



## **PROOF OF ABORIGINALITY - APPLICATION FORM**

The *Proof of Aboriginality Form* on page 4 is a statutory declaration that forms part of a request for Proof of Aboriginality from the Congress Board of Directors in accordance with the Congress Board Policy, *Confirmation of Aboriginality 2020*. The Congress Board of Directors assesses requests using the following criteria:

1. that the applicant is of Aboriginal descent;
2. that the applicant self-identifies as an Aboriginal person; and
3. that the applicant is accepted as such by the community in which the applicant lives or formerly lived by reference to the Central Australian locality requirement (including that the applicant or their family are known to a Director).

Eligible applicants must be from Central Australia by reference to one of the below locality requirements:

1. the applicant must be from Central Australia and still currently living in Central Australia; or
2. the applicant must be from Central Australia or have lived the majority of their life in Central Australia but is currently living elsewhere; or
3. the applicant's family must be from Central Australia but the applicant has not lived in Central Australia.

In cases of stolen generation or disconnection from family, the Congress Board of Directors will consider applications that provide clear supporting documentary evidence (from Link-up or other such family history or reunification services) that confirms family heritage is Aboriginal with links to Central Australia.

### **TO MAKE AN APPLICATION PLEASE PROVIDE THE FOLLOWING:**

1. **The applicant's details (page 2)**
2. **An explanation as to how you, or the applicant if applying for a child, meet the Central Australia locality requirements on page 2.**

If you are applying on the basis that your family are from Central Australia but you have not lived in Central Australia (No. 3 of the Central Australian locality requirements), please provide a letter of support confirming your family links to Central Australia from a prominent Central Australian Aboriginal person (who is not a relative) or a current Congress Director, who is known to you or your family or provide Link Up documentation. **Please note that any request for further information is not intended to cause distress and will at times be necessary so the Directors have all the information they need to be able to assess whether the criteria in the application has been met.**

3. **Complete the family tree on page 3.**
4. **Provide a declaration on the Proof of Aboriginality Form on page 4.**
5. **Provide a copy of photo identification or birth certificate.**
6. **Once complete please email this form along with all supporting documentation to the Governance Officer via [governance@caac.org.au](mailto:governance@caac.org.au), leave the form with the receptionist at Congress Head Office (14 Leichardt Terrace Alice Springs) or post to PO Box 1604 Alice Springs NT 0870. Enquiries about these applications can be made by emailing the above address or calling the Governance Officer on 08 8959 4714.**

**Applications are assessed at Congress Board meetings which occur every two months. Please keep this in mind when expecting a response.**

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**APPLICANT DETAILS**

<b>NAME OF APPLICANT</b>	
<b>DATE OF BIRTH</b>	
<b>PLACE OF BIRTH</b>	
<b>POSTAL ADDRESS</b>	
<b>TELEPHONE NUMBER</b>	
<b>EMAIL</b>	
<b>IF ACCEPTED, HOW CAN WE RETURN THE FORM TO YOU?</b>	

**LOCATIONAL ELIGIBILITY**

You must meet the Central Australia locality requirements by one of the following:

- The applicant must be from Central Australia and still currently living in Central Australia; or
- The applicant must be from Central Australia or have lived the majority of their life in Central Australia but is currently living elsewhere; or
- The applicant’s family must be from Central Australia but the applicant has not lived in Central Australia. If you are applying on this basis please also provide a letter of support confirming your family links to Central Australia from a prominent Aboriginal person from Central Australia (who is not a relative) or a current Congress Director, who is known to you or your family or Link Up documentation.)

Please explain which of the above criteria you meet, including details about your history and connection to Central Australia

I agree that the information provided in this application is true and correct

**SIGNATURE (APPLICANT/GUARDIAN)**

**DATE**

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**FAMILY TREE**

Family tree for \_\_\_\_\_ (APPLICANT'S NAME)

Mother's parents

Father's parents

Mother

Father

Applicant

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I, \_\_\_\_\_ (Applicant's full name)

Of \_\_\_\_\_ (Applicant's address)

If you are known by any other name please provide details: \_\_\_\_\_

Solemnly and sincerely declare that:

I am of Aboriginal Decent AND

I self-identify as an Aboriginal person AND

I am accepted as such by the following community in which I / my family currently live or have

lived Community name: \_\_\_\_\_ (must be a Central Australian community)

This declaration is true and I know it is an offence to make a statutory declaration knowing it is false in a material particular.

Declared at \_\_\_\_\_ on the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ 20\_\_.

Signature of the person making the declaration: \_\_\_\_\_

Full name of witness: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of witness: \_\_\_\_\_

Contact address or telephone number of witness: \_\_\_\_\_

NOTE: This declaration may be witnessed by any person who is at least 18 (eighteen) years of age.

NOTE: This written statutory declaration must comply with Part 4 of the *Oaths Affidavits and Declarations Act*.

NOTE: Making a declaration knowing it is false in a material particular is an offence for which you may be fined or imprisoned.

## OFFICE USE ONLY

It is hereby confirmed that the above named applicant has provided sufficient evidence to indicate that he/she is recognised as being of Aboriginal descent.

Name of director
Signature
Date
Name of director
Signature
Date

To be signed in accordance with s 99-5 of the Corporations (Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander) Act 2006 by Central Australian Aboriginal Congress Aboriginal Corporation, ICN 7823

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