



## Confirmation of Aboriginality Procedure and Application Form

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Njernda Aboriginal Corporation and its Board of Directors take the responsibility of confirmation of Aboriginality very seriously.

The Board will only consider applications where the applicant and their family heritage are proven and/or known to the Board, and where all the below eligibility requirements are met.

Only fully completed applications for confirmation of Aboriginality will be presented to the Board for consideration at the next available Board meeting.

This position has been taken as these requests are generally for the purpose of seeking eligibility to services and opportunities that are exclusively for the benefit of Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander people.

### 1. Eligibility

To meet this criterion, you must be able to satisfy all three parts of the following definition:

1. Descent – the individual can prove that a parent is of Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander descent (demonstrated through providing a family tree).
2. Self-identification – the individual identifies as an Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander.
3. Community recognition – the individual is accepted as such by the Aboriginal and/ or Torres Strait Islander community in which they live (two separate written and signed references will be required).

### Notes:

- In cases of Stolen Generation or disconnection from family, the Njernda Board will consider applications where you can provide clear supporting documentary evidence (e.g., from Link-up or other such family history or reunification services) that your family heritage is of Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander descent.
- If you identify as a Yorta Yorta or Wollithiga Traditional owner, you will be required to provide supporting documentation.
- If your family heritage is from outside of the Yorta Yorta Traditional lands and you do not meet the above criteria, your application will not be accepted. You should instead seek your confirmation from a relevant local Aboriginal Community Controlled Organisation in the area where your family is from.



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### 2. Completing the application form

- This application must be correctly and fully completed.
- If you do not provide sufficient documentation, then your application will not be considered by the Njernda Board and will be returned to you for completion.
- Confirmation of Aboriginality remains entirely at the discretion of the Njernda Board. Despite an application being complete, if the Njernda Board cannot confirm any knowledge of the applicant or their family heritage, they will not approve the application.
- Decisions will not be revisited unless the Board is provided with significant new evidence that may affect the decision made.

### Further Information

If you would like further information about Confirmation of Aboriginality, you can visit the following website:  
<https://aiatsis.gov.au/family-history/you-start/proof-aboriginality>

### Checklist

- Personal photo attached.
- Two written and signed references attached.
- Family Tree (to be attached) demonstrating your family heritage and clearly indicating which parent/s, grandparent/s and great grandparents are Indigenous demonstrated by either matrilineal or patrilineal system (mandatory for all applicants) and genealogy.
- Link-Up documentation if you cannot provide a family tree (only for Applicants who are from the Stolen Generation or who are disconnected from their family).
- Additional information attached, Aboriginality's (copies only).

*Please note:* The criteria checklist above, needs to be completed prior to submitting your application.

Printed name of Applicant: \_\_\_\_\_

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

Date: \_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_



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**Applicant Details**

Applicant's name: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of the Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander group you identify with and/ or apical ancestors (if known):  
\_\_\_\_\_

Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_

Place of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_

**Residential Address**

Street number and name: \_\_\_\_\_

Suburb: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Postcode: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Mobile: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Please mark one of the following to indicate your descent:

- Aboriginal       Torres Strait Islander       Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander

Why do you require a Confirmation of Aboriginality?

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How do you identify as an individual Aboriginal and/ or Torres Strait Islander?

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Define how you identify your activeness and connection to the community in which you live.

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Please provide your history, details, dates, and connection to the district.

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Are you a member of Njernda Aboriginal Corporation or any other Aboriginal Community Controlled Organisation (please indicate)?

Yes  No

If yes, which Aboriginal Community Controlled Organisation are you a member of:

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**Family Tree of Applicant**

Please attach your family tree ensuring you clearly mark which parent/s or grandparent/s are Indigenous of Aboriginal & Torres Strait descent, there are many ways to do a family tree, one example is attached at the end of this document.

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**Board Use Only**

**APPROVED** Please circle:            YES            NO

**Board Director signatures:**

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_



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## Family Tree Example (Confirmation of Aboriginality)

### FATHER'S SIDE

### MOTHER'S SIDE

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\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
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**Great Grandparents**  
(Your father's, father's parents)

**Great Grandparents**  
(Your father's mother's parents)

**Great Grandparents**  
(Your Mother's father's parents)

**Great Grandparents**  
(Your Mother's mother's parents)

\_\_\_\_\_  
**Grandfather**  
(your father's father)

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**Grandmother**  
(Your father's mother)

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**Grandfather**  
(Your mother's father)

\_\_\_\_\_  
**Grandmother**  
(Your mother's mother)

\_\_\_\_\_  
**YOUR FATHER**

\_\_\_\_\_  
**YOUR MOTHER**

\_\_\_\_\_  
**YOUR NAME**