



Confirmation of Aboriginality

As an Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander person, the University of Notre Dame Australia requires you to submit documentation declaring and confirming your Aboriginality.

This can be done by one of the following options:

1. A letter of “Confirmation of Aboriginality” recognising and accepting you as an Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander person from:
 - a. a recognised Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander organisation, signed by an authorised person within that organisation and stamped with the Seal of that organisation;
 - b. an Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander person with significant local, state or national prominence who would be happy to be contacted by phone as a follow up;
 - c. an Aboriginal worker in a School where you have been known as an Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander student. The letter to be signed and stamped with the official stamp of the School.
 - d. An Aboriginal health worker in an aboriginal Medical Centre; a Police Liaison Officer, or Aboriginal Liaison Office in another government department or an Aboriginal Priest (or equivalent religious worker). The letter to be signed and stamped with the official stamp of the Medical Centre, Department or Church.

2. A Statutory Declaration declaring you:
 - a. are of Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander descent, identify as such and you are known and accepted as an Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander by the Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander community in which you live; and
 - b. explain in your Personal Statement why you have not obtained or are not able to get a letter of “Confirmation of Aboriginality” from a recognised organisation or person.

For further information, please call the Indigenous Student Support Officer on (08) 9433 0864 or email carolyn.moylan@nd.edu.au

Commonwealth of Australia
STATUTORY DECLARATION
Statutory Declarations Act 1959

1 *Insert the name, address and occupation of person making the declaration*

I,¹

make the following declaration under the *Statutory Declarations Act 1959*:

2 *Set out matter declared to in numbered paragraphs*

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1. I do solemnly and sincerely declare that I understand that the Commonwealth of Australia for the purpose of administering programs for Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander people defines Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander identity as :
An Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander is any person who:
 - is of Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander descent;
 - identifies as an Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander person;
 - is accepted as such by the Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander Community in which they live; and
2. understanding the above definition, I also solemnly declare that I am an Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander person.

I understand that a person who intentionally makes a false statement in a statutory declaration is guilty of an offence under section 11 of the *Statutory Declarations Act 1959*, and I believe that the statements in this declaration are true in every particular.

3 *Signature of person making the declaration*

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4 *[Optional: email address and/or telephone number of person making the declaration]*

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5 *Place*

Declared at ⁵

on ⁶

of ⁷

6 *Day*

7 *Month and year*

Before me,

8 *Signature of person before whom the declaration is made (see over)*

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9 *Full name, qualification and address of person before whom the declaration is made (in printed letters)*

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10 *[Optional: email address and/or telephone number of person before whom the declaration is made]*

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Note 1 A person who intentionally makes a false statement in a statutory declaration is guilty of an offence, the punishment for which is imprisonment for a term of 4 years — see section 11 of the *Statutory Declarations Act 1959*.

Note 2 Chapter 2 of the *Criminal Code* applies to all offences against the *Statutory Declarations Act 1959* — see section 5A of the *Statutory Declarations Act 1959*.

A statutory declaration under the *Statutory Declarations Act 1959* may be made before—

(1) a person who is currently licensed or registered under a law to practise in one of the following occupations:

Architect	Chiropractor	Dentist
Financial adviser	Financial Planner	Legal practitioner
Medical practitioner	Midwife	Migration agent registered under Division 3 of Part 3 of the <i>Migration Act 1958</i>
Nurse	Occupational therapist	Optometrist
Patent attorney	Pharmacist	Physiotherapist
Psychologist	Trade marks attorney	Veterinary surgeon

(2) a person who is enrolled on the roll of the Supreme Court of a State or Territory, or the High Court of Australia, as a legal practitioner (however described); or

(3) a person who is in the following list:

Accountant who is:

- a) a fellow of the National Tax Accountants' Association; or
- b) a member of any of the following:
 - i. Chartered Accountants Australia and New Zealand;
 - ii. the Association of Taxation and Management Accountants;
 - iii. CPA Australia;
 - iv. the Institute of Public Accountants

Agent of the Australian Postal Corporation who is in charge of an office supplying postal services to the public

APS employee engaged on an ongoing basis with 5 or more years of continuous service who is not specified in another item in this list

Australian Consular Officer or Australian Diplomatic Officer (within the meaning of the *Consular Fees Act 1955*)

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 a Commonwealth authority engaged on a permanent basis with 5 or more years of continuous service who is not specified in another item in this list

Employee of the Australian Trade and Investment Commission who is:

- (a) in a country or place outside Australia; and
- (b) authorised under paragraph 3 (d) of the *Consular Fees Act 1955*; and
- (c) exercising the employee's function at that place

Employee of the Commonwealth who is:

- (a) at a place outside Australia; and
- (b) authorised under paragraph 3 (c) of the *Consular Fees Act 1955*; and
- (c) exercising the employee's function at that place

Engineer who is:

- a) a member of Engineers Australia, other than at the grade of student; or
- b) a Registered Professional Engineer of Professionals Australia; or
- c) registered as an engineer under a law of the Commonwealth, a State or Territory; or
- d) registered on the National Engineering Register by Engineers Australia

Finance company officer with 5 or more years of continuous service

Holder of a statutory office not specified in another item in this list

Judge

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 the Australian Defence Force who is:

- a) an officer
- b) a non-commissioned officer within the meaning of the *Defence Force Discipline Act 1982* with 5 or more years of continuous service
- c) a warrant officer within the meaning of that Act

Member of the Australasian Institute of Mining and Metallurgy

Member of the Governance Institute of Australia Ltd

Member of:

- a) the Parliament of the Commonwealth
- b) the Parliament of a State
- c) a Territory legislature
- d) a local government authority

Minister of religion registered under Subdivision A of Division 1 of Part IV of the *Marriage Act 1961*

Notary public, including a notary public (however described) exercising functions at a place outside

- a) the Commonwealth
- b) the external Territories of the Commonwealth

Permanent employee of the Australian Postal Corporation with 5 or more years of continuous service who is employed in an office providing postal services to the public

Permanent employee of

- a) a State or Territory or a State or Territory authority
- b) a local government authority

with 5 or more years of continuous service, other than such an employee who is specified in another item of this list

Person before whom a statutory declaration may be made under the law of the State or Territory in which the declaration is made

Police officer

Registrar, or Deputy Registrar, of a court

Senior executive employee of a Commonwealth authority

Senior executive employee of a State or Territory

SES employee of the Commonwealth

Sheriff

Sheriff's officer

Teacher employed on a permanent full-time or part-time basis at a school or tertiary education institution