



CONFIRMATION OF ABORIGINALITY APPLICATION

Tharawal Aboriginal Corporation (TAC) Board of Directors will only consider Confirmation of Aboriginality applications where the applicant meets all the eligibility requirements. Applicants who cannot satisfy the TAC Board of Directors that they are accepted as Aboriginal in the Tharawal community should instead make an application to an appropriate Local Aboriginal Land Council, an authorised Aboriginal organisation in their place of birth, or another Aboriginal organisation in which they are recognised and accepted.

Eligibility Requirements

1. Aboriginality

To meet this criterion, you must be able to satisfy all three parts of the following definition.

- **Descent** – the individual can prove that a parent is of Aboriginal descent, and;
- **Self-Identification** – the individual identifies as an Aboriginal person, and;
- **Community recognition** – the individual is accepted as such by the Aboriginal community in which they live.

In cases of Stolen Generation or disconnection from family, the TAC Board of Directors will only consider applications where the applicant can provide clear supporting documentation that their family heritage is Aboriginal (from Link-Up or other such family history or reunification services).

2. Location and using TAC services

Relates to the coverage of TAC. To meet this criterion, you must:

- Live within the service area of TAC which is the local government areas of Campbelltown, Camden and Wollondilly, and;
- Be an active client of Tharawal Aboriginal Corporation for a minimum of 12 months.

If your family heritage is from outside TAC's service area, and you do not meet the above criteria, your application will not be accepted.

Completing the Application Form

This application form must be completed correctly and in full. It is your responsibility to provide the necessary documentation to prove you meet the Confirmation of Aboriginality criteria. If you do not provide sufficient information and documentation, then your application will not be considered by the TAC Board of Directors.

Confirmation of Aboriginality is entirely at the discretion of the TAC Board of Directors, and a complete application is not a guarantee of approval.

Frequently Asked Questions

1. Who determines the outcome of my application?

Applications are only considered by the TAC Board of Directors.

2. How long will it take to process my application?

Issuing Confirmations of Aboriginality is not the core business of TAC, therefore there is no set timeframe for processing applications.

You will be contacted by TAC after your application has been processed, whether it has been approved or declined.

3. When is the next Confirmation of Aboriginality meeting?

Confirmation of Aboriginality meetings are by invitation only, and there is a wait list to attend. You will be contacted by TAC to advise you of the meeting details when it's your time.

4. Do I have to attend a meeting to receive my Confirmation of Aboriginality?

Yes, if you are over the age of 18. Applicants under the age of 18 are welcome to attend the meeting, however their guardian must accompany them.

5. What if my application is declined?

Consideration and approval of Confirmations of Aboriginality is at the discretion of the TAC Board of Directors, who may decline an application for various reasons.

The TAC Board of Directors cannot issue you with a Confirmation of Aboriginality if you have not provided sufficient evidence to establish that you meet all the outlined eligibility criteria.

You may reapply if you feel you have further information or documentation and the application will be reviewed.

6. What if I have more questions about Confirmation of Aboriginality?

For further enquiries, please call TAC on 02 4628 4837.

The definition of an Aboriginal person, as defined by Tharawal Aboriginal Corporation policies and supported by other government Acts and regulations, is a person who:

- Is of Aboriginal descent, and;
- Identifies as an Aboriginal person, and;
- Is accepted as such by the Aboriginal community in which they live.

In order for your application to be approved, you must meet all criteria and detail information correctly and fully. Lack of information may result in the application being unsuccessful.

Criteria A – The applicant is of Aboriginal descent

Criteria B – The applicant identifies as an Aboriginal person

Criteria C – The applicant is accepted as such by the Aboriginal community in which they live.

Please provide the following information.

APPLICANT DETAILS

Last Name:

First Name:

Middle Name:

Date of Birth: / / Age:

Place of Birth:

Residential Address

Unit/House No: Street Name:

Suburb: Postcode:

Phone:

Email:

Criteria A & B: Aboriginal Descent

In order to meet **Criteria A**, please provide the following information:

Family Details

Mother's Full Name:

Maiden Name:

Mother's place of birth:

Is your mother Aboriginal? Yes No

Father's Full Name:

Father's place of birth:

Is your father Aboriginal? Yes No

Where does your family originally come from?

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What tribe or clan do you descend from?

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Are you related to any families in the Dharawal community? Yes No

Please detail any Dharawal family names and their relationship to you:

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If you are not originally from the Dharawal community, please detail any family names from where you originally come from and their relationship to you:

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Are you from the Stolen Generation, adopted or other? Yes No

Details:

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Criteria C: Accepted as an Aboriginal person in the community in which they live

Community involvement

In order to meet **Criteria C**, please provide the following information:

How long have you lived in the this community?

Are you a member or active in any other local Aboriginal organisations, services or programs? Yes No

Please provide details of local Aboriginal organisations, services or programs you are involved with:

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If you have not lived in the Tharawal community for more than 12 months, what was your previous community? (It is recommended you apply for Confirmation of Aboriginality from the community you are known in)

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What Tharawal services do you use?

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Medical Service | <input type="checkbox"/> Social and Emotional Wellbeing | <input type="checkbox"/> Brighter Futures |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Waranwarin Childcare | <input type="checkbox"/> Waranwarin Family Programs | <input type="checkbox"/> Bullabulla |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Tharawal Housing | <input type="checkbox"/> OW MACS Childcare | <input type="checkbox"/> Dental |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Other: | | |

Please complete the following questions:

- 1. Are you of Aboriginal descent?** Yes No
- 2. Do you identify as an Aboriginal person?** Yes No
- 3. Are you accepted as an Aboriginal person in the community?** Yes No
- 4. Have you been an active client of Tharawal Aboriginal Corporation for 12 months?** Yes No

My Family Tree

Please provide as much information as possible.

APPLICANT

Name:

Tribe/Clan:

MOTHER

Name:

Maiden Name:

Tribe/Clan:

MOTHER'S SIBLINGS (*your Uncles & Aunts*)

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GRANDMOTHER (*Mother's side*)

Name:

Maiden Name:

Tribe/Clan:

GRANDFATHER (*Mother's side*)

Name:

Tribe/Clan:

ADDITIONAL KNOWN BLOOD RELATIVES (*e.g. siblings, cousins*)

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FATHER

Name:

Tribe/Clan:

FATHER'S SIBLINGS (*your Uncles & Aunts*)

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GRANDMOTHER (*Father's side*)

Name:

Maiden Name:

Tribe/Clan:

GRANDFATHER (*Father's side*)

Name:

Tribe/Clan:

ADDITIONAL KNOWN BLOOD RELATIVES (*e.g. siblings, cousins*)

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Purpose of Confirmation

Why are you applying for Confirmation of Aboriginality?.....

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Supporting Documents and Declaration

It is your responsibility to provide the necessary information and documentation to prove that you meet the Confirmation of Aboriginality criteria. If you do not provide sufficient information and evidence, then your application will not be considered by the TAC Board of Directors.

Please do not attach any original documentation to your application.

Mandatory Documentation

- Birth certificate of each applicant
- Two support letters confirming Aboriginal descent, self-identification and community acceptance. Preferably from an existing Tharawal Aboriginal Corporation Member. Contact details for each support person/organisation must be provided
- Photo ID of each applicant (adult applicants only)
- Link-Up Documentation (only for applicants who are from the Stolen Generation)

Optional Documentation

- Photographs
- Church Records
- Mission/Reserve Paperwork
- Other supporting documents

Declaration

I, the applicant, apply for Confirmation of Aboriginality, and do so declaring that I am of Aboriginal descent, identify as an Aboriginal person, and am accepted as Aboriginal in the community in which I live.

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Signature of applicant or guardian

Date

Guardian's Name:

Guardian's relationship to applicant: