

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Heritage Declaration Form

Commonwealth of Australia Statutory Declaration

Statutory Declarations Act 1959

Admission to Kaplan Professional through the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander admission pathway is exclusively for people of Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander heritage.

The Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander admission pathway is intended to address educational issues that Indigenous people have faced as the result of past removal policies and inadequate educational services. Requesting proof of Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander heritage from applicants helps to make sure that this intention is honoured.

An Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander is acknowledged as someone who:

- is of Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander descent
- identifies as an Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander person
- is accepted as such by the community in which the applicants live, or formerly lived.

Applicants applying for admission to Kaplan Professional under the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander admission pathway are required to either:

- Provide a letter of 'Proof' or 'Confirmation of Aboriginal or Torres Strait Heritage'; or
- Complete this Statutory Declaration Form.

As the declaration requires the applicant to state that they are of Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander descent, some, or all of the applicant's ancestors must be Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander people. The declaration also requires the applicant to state that they identify as an Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander person and that they are recognised by their community as a person who is of Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander descent.

For further information regarding obtaining proof of Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander heritage, please refer to Australian Institute of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Studies website <https://aiatsis.gov.au/>

PLEASE NOTE: Kaplan Professional is not able to comment on, prove nor provide confirmation of any individual's Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander heritage.

Applicant Declaration

USE BLOCK LETTERS WHEN COMPLETING THIS FORM AND PLEASE KEEP A COPY

1. Personal information			
Kaplan student ID (if applicable):			
Title: <input type="checkbox"/> Dr <input type="checkbox"/> Mr <input type="checkbox"/> Mrs <input type="checkbox"/> Ms <input type="checkbox"/> Miss <input type="checkbox"/> Other		Gender:	<input type="checkbox"/> Male <input type="checkbox"/> Female
First name:			
Email:		Date of birth:	
Telephone:	(w)	(h)	(m)

2. Declaration

I do hereby solemnly and sincerely declare that:

I understand that Kaplan Profession, for the purpose of administering programs for Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander people, defines Aboriginal or Torres Strait identity as follows:

An Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander is any person who:

- is of Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander descent
- identifies as an Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander person
- is accepted as such by the community in which they live, or formerly lived.

Include a statement that you identify as an Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander:

Include a statement about why you are not able to get your Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander identity confirmed by a Local Aboriginal Land Council or another Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander organisation. Include two references from an Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander person within your community who can confirm your identity as being of Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander descent*:

* The reference must not be a member of your immediate family. References may include a person in an identified role in a government, community or not-for-profit organisation

3. Penalties for false statutory declaration:

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.

Declared at:		Declarant's name:	
Signature:		Date:	

4. Signed before me (witness):

Full name:		Qualification^:	
Address:		Contact Number:	
Signature:		Date:	

^ A statutory declaration may only be witnessed by an individual on the Commonwealth Government list of approved witnesses. For further information on approved witnesses, please refer to the Australian Attorney-General's Department website:

<https://www.ag.gov.au/legal-system/statutory-declarations/who-can-witness-your-statutory-declaration>

Return this form to Kaplan Professional via:

Mail:	Kaplan Professional Level 4, 45 Clarence Street, Sydney NSW 2000	Email:	enrolments@kaplan.edu.au
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DECLARATION ASSISTANCE

Contact the Student Advice Team on 1300 135 798