



# WALGETT ABORIGINAL MEDICAL SERVICE LIMITED

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Please ensure you read our Aboriginality Information Sheet, on the reverse side of this document, prior to completing the form.

## CONFIRMATION OF ABORIGINALITY OR TORRES STRAIT ISLANDER DESCENT

**NAME OF APPLICANT:** \_\_\_\_\_

**ADDRESS OF APPLICANT:** \_\_\_\_\_

In order to confirm your family connection to Walgett, please supply the names of:

	<b>Applicant's Mother</b>	<b>Applicant's Father</b>	
<b>Mother's Mother</b>	<b>Mother's Father</b>	<b>Father's Mother</b>	<b>Father's Father</b>

*It is hereby confirmed that the above named applicant is an Aboriginal person/or of Torres Strait Islander descent\*, identifies as an Aboriginal person/Torres Strait Islander\* and is accepted by the community in which he/she\* lives. Delete whichever is not applicable*

**Date of Board Meeting:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Moved By:** \_\_\_\_\_

(Please Print)

**Seconded By:** \_\_\_\_\_

(Please Print)

**Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_

CHAIRPERSON

**Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_

SECRETARY

**(Organisation's Common Seal to be affixed)**

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## ABORIGINALITY INFORMATION SHEET

Your Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander heritage is something that is personal to you. You do not need a letter of confirmation to identify as an Indigenous Australian. However, you may be asked to provide proof or confirmation of Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander heritage when applying for Indigenous-specific services or programs such as:

- grants (such as Indigenous housing loans, research and study grants)
- university courses (with specific positions for Indigenous students)
- Centrelink and housing assistance (Indigenous-specific)
- employment (Indigenous identified positions)
- school programs for Indigenous students.

Government agencies and community organisations usually accept three 'working criteria' as confirmation of Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander heritage. These are:

- being of Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander descent
- identifying as an Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander person
- being accepted as such by the community in which you live, or formerly lived.

Government agencies, universities and schools will often supply you with their particular guidelines and ask you to complete a form or provide a letter of 'Proof' or 'Confirmation of Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Heritage'.

### Criteria for Confirmation of Aboriginality with WAMS:

1. You were born in or lived in Walgett.
2. You have a strong family connection to Walgett.
3. The current Board of Directors (BOD) are familiar with your families' background/connection to Walgett.

### How to complete our Aboriginality Form:

1. Ensure Name and Address are correct. The Certificate of Aboriginality is an official document and cannot be changed. If there are spelling areas, you will need complete another application. Letters or certificates will be issued to the address provided on the application.
2. Ensure all Parents and Grandparent details are completed. If you are unsure or do not know, please provide supporting documentation to support your family connection to Walgett.

### What happens next?

Your Application will be taken to the next occurring BOD Meeting, which are held monthly, for review by the BOD. Based on the information supplied the BOD will either approve or reject the application. If approved Your Application will be certified by the BOD and the Certificate will be mailed to the address provided on the Application. If rejected, the BOD will write to advise why your application was rejected and, in certain circumstances, request that you provide additional information to support your application.

### How to apply:

Completed Application Forms and supporting documentation can be sent by:

Email - to [wams@walgettams.com.au](mailto:wams@walgettams.com.au)

Post - PO Box 396, Walgett NSW 2832

Deliver - to Admin Building, 33 Wee Waa Street, Walgett

### Other things to consider:

- The WAMS BOD are not under any legal obligation to issue a Certificate of Aboriginality.
- A Certificate of Aboriginality, confirmed by a previous BOD, does not constitute the current BOD confirming your Aboriginality.

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