



CONFIRMING YOUR IDENTITY

As an Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander person, Western Sydney University requires you to submit documentation both declaring and confirming your Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander Identity. To do this you must provide the following:

Step 1: Self-declaration

Compulsory statutory declaration of Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander self-identity. A Statutory Declaration ('Declaration of Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander Identity') requires you to declare that you identify yourself as an Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander person.

Step 2: Community confirmation

Additionally, you must provide one of the following:

A certified copy of an existing 'Confirmation of Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander Identity' recognising and accepting you as an Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander person. This letter must be from an incorporated Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander organisation and contain the seal of the organisation.

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

OR

A Statutory Declaration of Recognition of Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander Identity provided by another suitable Aboriginal/Torres Strait Islander person.

This declaration must be completed by a suitable Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander.

Suitable persons to provide recognition and acceptance of your Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander identity are:

- An office bearer within any incorporated Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander community based organisation in the community in which you live in or grew up
- An Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander person with a significant local, state, territory or national profile who are happy to be contacted by Western Sydney University for this application
- An Aboriginal worker in a school where you have been known as an Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander student
- An Aboriginal health worker in an Aboriginal Medical Centre; a Police Liaison Officer; an Aboriginal Pastor; an Aboriginal Housing Officer; or Aboriginal Liaison Officer working in similar positions in different government departments

The recognition and acceptance must be provided on a letterhead from the Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander organisation or on the second Statutory Declaration form regarding recognition alongside your first Statutory Declaration.

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 your declaration, even if you or they belong to one of the categories listed.

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

X 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

X 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

X SIGN HERE

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