



THE UNIVERSITY OF
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KOORI CENTRE POLICY – PROOF OF ABORIGINALITY

The onus is upon the individual to bear the responsibility for Proof of Aboriginality.

The Koori Centre accepts one of the following forms of Proof of Aboriginality:

1. Evidence of Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander descent

Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander **descent** may be proved by:

- Birth records or genealogies verified by a suitable authority as applicable to the individual, or
- A letter with “Common Seal” signed by the Chairperson of an Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander incorporated organisation in which the applicant lives or has previously lived (where records are not available).

2. Evidence of self-identification as an Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander

To demonstrate **self-identification**, the individual should sign a statutory declaration that he/she is an Australian Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander.

NOTE: Proof of receipt of Abstudy will not be accepted as Proof of Aboriginality unless accompanied by 1. or 2. above.