CONFIRMATION OF ABORIGINALITY POLICY 2014

The Vice-Chancellor and Principal, as delegate of the Senate of the University of Sydney, adopts the following policy.

Dated: 4 August 2014

Last amended:

Signature:

Name: DR MICHAEL SPENCE

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1 Name of policy

This is the Confirmation of Aboriginality Policy 2014.

2 Commencement

This policy commences on 4 August 2014.

3 Policy is binding

Except to the extent that a contrary intention is expressed, this policy binds the University, staff, students and affiliates.

4 Statement of intent

This policy sets out the evidence required if an individual needs to establish that they are an Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander person, for the purposes of accessing specific programs, services or opportunities.
5 Application

This policy applies to staff, students and affiliates.

6 Definitions

Aboriginality means being an Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander person.

Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander person means being an Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander person, who identifies and is accepted as such by the community in which they live.

7 Establishing Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander status

(1) If it is necessary to confirm an individual’s status as an Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander, the University will accept evidence as specified in this policy.

(2) A person may confirm Aboriginality through:

(a) a letter stamped with the common seal and signed by the chairperson of an Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander Land Council, in whose area the person lives or has previously lived; or

(b) a letter stamped with the common seal and signed by a delegate of an incorporated Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander organisation, such as the Aboriginal Medical Service or Aboriginal Legal Service.

(3) Where records are not available, a person’s Aboriginality may be confirmed by a statutory declaration from the individual, declaring that they identify as and are known as an Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander person.

(4) The individual is responsible for confirming their own Aboriginality.

(5) Proof of receipt of Abstudy will not be accepted as confirmation.

8 Rescission and replacement

This policy replaces the Koori Centre Policy – Confirmation of Aboriginality, which is rescinded as from the date of commencement of this policy.

NOTES

Confirmation of Aboriginality Policy 2014

Date adopted: 4 August 2014

Date commenced: 4 August 2014

Administrator: Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Indigenous Strategy and Services)

Review date: 4 August 2019
Related documents:

- Australian Institute of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Studies [Confirmation of Aboriginality] advice
- The University of Sydney Enterprise Agreement 2009-2012
- Admission to Undergraduate Courses Policy
- Recruitment and Selection Policy
- Equal Opportunity in Education Policy
- Wingara-Mura Bunga Barrabugu: The University of Sydney Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Integrated Strategy
- University of Sydney Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Employment Framework 2012-2014
- University of Sydney Merit Appointment Scheme Guidelines

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