

INDIGENOUS BUSINESS DEFINITION

Definition of an Indigenous Business for the purposes of the Queensland Indigenous (Aboriginal And Torres Strait Islander) Procurement Policy

The Queensland Indigenous (Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander) Procurement Policy (QIPP) provides a whole-of-Government framework to increase Queensland Government procurement with Indigenous businesses to be three per cent of the value of government procurement contracts, known as [Addressable spend](#). For the purposes of reporting addressable spend procurement with Indigenous businesses under the QIPP, the Queensland Government defines an Indigenous business using the following parameters:

(Note: This definition is for spend reporting purposes only. Other definitions may be applied for business support purposes. Queensland government departments may choose to engage Indigenous businesses that do not conform to this definition, however any spend with those businesses will not be reportable in regards to the QIPP.)

Types of suppliers

1. For the purpose of determining Queensland Government spend with Indigenous businesses under the QIPP, the following types of suppliers are included:
 - Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander owned business;
 - incorporated Indigenous Joint Venture;
 - Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Not-for-Profit organisation;
 - Queensland Indigenous Local Councils.
2. All, except Indigenous Local Councils, must be registered on at least one known and recognised Indigenous Business Directory. Indigenous Business Directories the Queensland Government currently recognises are:
 - Black Business Finder;
 - Supply Nation Indigenous Business Direct;
 - The Office of the Registrar of Indigenous Corporations (ORIC).
3. Must have a physical base (location) in Queensland.

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander owned business

An eligible Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander owned business must be:

- at least 50 per cent owned by an Aboriginal person(s) and/or a Torres Strait Islander person(s); and
- be either a sole trader, partnership, incorporated entity or trading through a trust; and
- have a current Australian Business Number (ABN).

Indigenous Joint Ventures

Indigenous Joint Ventures are incorporated organisations formed through the incorporation of an Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander owned businesses or Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander not for profit organisations; and a non-Indigenous business.

Indigenous Joint Ventures must also meet the following eligibility criteria to be considered:

- be an incorporated company (registered with Australian Securities and Investments Commission or ORIC as an Aboriginal Corporation) formed through the incorporation of an Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander owned businesses or Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Not-for-Profit organisations and a non-Indigenous business; and

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- be at least cumulatively 50 per cent owned by an Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander person(s); and
- be able to demonstrate at least 50 per cent Indigenous control (involvement) of the Joint Venture and Indigenous involvement in the management of the Joint Venture; and
- be for-profit in that the Joint Venture is able to distribute its equity to its shareholders and not be a registered charity in its own right; and
- be able to trade as a business in its own right; and
- be registered in Australia; and
- demonstrate commercial independence; and
- demonstrate a strategy to build the capability of the Indigenous business partner; and
- demonstrate an Indigenous workforce strategy.

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Not-for-Profit organisations

An eligible Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Not-for-Profit organisations must be:

- an incorporated association or a public company limited by guarantee; and
- can provide company constitution, charitable constitution or governance documentation; and
- can demonstrate 50 per cent of the board of directors are of Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander descent; and
- have a current Australian Business Number (ABN).

Queensland Indigenous Local Councils

Queensland Indigenous Local Councils are significant consumers and employers in local economies, particularly in remote and discrete communities, and often operate Indigenous enterprises. Some of the Indigenous Councils also operate their own business under their business under the Councils ABN (e.g. Cherbourg Joinery is owned and operated by the Cherbourg Aboriginal Shire Council). Therefore, the following Queensland Indigenous Local Councils in Queensland are regarded as Indigenous Businesses for reporting purposes under the QIPP:

- Aurukun Shire Council
- Cherbourg Aboriginal Shire Council
- Doomadgee Aboriginal Shire Council
- Hope Vale Aboriginal Shire Council
- Kowanyama Aboriginal Shire Council
- Lockhart River Aboriginal Shire Council
- Mapoon Aboriginal Shire Council
- Mornington Shire Council
- Napranum Aboriginal Shire Council
- Northern Peninsula Area Regional Council
- Palm Island Aboriginal Shire Council
- Pormpuraaw Aboriginal Shire Council
- Torres Strait Island Regional Council
- Torres Shire Council
- Woorabinda Aboriginal Shire Council
- Wujal Wujal Aboriginal Shire Council
- Yarrabah Aboriginal Shire Council.