



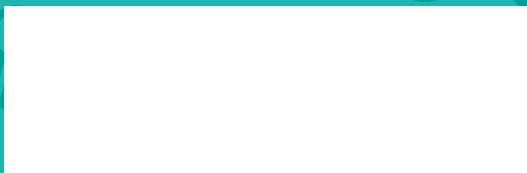
Are you of Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander origin?

**We need to ask everyone.
We need you to tell us.**

-  **We cannot rely
on appearance.**
-  **The only sure way to
find out is to ask.**

**Thank you for helping us with
this important question.**

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**Please help us to improve
the health of Aboriginal and Torres
Strait Islander Queenslanders**

Why am I asked?

All health services in Australia aim to provide quality health care to all people. We need to know:

- how, where and why people are using our services
- country of birth and languages spoken.

We are also working together to improve the health of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people because there is still a big and unacceptable difference in health and life expectancy.

To know if these are improving, and to know if we are providing services in the right way, we need to know if people are of Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander origin.

If you are not asked, it is important to tell the staff if you are of Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander origin.

How will I be asked?

You may be asked to fill out a form or you may be asked by a staff member. The question may be asked every time you come to the health service.

The question is: *Are you of Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander origin?*

On forms, the options for answering are:

- ☐ No
- ☐ Yes, Aboriginal
- ☐ Yes, Torres Strait Islander

(For persons of both Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander origin, mark both 'yes' boxes).

Some forms have an extra box:

- ☐ Yes, both Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander

What about privacy?

All information collected by the health service is subject to privacy laws to ensure that your information is protected and used appropriately.

What if I answer yes?

If we know that you are of Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander origin:

- We may be able to offer you Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander services, such as a hospital liaison officer or health worker who could help with your care.
- It means that all staff can consider any cultural needs that you might have.
- Children may be eligible for additional vaccines to minimise health risks.

