

RMIT - Eligibility for Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander scholarships and services

About

To access services or programs identified for Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander students at RMIT, a Confirmation of Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander heritage, or RMIT Statutory Declaration and supporting documentation is required and is a condition of accessing Indigenous specific services and resources at RMIT.

To ensure that these programs and opportunities have their intended impact, to access services or programs where funding is identified for Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander people, the following documentation is required as part of this process:

- a Confirmation of Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander heritage,

or

- RMIT Statutory Declaration and supporting letter from community

Process

If you are applying for a vocational education, undergraduate or postgraduate program, scholarship or services, you can confirm your Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander descent by providing one of the following:

- A Confirmation letter signed by board members of an Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander Land Council or cooperative
- A Confirmation letter signed by a delegate of an incorporated Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander organisation or cooperative
- A copy of your birth certificate and a copy of your parent/s Confirmation of Aboriginality as described above

If you **cannot** provide one of the above, you can complete the provided RMIT Statutory declaration witnessed by an authorised witness **in addition to** one of the accepted forms of supporting documents:

- A letter on organisation letterhead from an authorised delegate within any incorporated Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander community-based organisation in the community in which you live or grew up in;
- A letter, on Local Aboriginal Land Council (LAL) letterhead signed by an authorised delegate confirming your acceptance as a member of a LALC
- An Aboriginal Education worker/Koorie Education Support Office in a school (on school or organisation letterhead) where the applicant has been known as an Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander student

Statutory Declaration

First Name:

Surname:

Address:

State:

Postcode:

Email:

Phone:

Declaration

I understand that for the purpose of administering programs for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people, RMIT applies the Commonwealth of Australia's definition of Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander identity as follows:

- (a) is of Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander descent, and
- (b) identifies as an Aboriginal and /or Torres Strait Islander, and
- (c) is accepted as such by the Community in which the person lives.

2. Understanding the above definition, I declare that I am of Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander descent, identify as an Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander person and are accepted within the community.

- Mob (if known): _____
- Include a statement that you identify as Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander, relevant information about your Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander family and details of where your family are from. To help us support student's needs and interests in family heritage workshops or services, please include any relevant details about what you are doing to find out more information.

Penalties for false Statutory Declarations

I declare that the contents of this statutory declaration are true and correct and I make it knowing it is a legally binding document that making a statutory declaration that I know to be untrue is an offence.

Declared at:

Declarant's name:

Signature:

(To be signed in front of an authorised witness)

Date:

Name of authorised witness:

Signature of authorised witness:

Date:

The authorised witness must print or stamp his or her name, address and title under section 107A of the Evidence (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1958 (as of 1 January 2010), (previously Evidence Act 1958), (eg. Justice of the Peace, Pharmacist, Police Officer, Court Registrar, Bank Manager, Medical Practitioner, Dentist)

Office Use

- Supporting letter attached
- Ngarara Willim staff received

Staff member: _____

Date: _____

Once received by Ngarara Willim, the documents will be stored securely within our files and kept within our team.

If you have any questions or require any support during this process, please reach out to the Ngarara Willim Centre ngarara.willim@rmit.edu.au, (03) 9925 4885.