

## Apply for an Aboriginal Passport

A passport is an international travel document. Passport use and acceptance is governed by both law and politics. Countries may choose to recognise and accept, as a valid document of identity, the passport of a person wishing to enter the country, but may reject others.

Australia refuses to recognise the Aboriginal passport. Aboriginal people *can* re-enter their country through Australian customs using the Aboriginal Provisional Government (APG) issued travel document, but not without some form of harassment from officials. The Australian passport or some other form of identification is required for smooth re-entry.

While it is possible to travel overseas with the Aboriginal passport, another passport should still be carried with you for backup. The Aboriginal passport has been used to enter several countries including Libya (1988), Switzerland (1990), Norway (1990), Haudenosaunee Confederacy (2014), and the Solomon Islands (2015).

It is used domestically for identification purposes with a variety of organizations including airlines and banks. There is no guarantee however that any such organizations will accept the Aboriginal passport, and you should have backup identification in these situations also. If any organization refuses to accept the Aboriginal passport as a form of identification, contact your local Aboriginal legal service for assistance, and let the APG know (send an email detailing your situation to [secretary@apg.org.au](mailto:secretary@apg.org.au)).

The Aboriginal passport is a document issued by the APG as part of its policy of acting sovereignty. The act of presenting an Aboriginal passport on arriving in other countries and when re-entering Australia shows you are committed to the principle that the Aboriginal nation existed long before the Australian nation. Aboriginal people have inherent independent rights, including the right to our own identity and identity documents.

Any Aboriginal person, who provides all of the necessary documentation and details, is invited to apply for the Aboriginal passport.

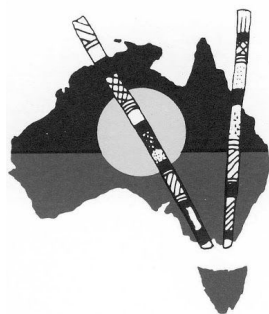
Yours faithfully,

**Michael Mansell (Pakana)**

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## Information for Applicants

- 1) The applicant must complete this form, and provide all information requested.
- 2) Three passport photographs of the applicant must accompany the application form. The photographs must have been taken within 12 months of submitting this application.
- 3) At least one of the three photographs must have written on its back an endorsement of the applicant's Aboriginality signed by the same person who completes Part B (Declaration by Aboriginal Organization). The wording of this endorsement must be as follows:

***This is the person known to me as [applicant's full name]  
who is an Aboriginal person.***

**[guarantor's signature]**

**[DD/MM/YYYY]**

- 4) Separate passports are available for children under the age of 16. If the child is unable to legibly sign their name, a parent or guardian may sign for them.
- 5) The fee of \$100, or \$60 for unemployed applicants or children, must be paid at the same time as the application to:

**Account Name:** Aboriginal Provisional Government

**Bank:** Commonwealth Bank

**BSB Number:** 067000

**Account Number:** 10078271

Inform the APG, by sending an email to [secretary@apg.org.au](mailto:secretary@apg.org.au) that the payment has been made with the deposit receipt number and the date the deposit was made.

- 6) Return the completed application form, photographs and signatures to the address at the top of this page. Signatures can be placed on a plain white sticker/label measuring no larger than 40mm long and 15mm wide.
- 7) Allow a minimum of two weeks for processing and postage.
- 8) People requiring urgent turn-around for a passport will be required to pay an extra \$15 for an express parcel. Even then, we do not guarantee a passport application can be done in less than a week.

# Application for Aboriginal Passport

## Applicant's Details:

**Surname:** .....

**Given names:** .....

**Address:** .....

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**Date of Birth:** .....

**Place (town) of Birth:** .....

**MARRIED/NOT MARRIED (please circle)**

**MALE/FEMALE (please circle)**

**Mother's family name:** .....

**Father's family name:** .....

**Do you have children? YES/NO (please circle)**

**Number of children:** .....

**Names of children under age of 16:**

Name	Age

**Applicant's Signature:**

Please attach 2 stickers/labels with your original signature no larger than the box below:

# Eligibility for Aboriginal Passport

## **PART A: Applicant's declaration**

I (full name) .....

of (name of tribe) .....

hereby declare I am an Aboriginal person, that I am descended from the original people of Australia, that I identify as an Aboriginal person and am accepted as an Aboriginal person by the Aboriginal community.

**Applicant's Signature:** .....

**Date (DD/MM/YYYY):** ..... / ..... / 20.....

## **PART B: Declaration by Aboriginal organization**

We (name of Aboriginal organization) .....

declare that (name of applicant) .....

of (name of tribe) .....

- 1) identifies as an Aboriginal person;
- 2) can show a line of Aboriginal descent from the time of European contact; and
- 3) is accepted as an Aboriginal person by the Aboriginal community.

**Name:** .....

**Signature:** .....

**Position held in organisation:** .....

**Date:** ..... / ..... / 20.....

**Contact Phone Number:** .....

**Contact Email Address:** .....

\*The same person who confirms **PART B** is required to endorse and sign at least one of the applicant's photographs.