



IMPORTANT—Please read the information on pages 1–4 before you start to fill in this form

About this form

This form should be used by Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander groups who want to become corporations under the *Corporations (Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander) Act 2006* (CATSI Act).

Documents you need to provide with this application

You will need to provide:

- a copy of the proposed rule book of your proposed corporation,
- AND either:
- a resolution from your group that at least 75 per cent of the members applying for registration have agreed to do so (please see 'Resolution under the CATSI Act' on page 4), OR
 - if the decision to apply for registration was made at a meeting where the original members passed the required resolutions, the minutes of that meeting.

Returning the form

You can return your form and the required documents to the Office of the Registrar of Indigenous Corporations (ORIC) either by email, fax or post. To email the documents, you will need to scan them first.

Email **info@oric.gov.au**

Fax **(02) 6133 8080**

Post **Office of the Registrar of Indigenous Corporations
PO Box 29
Woden ACT 2606**

What happens when you return this form?

ORIC will check the application to make sure it is filled in properly and that the requirements of the CATSI Act are met. If it is not complete ORIC will write to you asking for the missing information to be provided. The application cannot be registered until all information is given.

ORIC will then:

- send you a certificate of registration
- send you a copy of the approved rule book
- put the details of your corporation on the public Register of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Corporations.

Privacy

Collection of information on this form is authorised by the CATSI Act. The Registrar of Indigenous Corporations is required by law to keep a Register of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Corporations. Information on this form may be made public at **oric.gov.au**.



Further information—if you need help completing this form or you need more information:

- call **1800 622 431**
- email **info@oric.gov.au**
- visit **oric.gov.au**

Notes

The information on these pages will help you fill in the form. Please read it carefully.

Question 2

Proposed name of corporation

The corporation's name may be:

- a name that is available (that is, it must not be identical to another corporation's name or prescribed as unacceptable under the Regulations—see s 85-5 of the CATSI Act), or
- the expression 'Indigenous Corporation Number' followed by the corporation's ICN.

The name of the corporation must include the words:

- Aboriginal corporation
 - Torres Strait Islander corporation
 - Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander corporation
 - Torres Strait Islander and Aboriginal corporation, or
 - Indigenous corporation.
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Question 4

Addresses

Main place of business—This is where the corporation carries out most of its activities.

Registered office address (ROA)—Large corporations must have a registered office to make sure members and others can get hold of important documents, such as the corporation's rules, and can contact the corporation.

Document access address (DAA)—Small and medium corporations must have a document access address which is a place where people can inspect important documents. This can be a person's home. People wanting to inspect documents have to give seven days written notice.

Occupant consent—If the corporation does not occupy the ROA/DAA, it must obtain written consent from the current occupant to use it as the corporation's street address. The corporation must be able to show the consent to the Registrar if required.

Question 9

Size of the corporation

A **small corporation** is a corporation that has at least two of the following:

- total gross operating income less than \$100,000
- total gross assets less than \$100,000
- less than five employees.

A **large corporation** is a corporation that has at least two of the following:

- total gross operating income more than \$5 million
- total gross assets more than \$2.5 million
- more than 25 employees.

Any corporation that does not fit within the 'small' or 'large' categories is classed as a **medium corporation**.

Employees—To find out the expected number of employees your corporation will have in the first year:

1. count each full-time employee
2. for each part-time employee, work out a fraction that represents their weekly hours of work.
Do this by dividing the part-timer's hours by the weekly hours of work of a full-time employee.
For example: if a part-timer works 8 hours a week, and your full-time employees work 38 hours:
 $8 \text{ divided by } 38 = 0.21$
3. count the fraction for each part-time employee.

Note: Community Development Program (CDP) workplace hosted jobseekers will be treated as employees for the purposes of these thresholds.

Question 10

Liability of members

If the application for registration states that members are not liable for the debts of the corporation, then they are not liable. But if it states that they are liable for the corporation's debts, then they must indicate to what extent the members are liable. This could be a dollar amount, or it may be a proportion (e.g. Mr X is liable for half, Ms Y is liable for one-quarter), or it may be for property or goods. If members are to be liable, you should seek legal advice about the extent of liability.

Question 11

Contact person/ secretary

For **small and medium corporations**, the contact person's details are required.

For **large corporations**, the secretary's details are required. If the corporation has more than one secretary, please attach the additional details on a separate sheet.

To be eligible to act as a contact person/secretary a person must:

- be at least 18 years old
- not be currently disqualified under Part 6-5 of the CATSI Act (unless permission is granted by the registrar or leave granted by the court).

Address—The residential address of the contact person/secretary must be provided. A contact person/secretary can apply to the registrar to give an alternative address if:

1. their name is on the electoral roll but not their address because of issues of personal safety, or
 2. the registrar determines that including their residential address would put their safety (or their family's) at risk.
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Questions 13–14

Members

You must provide details of each person who is a current member of the corporation.

The corporation must have a minimum of five members unless you are granted an exemption (refer to the separate exemption form available from **online.oric.gov.au** or **oric.gov.au**).

The members must be 15 years of age or older.

If your rule book allows for non-Indigenous members, more than half of members must be Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander.

If your rule book allows for corporate members, you may have them. Section 138-1 of the CATSI Act says that a person is a member of a corporation if they are a member on registration, or if they agree subsequently to become a member. Under law, a 'person' is not only a human being but is also an entity (such as a corporation) that is recognised by law as having the rights and duties of a human being.

Address—Members can apply to the registrar to keep their address from being made public if they have justifiable reasons.

Question 15

Directors

Eligibility—To be eligible to serve as a director, a person must:

- be at least 18 years old
- be a member of the corporation (unless the rule book states otherwise—but note that a majority of directors must be members)
- be an Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander person (unless the rule book states otherwise— but note that a majority of directors must be Indigenous)
- have no convictions for offences described in s 279-5(1) of the CATSI Act
- not be bankrupt
- not be disqualified from managing a corporation under Part 6-5 of the CATSI Act

Number—A corporation may have up to 12 directors. If it needs a larger board, it may apply for an exemption from that limit—refer to the separate exemption form available from **online.oric.gov.au** or **oric.gov.au**.

Term—The maximum term is 2 years. Directors may be reappointed after their term expires. A corporation may also apply to the registrar for a longer term via the exemption form above.

Personal information—Directors must provide their residential **address**, unless they are given an exemption for personal or family safety reasons. In that case they may provide an alternative address.

Directors must also **consent** in writing to be a director. The corporation must keep a record of the consent.

From November 2022, directors must provide a **director ID** number. Director IDs are issued by Australian Business Registry Services—abrs.gov.au.

Question 18

Checklist

Resolution under the CATSI Act

A pre-transfer of registration requirement is that you must provide evidence that at least 75 per cent of the people listed as consenting to become members of the corporation have agreed to apply for registration. This means they had to:

- authorise the applicant to apply for registration
- approve the proposed rule book (including agreeing to all replaceable rules being adopted)
- nominate the people who will become directors of the corporation, and
- nominate the person who will become the contact person or secretary, depending on whether the corporation expects to be small, medium or large in its first year.

Sample resolutions are available at oric.gov.au or by calling **1800 622 431**.

Note: Before ORIC can make a decision about your application, you must send a copy of the proposed rule book of your proposed corporation.



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Note: If you need more space to answer or need to provide additional information, please attach the details on a separate sheet.

Applicant

The applicant is the person who is authorised to act on behalf of members of the existing organisation regarding this registration.

1 Applicant's details

Mr Mrs Miss Ms Other

First name Middle name

Last name

Residential address

 Postcode

Postal address (if same as residential address, write 'As above')
 Postcode

Telephone—Home () Work ()

Mobile Fax ()

Email address

Corporation

2 **Proposed name of corporation under the CATSI Act**
 (see Notes on page 2)

3 **Australian Business Number (ABN)**
 if the corporation has one

4 **Addresses** (see Notes on page 2)
Main place of business
 (including room number, floor and level if applicable)

 Postcode

**Registered office address (ROA)/
 document access address (DAA)**
 (see Notes on page 2)
 (including room number, floor and level if applicable)

 Postcode

Does the corporation currently occupy the ROA/DAA address? (See Notes on page 2)

Yes

No Name of current occupant

Has the occupant of the premises consented in writing to the use of the specified address as the address of the corporation's registered office address/document access address? Yes
 No

Corporation's postal address
 Postcode

Corporation continued

5	Corporation's contact numbers	Telephone ()	Fax ()
6	Corporation's email address	<input type="text"/>	
7	Preferred method of communication (e.g. email, phone, fax, post)	<input type="text"/>	
8	Does the corporation intend to become a registered native title body corporate?	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>
9	Size of the corporation (see <i>Notes on page 2</i>)	Expected income for the first financial year	<input type="text" value="\$"/>
		Expected value of assets for the first financial year	<input type="text" value="\$"/>
		Expected number of employees in the first financial year	<input type="text"/>
	Corporation size	Small <input type="checkbox"/>	Medium <input type="checkbox"/> Large <input type="checkbox"/>
10	Liability of members (see <i>Notes on page 2</i>)	Members not liable <input type="checkbox"/>	Members liable <input type="checkbox"/>
			▶ Give details of the extent of liability
			<input type="text"/>

Contact person/secretary

11 **Contact person's/
secretary's details**
(see *Notes on page 3*)

Position

Contact person for a small or
medium corporation

Secretary of a large corporation

Mr Mrs Miss Ms Other

First name Middle name

Last name

Residential address

Postcode

Postal address (if same as residential
address, write 'As above')
Postcode

Telephone—Home () Work ()

Mobile Fax ()

Email address

Preferred method of communication
(e.g. email, phone, fax, post)

12 **Contact person's consent/secretary's
declaration**

I, the person named above, consent to becoming the contact person/secretary of the corporation named at question 7.

I declare that I am eligible to become a secretary of an Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander corporation.

Signature



Date

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Members

Important—You must read the notes on page 3 before completing this section.

13 **How many members are between 15–18 years of age?**

Note: Members must be 15 years of age or older

14 **Members' details**

You must provide details of each person who is a member of the existing organisation.

Full name <i>(Include title, first name and last name)</i> <i>e.g. Mr John Citizen</i>	Address <i>(This can be a residential address or a postal address)</i>	If your rule book allows for non-Indigenous members, please indicate which members are non-Indigenous
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Directors

Important—You must read the Notes on page 3 before completing this section.

15 Directors' details

You must provide details of each person who is eligible to act as a director of the corporation. If more than six please use a separate sheet.

Director 1

Mr Mrs Miss Ms Other

First name Middle name

Last name

Previous name(s) (if any)

Date of birth (if known) / / Place of birth (if known)

Residential address

Postcode

Telephone during business hours () Fax ()

Email address

How long will this director hold office? up to 1 year up to 2 years

Date of appointment / / Director ID

Is this director also an **employee** of the corporation? Yes No

Some rule books allow **non-Indigenous** directors. This director is: Indigenous Non-Indigenous

Some rule books allow **non-member** directors. This director is a: Member Non-member

Consent and declaration

- I consent to becoming a director of the corporation named above.
- I declare that I am eligible to become a director of an Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander corporation.

Signature



Date

/ /

Director 2

Mr Mrs Miss Ms Other

First name Middle name

Last name

Previous name(s) (if any)

Date of birth (if known) / / Place of birth (if known)

Residential address

Postcode

Telephone during business hours () Fax ()

Email address

How long will this director hold office? up to 1 year up to 2 years

Date of appointment / / Director ID

Is this director also an **employee** of the corporation? Yes No

Some rule books allow **non-Indigenous** directors. This director is: Indigenous Non-Indigenous

Some rule books allow **non-member** directors. This director is a: Member Non-member

Consent and declaration

- I consent to becoming a director of the corporation named above.
- I declare that I am eligible to become a director of an Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander corporation.

Signature



Date

/ /

Director 3

Mr Mrs Miss Ms Other

First name Middle name

Last name

Previous name(s) (if any)

Date of birth (if known) / / Place of birth (if known)

Residential address

 Postcode

Telephone during business hours () Fax ()

Email address

How long will this director hold office? up to 1 year up to 2 years

Date of appointment / / Director ID

Is this director also an **employee** of the corporation? Yes No

Some rule books allow **non-Indigenous** directors. This director is: Indigenous Non-Indigenous

Some rule books allow **non-member** directors. This director is a: Member Non-member

- Consent and declaration**
- I consent to becoming a director of the corporation named above.
 - I declare that I am eligible to become a director of an Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander corporation.

Signature Date / /

Director 4

Mr Mrs Miss Ms Other

First name Middle name

Last name

Previous name(s) (if any)

Date of birth (if known) / / Place of birth (if known)

Residential address

 Postcode

Telephone during business hours () Fax ()

Email address

How long will this director hold office? up to 1 year up to 2 years

Date of appointment / / Director ID

Is this director also an **employee** of the corporation? Yes No

Some rule books allow **non-Indigenous** directors. This director is: Indigenous Non-Indigenous

Some rule books allow **non-member** directors. This director is a: Member Non-member

- Consent and declaration**
- I consent to becoming a director of the corporation named above.
 - I declare that I am eligible to become a director of an Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander corporation.

Signature Date / /

Director 5

Mr Mrs Miss Ms Other

First name Middle name

Last name

Previous name(s) (if any)

Date of birth (if known) / / Place of birth (if known)

Residential address

 Postcode

Telephone during business hours () Fax ()

Email address

How long will this director hold office? up to 1 year up to 2 years

Date of appointment / / Director ID

Is this director also an **employee** of the corporation? Yes No

Some rule books allow **non-Indigenous** directors. This director is: Indigenous Non-Indigenous

Some rule books allow **non-member** directors. This director is a: Member Non-member

- Consent and declaration**
- I consent to becoming a director of the corporation named above.
 - I declare that I am eligible to become a director of an Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander corporation.

Signature

Date

/ /

Director 6

Mr Mrs Miss Ms Other

First name Middle name

Last name

Previous name(s) (if any)

Date of birth (if known) / / Place of birth (if known)

Residential address

 Postcode

Telephone during business hours () Fax ()

Email address

How long will this director hold office? up to 1 year up to 2 years

Date of appointment / / Director ID

Is this director also an **employee** of the corporation? Yes No

Some rule books allow **non-Indigenous** directors. This director is: Indigenous Non-Indigenous

Some rule books allow **non-member** directors. This director is a: Member Non-member

- Consent and declaration**
- I consent to becoming a director of the corporation named above.
 - I declare that I am eligible to become a director of an Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander corporation.

Signature

Date

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Declaration by directors or committee members

To be signed by two directors or committee members of the existing organisation named at question 2. (See *Notes on page 4*)

16 I declare that:

- I am a (please tick appropriate box): Director Committee member
of the organisation named at question 2
- the organisation named at question 2 is not under external administration
- no application has been made to a court (in Australia or elsewhere) to wind up the organisation that has not been dealt with, and
- no application to approve a compromise or arrangement between the organisation and another person has been made to a court (in Australia or elsewhere) that has not been dealt with.

Signature



Date

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Full name

I declare that:

- I am a (please tick appropriate box): Director Committee member
of the organisation named at question 2
- the organisation named at question 2 is not under external administration
- no application has been made to a court (in Australia or elsewhere) to wind up the organisation that has not been dealt with, and
- no application to approve a compromise or arrangement between the organisation and another person has been made to a court (in Australia or elsewhere) that has not been dealt with.

Signature



Date

/ /

Full name

Applicant's confirmation

Note: It is an offence under s 561-1 of the CATSI Act to provide false or misleading information. This offence can result in a penalty of 200 penalty units, five years imprisonment, or both.

17 Applicant's confirmation

I, the person whose details appear at question 1, apply for registration under the CATSI Act on the basis of the information in this form and attachments.

I confirm that:

- *all members are 15 years of age or older*
- *all directors are 18 years of age or older, and*
- *the information provided in this application and attachments is true and correct at the time of signing.*

Applicant's signature

Date

Full name

Checklist

18 Please provide a copy of these documents with this form

- a resolution from your group that at least 75% of the members applying for registration have agreed to do so, OR
- if the decision to apply for registration was made at a meeting where the original members passed the required resolutions, the minutes of that meeting, AND
- a copy of the proposed rule book of your proposed corporation, AND
- if applicable, any applications for exemption under the CATSI Act.