



**CONFIRMATION OF ABORIGINALITY**

***BEFORE COMPLETING THIS APPLICATION  
PLEASE READ GUIDELINES CAREFULLY***

**CONFIRMATION OF ABORIGINALITY AND/OR TORRES STRAIT ISLANDER DESCENT**

SURNAME: \_\_\_\_\_ OTHER NAME(S): \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

DATE OF BIRTH: \_\_\_\_\_

I DECLARE THAT I AM AN ABORIGINAL AND/OR TORRES STRAIT ISLANDER\* PERSON AND I AM;

RECOGNISED AS SUCH BY THE \_\_\_\_\_ COMMUNITY WHERE I CURRENTLY LIVE AND WHERE I HAVE LIVED FOR \_\_\_\_\_ YEARS;

RECOGNISED AS SUCH BY THE \_\_\_\_\_ COMMUNITY WHERE I FORMERLY LIVED FOR \_\_\_\_\_ YEARS;

RECOGNISED AS SUCH BY THE \_\_\_\_\_ COMMUNITY WHICH IS MY TRADITIONAL AREA OR AREA WHERE MY FAMILY HAS LIVED FOR \_\_\_\_\_ YEARS.

(\* Put a line through what is not applicable)

I consent to South Coast Medical Service Aboriginal Corporation maintaining an electronic copy of my application on file.

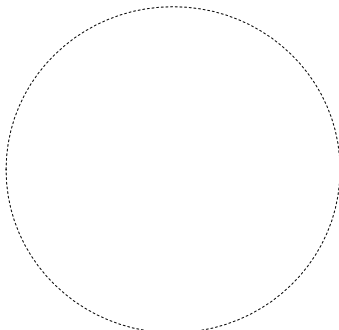
APPLICANT'S SIGNATURE: \_\_\_\_\_ DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

IT IS HEREBY CONFIRMED THAT THE ABOVE NAMED APPLICANT HAS PROVIDED SUFFICIENT EVIDENCE TO INDICATE ABORIGINALITY.

COMMON SEAL

RESOLUTION NUMBER: \_\_\_\_\_

DATE OF MEETING: \_\_\_\_\_



SIGNATURE: \_\_\_\_\_  
(Director)

SIGNATURE: \_\_\_\_\_  
(Director)



## **GUIDELINES FOR APPLICANTS**

### **CONFIRMATION OF ABORIGINALITY**

1. **Processing of Confirmations for Aboriginality is not part of the core business of South Coast Medical Service Aboriginal Corporation (SCMSAC). These processes can become very time consuming for the Directors (Board), Management and Administration personnel.**
2. When considering whether to confirm Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander descent for an applicant, SCMSAC understands that it bears a heavy responsibility in both ensuring that only those persons known to the Directors as Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islanders people receive these confirmations.
3. SCMSAC Directors (Board) not having sufficient evidence before them to prove that the Applicant is an Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander person will not approve a Confirmation.
4. SCMSAC Directors have the right to decline an application for Confirmation of Aboriginality simply based on the fact that the applicant may not be known to the Directors or have sufficient information for the Directors to make the decision.
5. Other information (although not limited to) may be required to assist the Directors in their assessment as follows:
  - Family Lineage Information
  - Birth Certificates
  - Local/Community organisation documentation
6. **Note:** Provision of these documents or other information may not guarantee that your application is approved.
7. Confirmations of Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander descent for persons under the age of 18 years will not be considered at Director Meetings, rather they will be processed automatically by Administration and will be processed based on their parent/s confirmations if processed through SCMSAC.
8. In order to become automatically eligible for a Confirmation of Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander decent, persons under the age of 18 years need to ensure that at least their natural parent/s already have a confirmation provided by SCMSAC.
9. SCMSAC will only address Confirmations for Aboriginality that are on SCMSAC produced and generated forms.
10. Natural parent/s confirmations can only be approved by a resolution (motion) at a formal meeting of the Directors. They then must be appropriately signed and stamped with Corporations Common Seal in order to become a valid confirmation.
11. Under 18 Applicants will only be processed automatically, on receipt of the applicants Birth Certificate with the Applicants natural parent/s being identified on that certificate.
12. Applications for persons 18 years not signed by the applicant themselves will not progress to the Board Meeting.
13. Any false or misleading information provided by an applicant may result in the Directors revoking Confirmation/s.
14. The Directors may refuse to address any application at any time.
15. Applications are to posted to PO Box below or hand delivered to the Admin Office at 38-44 Berry Street.