



GUIDELINES

Each Aboriginal person or Torres Strait Islander who applies for IBA assistance must complete a statutory declaration.

A statement in the statutory declaration that the person is an Aboriginal person or a Torres Strait Islander within the meaning of the *Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Act 2005* is understood to be a claim to the effect that the person:

- is of Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander descent, or both
- identifies as an Aboriginal person or Torres Strait Islander, or both and
- is recognised as such by their community.

Any information provided by an applicant in relation to their claim to be an Aboriginal person or a Torres Strait Islander may be subject to verification by IBA. In doing so IBA may require the applicant to provide additional evidence to support their claim to be an Aboriginal person or Torres Strait Islander. **The making of false or misleading statements in applications and statutory declarations is punishable under section 136 of the *Criminal Code Act 1995* (Cth) and section 11 of the *Statutory Declarations Act 1959* (Cth).**

QUALIFICATIONS

Tick the box to indicate the qualification of the witness to this statutory declaration.

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

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| <p>1. a person who is currently licensed or registered under a law to practise in one of the following occupations:</p> <p>1.1 Architect</p> <p>1.2 Chiropractor</p> <p>1.3 Dentist</p> <p>1.4 Financial advisor/planner</p> <p>1.5 Legal practitioner</p> <p>1.6 Medical practitioner</p> <p>1.7 Midwife</p> <p>1.8 Migration agent registered under Division 3 of Part 3 of the <i>Migration Act 1958</i></p> <p>1.9 Nurse</p> <p>1.10 Occupational therapist</p> <p>1.11 Optometrist</p> <p>1.12 Patent attorney</p> <p>1.13 Pharmacist</p> <p>1.14 Physiotherapist</p> <p>1.15 Psychologist</p> <p>1.16 Trade marks attorney</p> <p>1.17 Veterinary surgeon</p> <p>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</p> <p>3. a person who is in the following list:</p> <p>3.1 Agent of the Australian Postal Corporation who is in charge of an office supplying postal services to the public</p> <p>3.2 Australian Consular Officer or Australian Diplomatic Officer (within the meaning of the <i>Consular Fees Act 1955</i>)</p> <p>3.3 Bailiff</p> <p>3.4 Bank officer with 5 or more years of continuous service</p> <p>3.5 Building society officer with 5 or more years of continuous service</p> | <p>3.6 Credit union officer with 5 or more years of continuous service</p> <p>3.7 Chief executive officer of a Commonwealth court</p> <p>3.8 Clerk of a court</p> <p>3.9 Commissioner for Affidavits</p> <p>3.10 Commissioner for Declarations</p> <p>3.11 Employee of the Australian Trade Commission who is:</p> <p>a) in a country or place outside Australia, and</p> <p>b) authorised under paragraph 3(d) of the <i>Consular Fees Act 1955</i>, and</p> <p>c) exercising his or her function in that place</p> <p>3.12 Employee of the Commonwealth who is:</p> <p>a) in a country or place outside Australia, and</p> <p>b) authorised under paragraph 3(c) of the <i>Consular Fees Act 1955</i>, and</p> <p>c) exercising his or her function in that place</p> <p>3.13 Fellow of the National Tax Accountants' Association</p> <p>3.14 Finance company officer with 5 or more years of continuous service</p> <p>3.15 Holder of a statutory office not specified in this list</p> <p>3.16 Judge of a court</p> <p>3.17 Justice of the Peace</p> <p>3.18 Magistrate</p> <p>3.19 Marriage celebrant registered under Subdivision C of Division 1 of Part IV of the <i>Marriage Act 1961</i></p> <p>3.20 Master of a court</p> | <p>3.21 Member of the Governance Institute of Australia Ltd</p> <p>3.22 Engineer who is:</p> <p>a) a member of Engineers Australia, other than at the grade of student, or</p> <p>b) a Registered Professional Engineer of Professionals Australia; or</p> <p>c) registered as an engineer under a law of the Commonwealth, a State or Territory, or</p> <p>d) registered on the National Engineering Register by Engineers Australia</p> <p>3.23 Member of the Association of Taxation and Management Accountants</p> <p>3.24 Member of the Australasian Institute of Mining and Metallurgy</p> <p>3.25 Employee of the Australian Defence Force who is:</p> <p>a) an officer, or</p> <p>b) a non-commissioned officer within the meaning of the <i>Defence Force Discipline Act 1982</i> with 5 or more continuous years of service, or</p> <p>c) a warrant officer within the meaning of that Act</p> <p>3.26 Member of the Institute of Chartered Accountants in Australia and New Zealand, CPA Australia or the Institute of Public Accountants</p> <p>3.27 Member of:</p> <p>a) the Parliament of the Commonwealth, or</p> <p>b) the Parliament of a State, or</p> <p>c) a Territory legislature, or</p> <p>d) a local government authority of a State or Territory</p> | <p>3.28 Minister of religion registered under Subdivision A of Division 1 of Part IV of the <i>Marriage Act 1961</i></p> <p>3.29 Notary public</p> <p>3.30 Agent of the Australian Postal Corporation who is in charge of an office supplying postal services to the public</p> <p>3.31 Permanent employee of:</p> <p>a) the Commonwealth or Commonwealth authority, or</p> <p>b) a State or Territory or a State or Territory authority, or</p> <p>c) a local government authority,</p> <p>with 5 or more years of continuous service who is not specified in another item in this list</p> <p>3.32 Person before whom a statutory declaration may be made under the law of the State or Territory in which the declaration is made</p> <p>3.33 Police officer</p> <p>3.34 Registrar, or Deputy Registrar, of a court</p> <p>3.35 Senior executive employee of a Commonwealth authority</p> <p>3.36 Senior executive employee of a State or Territory</p> <p>3.37 SES employee of the Commonwealth</p> <p>3.38 Sheriff</p> <p>3.39 Sheriff's officer</p> <p>3.40 Teacher employed on a permanent full-time or part-time basis at a school or tertiary education institution.</p> |
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STATUTORY DECLARATION

Please use BLOCK CAPITAL LETTERS to fill in this form.

Title First name Middle name/s
I,

Family name

Date of birth (DD/MM/YYYY)

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Place of birth

Other names (for example, maiden, community or traditional name)

also known as

Current address

of

Occupation

and

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

1. I am of Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander descent, or both, **and**
2. I identify as an Aboriginal person or Torres Strait Islander, or both, **and**

Name of community (includes traditional area, region, nation or language group)

3. I am accepted as such by the

in which I or my family currently live or formerly lived.

Your signature **must** be witnessed by a qualified witness. A full list of qualifications is contained on page 1 of this form. You **must** indicate how your witness is qualified by ticking the appropriate box on page 1.

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.

Signature of applicant

Optional: email and/or phone number of person making the declaration

Declared at Place on Day of Month 20 Year

Signature of qualified witness

Full name of witness

Before me

Address of witness

Optional: email and/or phone number of witness

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 four 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*.

PRIVACY STATEMENT

Personal information provided by a person to IBA in the Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander Descent Confirmation will be used by IBA to assess the person's eligibility for IBA assistance. The information will be maintained in a secure location as required under the *Privacy Act 1988*. IBA respects the privacy of all customers and is committed to maintaining your privacy. More information on how IBA handles your personal information is in our Privacy Policy, available at iba.gov.au.