Australian Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander Descent Declaration Form

Admission to Adelaide University through the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Access Pathway is only available to people of Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander descent.

To apply for this pathway, or for other First Nations specific services and supports, applicants need to provide confirmation of their descent. These include:

- **Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Access Pathway**
- **First Nations Tutorial**
- **Peer Mentoring Program**
- **First Nations Student Support**
- **Accommodation and Housing Services**
- **Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Scholarships**

Applicants need to provide either:

- **a copy of their Confirmation of Aboriginality, or**
- **the completed 'Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander Descent Declaration' form (attached).**

Definition

An Australian Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander is someone who:

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

The declaration requires applicants to confirm all three of these points:

- **that they are of Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander descent (with some, or all ancestors being Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander)**
- **that they identify as Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander**
- **that they are recognised by their community as such**

Important

The DVC Indigenous Office, Outreach and Engagement cannot confirm or verify an 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 person.

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)

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

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