



Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander Descent (Confirmation of Aboriginality) Application Form

Introduction

Yamatji Marlpa Aboriginal Corporation (YMAC) is often asked to provide **Confirmation of Aboriginality**.

This confirmation is assessed through providing evidence which will consist of:

1. a statutory declaration completed by the applicant (the **Statutory Declaration** is included in this form) stating that they:
 - are of Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander descent, **and**
 - identify as an Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander person; **and**
 - are accepted as such by the community they are connected to, as evidenced by an Acceptance Letter from an Aboriginal organisation

*Please note that the **acceptance letter from an Aboriginal organisation**, is to enable YMAC to properly assess and confirm Aboriginality.*

The following guidelines are intended to assist applicants completing this form, as well as the organisations providing the supporting document confirming an applicant's Aboriginality.

Guidelines for applicants / Guidelines for recognising organisations

In completing the application on the following pages, each applicant must complete and sign (in the presence of a witness*) the "**Applicant Declaration**", which contains a **statutory declaration**, requiring them to state that:

- a. they are of Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander **descent**. In doing so, some, or all, of the applicant's ancestors must be Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander people;
- b. they **identify** as an Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander person;
and
- c. they are **recognised by their community** as a person who is of Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander descent.

(*See page 8 of this form for a list of approved authorised witnesses to the signed statutory declaration.)

Each individual Aboriginal/Torres Strait Islander applicant must complete a separate Applicant Declaration. Grouped applications will not be accepted.

The applicant must please **ALSO** request an Acceptance Letter from an additional Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander organisation (that is, not from YMAC), confirming the applicant's connection to their community, **AND** is recognised by the organisation as being Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander.



Guidelines for applicants / Guidelines for recognising organisations continued...

NOTE: 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.

Once complete, please forward the signed and witnessed “Applicant Declaration” form and, “Acceptance Letter” from another Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander Organisation to any YMAC office (see below for postal / delivery details).

YMAC will then undertake assessment and complete the Confirmation of Aboriginality process. Such confirmation by YMAC 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.

A note on timing: Please note that the application process can sometimes be a lengthy procedure, due to the YMAC Board of Directors’ meeting schedules. **Please confirm with YMAC staff at your nearest office that the date you require the document by fits in with YMAC meeting schedules before applying.**

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)* (Privacy Act) and the Australian Privacy Principles (APPs) set out in the Privacy Act.

Submitting your application

Applications can be forwarded to YMAC at any one of the offices below:

- Perth office:
 - PO Box 3072, 249 Hay Street Perth WA 6892
- Yamatji region office:
 - 144 Flores Road, Webberton WA 6530
 - PO Box 2119, Geraldton WA 6531
- Marlpa (Pilbara) region office:
 - 8 Manganese St, Wedgefield WA 6721
- By email: forms@ymac.org.au

Applicant Declaration

I, _____
(full name)

Are you also known by other name – i.e. (maiden name, community or traditional name)? If yes, please write below.

Of _____
(address)

Occupation _____

For confirmation to occur, Applicants must be able to **check one box in each category below**, relating to **Descent, Identity and Acceptance by their community** (and provide an **Acceptance Letter** from another Aboriginal Organisation).

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

Descent

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

Identity

- I **identify** as an Aboriginal person; and/or
- I **identify** as a Torres Strait Islander

Confirmation of Acceptance Letter (please include this letter with your application to YMAC).

I am accepted by my community, and include a letter confirming this from an Aboriginal Organisation with this application

Name of organisation: _____



Your details

Surname:	Given Names:
Phone Number:	Email Address:
Date of Birth:	Place of Birth:
Your Partner's name:	

Your Mother's Family

Mother's Full name:	
Full name of Mother's Mother:	Full name of Mother's Father:

Your Father's Family

Father's Full Name:	
Full name of Father's Mother:	Full name of Father's Father:

Full Names of your Children, including their dates of birth:

Full Names of your Brothers and Sisters:



Statutory Declaration

(Please note: This document is required to be signed in the presence of a witness. See page 8 for a list of approved authorised witnesses)

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 information contained in this application and declaration to be true in every particular.

Signature of Applicant _____

Declared at _____ this _____ day of _____

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Before me _____

(signature of person before whom the declaration is made)

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_____ (please insert here: printed name, qualification, and address of person before whom the declaration is made)

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Yamatji Marlpa Aboriginal Corporation Resolution (Office Use Only)

Name of Applicant: _____

Address of Applicant: _____

It is hereby confirmed that the above-named applicant, seeking assistance from the Yamatji Marlpa Aboriginal Corporation has provided sufficient evidence to indicate Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander descent;

Identifies as an Aboriginal person; and/or

Identifies as a Torres Strait Islander; and


*Is recognised as such by the _____

Community;

The Yamatji Marlpa Aboriginal Corporation research confirms the applicant is of

Aboriginal Descent.

Organisation details	
Name of organisation:	<input type="text" value="Yamatji Marlpa Aboriginal Corporation"/>
ICN or ACN number:	<input type="text" value="2001"/>
Date of meeting:	<input type="text"/>
Contact phone number:	<input type="text" value="(08) 9268 7000"/>



Organisation's Common Seal to be affixed

Resolution Number _____

Date of Meeting _____

Signature: _____

(Authorised signatory)

Signature: _____

(Authorised signatory)

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

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

Full descriptions of these professions are available via the following website [link](#)