



**Aboriginal
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Fact sheet

Aboriginal Housing Office Eligibility for Services Policy

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The AHO acknowledge that confirmation of Aboriginality is a personal choice.

What is the purpose of the AHO's Eligibility for Services Policy?

To inform the public on what the AHO considers acceptable evidence to confirm a person's eligibility to access Aboriginal housing services and/or products.

Who does this policy apply to?

This policy applies to anyone who wants to access AHO housing services and/or products.

Why does the AHO require evidence of confirmation of Aboriginality?

To ensure AHO housing and/or products are allocated to Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander people in accordance with the *Aboriginal Housing Act 1998*.

What evidence does the AHO accept to access AHO housing services and/or products?

- a letter and/or membership from a Local Aboriginal Land Council (LALC), or
- a letter from a Registered Aboriginal Organisation (RAO), or
- a letter from a Registered Stolen Generation Organisation (SGO), or
- a letter from a Torres Strait Islander Organisation (TSIO) registered under the Australia Securities and Investments Commission (ASIC) or Office of the Registrar of Indigenous Corporations (ORIC).

When can an AHO Eligibility for Service Statutory Declaration be used?

The AHO Eligibility for Services Statutory Declaration is to be used as a **last resort**.

Applicants and tenants will have to demonstrate they have attempted and been unsuccessful in obtaining their confirmation from either a LALC, RAO, SGO or TSIO.

When can an AHO Extenuating Circumstance Statutory Declaration be used?

Applicants and tenants who are experiencing disruptive life event, such as domestic and family violence, natural disasters can access short term AHO services for a maximum period of 6 months by completing an AHO Extenuating Circumstance Statutory Declaration.



Does the AHO provide Confirmation of Aboriginality?

The AHO does not provide confirmation of Aboriginality.

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