

## Australian Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander Descent Declaration Form

Admission to the University of Adelaide under the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Access Pathway is exclusively for people of Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander origins. Wirltu Yarlur requires applicants to provide confirmation of their origins when applying for Indigenous-specific higher education services such as:

- Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Access Pathway
- Academic Mentoring Program (WYAMP)
- Indigenous Student Services
- Accommodation and Housing Services
- Indigenous Scholarships

Applicants need to either provide a copy of their ***Certificate of Aboriginality*** OR complete the attached '**Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander Descent Declaration**' form.

An Australian Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander is someone who:

- is of Aboriginal and/or Islander descent
- identifies as Aboriginal or Islander; and
- is accepted as such by the community in which he or she lives or has lived.

As the declaration requires the applicant to state that he or she is of Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander descent, some, or all of the applicant's ancestors must be Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander people. The declaration also requires the applicant to state that he or she identifies as an Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander person and that he or she is recognised by his or her community as a person who is of Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander descent.

**PLEASE NOTE:** *Wirltu Yarlur is not able to comment on, prove nor provide confirmation of any individual's Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander Heritage.*

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## APPLICANT DECLARATION

I,  (Full Name)

Date of birth  Place of birth

Are you also known by any other name? - i.e. maiden, community or traditional name

of

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

(Please tick as appropriate)

1. I am of Aboriginal descent; or I am of Torres Strait Islander descent.  
2. I identify as an Aboriginal person; or I identify as a Torres Strait Islander.

AND

3. I am accepted as such by the \_\_\_\_\_ community  
in which I currently live;

or I am accepted as such by the \_\_\_\_\_ community  
in which I formerly lived for \_\_\_\_\_ years.

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

Declared at  on  of  20   
Place Day Month Year

Before me   
(signature of person before whom the declaration is being made)

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**Insert here the printed name, qualification and address of person before whom the declaration is made**

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