



CONFIRMING YOUR IDENTITY

Western Sydney University requires the following documentation to be provide by those entering via the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Pathway Program, when accessing scholarships and other Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander support programs.

A certified copy of your confirmation of identity from a registered Community Organisation (e.g. Land Council) with a common seal confirming a person to be of Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander descent

If you are unable to provide the above, you will need to supply a Self-declaration along with one of the following:

1. Supporting documentation in the form of a genealogy document (such as Linkup NSW)

OR

2. A letter of support using the Western Sydney University template or an official letterhead by a recognised community member or organisation (such as Aboriginal Medical Service, High School Principal, Aboriginal Education Consulting Group, Family and Community Services, Aboriginal Housing or other Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander incorporated corporation).

Please note that the letter of support cannot be supplied by a current staff member of Western Sydney University.

Supporting documents should be lodged to the Admissions Unit. You can lodge your documents by email to admissions@westernsydney.edu.au

WITNESSING YOUR STATUTORY DECLARATION

Your statutory declaration and community statutory declaration must be witnessed. Approved witnesses include:

- Justices of the Peace (with a registration number)
- Magistrates
- Doctors
- Full time teachers
- Solicitors
- Pharmacists
- Police Officers

Note: You, a family member or a member of staff at Western Sydney University cannot witness or certify your declaration, even if you or they belong to one of the categories listed.

For more information on certifying documents please visit westernsydney.edu.au/certifyingdocuments.

More information on statutory declarations is available through the Australian Attorney-General's Department www.ag.gov.au.



STEP 1 - STATUTORY DECLARATION (SELF-DECLARATION) - THIS FORM MUST BE COMPLETED

Statutory Declarations Act 1959 (CTH)

I, _____
of _____

(Full name and address of applicant)

Do solemnly and sincerely declare that I understand that the Commonwealth of Australia, for the purpose of administering programs for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people, defines Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait identity as any person who:

- is of Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander descent
- identifies as an Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander, and
- is accepted as such by the Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander Community in which they live.

In 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 (Cth), and I believe that the statements in this declaration are true in every particular.

Applicant's signature

Date

Declared at

 SIGN HERE

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CITY/STATE

WITNESS STATEMENT *(approved witnesses are listed on page 1)*

I acknowledge this declaration has been made before me.

Name: _____

Position/qualification: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

Witness signature

Date

 SIGN HERE

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STEP 2 - STATUTORY DECLARATION 2 (COMMUNITY CONFIRMATION)

Please fill in the following if you DO NOT have certified copy of an existing Confirmation of Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander Identity.

Statutory Declarations Act 1959 (CTH)

Declaration of Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander Identity

I, _____

of _____

(Full name and address of representative - approved representatives are listed on page 1)

Holding the position of _____

at (organisation) _____

do solemnly and sincerely declare that I recognise

(full name of Western Sydney University applicant)

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 (Cth), and I believe that the statements in this declaration are true in every particular.

Representative's signature

Date

Declared at

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CITY/STATE

Phone number: ORGANISATION PHONE NUMBER

WITNESS STATEMENT *(approved witnesses are listed on page 1)*

I acknowledge this declaration has been made before me.

Name: _____

Position/qualification: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

Witness signature

Date

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