I identify as a Torres Strait Islander; and/or**

**I am accepted as such by the # \_\_\_\_\_ Community  
in which I currently live; and/or**

**I am accepted as such by the # \_\_\_\_\_ Community  
in which I formerly lived for: \_\_\_\_\_ years.**

*(# Insert name of community).*



## Your details

<i>Surname:</i>	<i>Given Names:</i>
<i>Date of Birth:</i>	<i>Place of Birth:</i>
<i>Your Partner's name:</i>	
<i>Your Claim/Language Group:</i>	

## Your Mother's Family

<i>Mother's Full name:</i>	
<i>Full name of mother's mother:</i>	<i>Full name of mother's father:</i>

## Your Father's Family

<i>Father's Full Name:</i>	
<i>Full name of Father's mother:</i>	<i>Full name of Father's father:</i>



***Full Names of your children including their dates of birth:***

***Full Names of your brothers and sisters:***



**I make this solemn declaration by virtue of the Statutory Declarations Act 1959 and subject to the penalties provided by that Act for the making of false statements in statutory declarations, conscientiously believing that the statements contained in this declaration to be true in every particular.**

Signature of Applicant \_\_\_\_\_

Declared at \_\_\_\_\_ this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_

20 \_\_\_\_\_

Before me \_\_\_\_\_

(signature of person before whom the declaration is made)

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\_\_\_\_\_  
(here inserted printed name, qualification and address of person before whom the declaration is made)

(before whom a statutory declaration may be made are listed on the enclosure)

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## Recognising Organisation Resolution

Name of Applicant: \_\_\_\_\_

Address of Applicant: \_\_\_\_\_

**It is hereby confirmed that the above named applicant, seeking assistance from the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Commission has provided sufficient evidence to indicate Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander descent;**

**Identifies as an Aboriginal person; and/or**

**Identifies as a Torres Strait Islander; and/or**

**\*is recognised as such by the \_\_\_\_\_**

**Community in which the applicant currently lives and has lived for \_\_\_\_\_ years, and/or**

**\*Is recognised as such by the \_\_\_\_\_**

**Community; and/or**

**\*Is recognised as such by the \_\_\_\_\_**

**Community which the \*applicant's traditional area or \*area where the applicants family has lived for \_\_\_\_\_ years.**

Organisation details	
Name of organisation:	<input type="text"/>
ICN or ACN number:	<input type="text"/>
Date of meeting:	<input type="text"/>
Contact phone number:	<input type="text"/>
	 Organisation's Common Seal to be affixed

**Resolution Number** \_\_\_\_\_

**Date of Meeting** \_\_\_\_\_

**Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_

(Authorised signatory)

**Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_

(Authorised signatory)

## List of occupations able to witness Statutory Declarations

It is an offence to make a false statement on a Statutory Declaration.

Under the *Statutory Declarations Act 1959*, a person who wilfully makes a false statement in a Statutory Declaration is guilty of an offence and may be fined or jailed.

**\*Important** This Declaration must be made before any of the following persons:-

Academic (post-secondary institution), Accountant, Architect, Australian Consular Officer, Australian Diplomatic Officer, Bailiff, Bank Manager, Chartered secretary, Chemist, Chiropractor, Company auditor or liquidator, Court officer (Judge, magistrate, registrar or clerk), Defence Force officer (Commissioned, Warrant or NCO with 5 years continuous service), Dentist, Doctor, Electorate Officer (State), Engineer, Industrial organisation secretary, Insurance broker, Justice of the Peace, Lawyer, Local government CEO or deputy CEO, Local government councillor, Loss adjuster, Marriage Celebrant, Member of Parliament (State or Commonwealth), Minister of religion, Nurse, Optometrist, Patent Attorney, Physiotherapist, Podiatrist, Police officer, Post Officer manager, Psychologist, Public Notary, Public Servant (State or Commonwealth), Real Estate agent, Settlement agent, Sheriff or deputy Sheriff, Surveyor, Teacher, Tribunal officer, Veterinary surgeon

Or,

Any person before whom, under the Statutory Declarations Act 1959 of the Commonwealth, a Statutory Declaration may be made.