

CONFIRMATION OF ABORIGINALITY (COA)

Pre-application Guidelines

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

- a) Descent – the individual can prove that a parent is of Aboriginal descent (demonstrated through providing a family tree).
- b) Self-identification – the individual identifies as an Aboriginal.
- c) Community recognition – the individual is accepted as such by the Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander community in which they live (two separate written references will be required).

ELIGIBILITY

- The associated eligibility criteria must be completed prior to lodging an application with RAC and must be correctly and fully completed.
- If you do not provide sufficient documentation, then your application will not be considered by the RAC Board and will be returned to you for completion.
- Confirmation of Aboriginality (COA) remains entirely at the discretion of the RAC Board.
- Decisions will not be revisited unless the Board is provided with significant new evidence that may affect the decision made.

LOCATIONAL ELIGIBILITY

Rumbalara Aboriginal Cooperative (RAC) only issues Confirmation of Aboriginality to Traditional Owners of the area, regardless of current residency. Yorta Yorta Nations is the Recognised and Registered Traditional Owners in this area.

This criterion relates to the coverage Yorta Yorta lands. To be eligible for COA, you must be:

1. from one of the 16 family groups and 8 clans recognised within Yorta Yorta Nations. (refer to list)
 - 1.1. living in the local area; or
 - 1.2. accepted as an Aboriginal person by the community in which you reside
2. If your family heritage is from outside of the Yorta Yorta Nations Traditional lands and you do not meet the above criteria, your application will not be considered or accepted.
3. You should lodge your application with the respective traditional landowners

NOTES

In cases of Stolen Generation or disconnection from family, the RAC Board may consider applications where you can provide sufficient, clear, supporting documentary evidence (e.g., from Link-up or other such family history services) that your family heritage is of Aboriginal descent. [Link-Up | AIATSIS corporate website](#)

- If you are under 18, if one or both, of your biological parents have had their Aboriginality confirmed by RAC, you are automatically eligible for confirmation upon supply of your Birth Certificate



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Pre- application eligibility criteria

Full Name	
Date of Birth	
Address	
Contact Number	
Email	

You may be requested to apply the following:

CRITERIA	DOCUMENTS PLEASE CHECK AVAILABLE DOCUMENTS	LIST EVIDENCE ATTACHED OR ACTIONS TO CONFIRM
Descent (Establish individual or family descent)	<input type="checkbox"/> Documents with decisions from incorporated Indigenous organisations or government agencies. <input type="checkbox"/> Birth records and immediate family members confirmation of Aboriginality <input type="checkbox"/> Official letter from an authorised member of an Aboriginal organisation confirming Aboriginality.	
Self-Identity (The applicants public acknowledgement)	<input type="checkbox"/> Statutory declarations <input type="checkbox"/> Other documents/applications <input type="checkbox"/> self-identification as an Australian Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander person. The applicant should identify themselves as such on application and/ or enrolment forms as applicable.	
Accepted by community	<input type="checkbox"/> Documents with decisions from <i>incorporated</i> Indigenous organisations <input type="checkbox"/> Documents with decisions from Indigenous organisations <input type="checkbox"/> Letter signed by a prominent community member or authorised member of an Aboriginal Land Council or incorporated organisation on official letterhead.	
Connection to Yorta Yorta Nation	<input type="checkbox"/> Family trees or records linking you to recognised family groups or clans.	



<p>If claiming Yorta Yorta `descent, demonstrate connection to the 16 family groups or 8 clans recognised by providing:</p>	<p><input type="checkbox"/> Statutory declarations from family members or community elders confirming family ties.</p>	
<p>Stolen Generation</p> <p>If claiming Stolen Generations heritage without proof of family ties, provide alternative evidence such as:</p>	<p><input type="checkbox"/> Community recognition or support for your claim.</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Personal narratives or documented histories indicating Aboriginal descent and community connection.</p>	
<p>Additional Documentation</p>	<p><input type="checkbox"/> Identification Documents: Attach copies of valid identification (e.g., driver's license, passport) for identity and residency verification.</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Legal Declarations: Complete statutory declarations confirming the accuracy of your information.</p>	

DECLARATION

I declare that the information provided in this application is true and accurate to the best of my knowledge. I understand that false or misleading information may result in the rejection of my application.

Name: _____ Signature: _____

Date: _____



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YORTA YORTA TRADITIONAL LANDOWNER FAMILY NAMES

- Aaron Atkinson and Lousia Frost
- Alf Morgan
- Bagot Morgan and Lizzie Walker
- Elizabeth Atkinson
- Jack Cooper and Mary Abbott-Brangy
- John Atkinson and Emma Murri
- Maggie Toddles (Toolanyangan)
- Tommy McCrae
- Ada Cooper
- Annabelle Howard
- Edgar Atkinson
- Fred and Sarah Walker
- Jenny and George Charles
- Maggie Stone
- Robert Cooper
- William Cooper

YORTA YORTA CLAN GROUPS

- Kailtheban
- Moira
- Bangarang
- Yalaba Yalaba
- Wollithiga
- Ulupna
- Kwat Kwat
- Ngurai-illiam-wurrung



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