



TAIHS CONFIRMATION OF DESCENT APPLICATION RULES

Townsville Aboriginal and Islander Health Service (TAIHS) takes the responsibility of confirming descent seriously and will only consider cases where the Applicant (Individual) and their family heritage is known to the current Board, and where they meet all eligibility requirements.

This position has been taken as these requests are generally for the purpose of seeking eligibility to services and opportunities that are exclusively for the benefit of Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander people.

Descent eligibility – to meet this criterion, you must be able to satisfy all parts of the following definition –

- 1) **Descent** – the individual must be able to prove that a parent is of Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander descent.
- 2) **Self-identification** – the Individual must identify as an Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander.
- 3) **Community recognition** – the Individual must be accepted as such by the members of the Aboriginal &/or Torres Strait community in which they live or did live.
- 4) **Locational eligibility** – the Individual's family heritage must stem from within the geographical area of Townsville, Far North Queensland.

Please Note: If your family heritage is from outside of the Townsville region you should seek your confirmation from your respective clan, family group or relevant local indigenous organisation.

Applicant Support Information and Checklist

Please provide as much information relating to your connection to the Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander community as you can to help TAIHS Board be able to complete your confirmation.

The information you will need to provide for Confirmation consideration:

- 1) Completed **TAIHS Confirmation of Descent Declaration application form** (Doc#2276)
- 2) Current **Personal Proof of ID with your Date of Birth and Photo** (must be a certified copy from a Justice of the Peace)

*****If the form isn't fully completed and/or relevant documents not attached, the application will be returned to you without being processed. You will need to resubmit your application with the additional information.***