

# **Documentation Requirements for applications for Indigenous Medical Student and Indigenous Medical Graduate Membership of AIDA**

This document is provided to assist prospective Indigenous medical student and Indigenous medical graduate members to prepare their application for membership; particularly the documentary evidence to be provided with their application.

A person is eligible to apply as an Indigenous Medical Graduate or Indigenous Medical Student member, if they

- are an Aboriginal and /or Torres Strait Islander person;
- are accepted by the Board as having a commitment to the aims, objectives and values of AIDA;
- nominated by the Indigenous medical graduate member or Indigenous medical student member and;
- for Indigenous medical student member applicants, be enrolled in a recognised degree in medicine; or
- for Indigenous medical graduate member applicants, have graduated with a recognised degree in medicine.

The Board is responsible for the consideration of all membership applications and is required by the AIDA constitution, to apply the above criteria for memberships in determining whether an applicant may become a member.

Table 1 (overleaf) sets out the documents required to support your application as a member of AIDA. These documents are required to assist the Board assess membership applications in a fair and equitable manner.

Applicants who have difficulty obtaining the required documents, support is available from the AIDA membership officer, who can be contacted on 1800 190 498 or by email at [membership@aida.org.au](mailto:membership@aida.org.au).

Document type	Membership type	Notes
Evidence of enrolment	Indigenous Medical Student Members	We require evidence of your enrolment in a medical program for the year of membership you are applying or renewing for. <b>Examples</b> include a statement of enrolment, a screenshot or print out from your student portal, your fee statement, an official letter from your university, or your academic statement or transcript which shows your enrolment status for the year you wish to apply or renew for.
Evidence of tertiary medical qualifications	Indigenous Medical Graduate Members	We require evidence of your qualifications as a medical doctor. <b>Examples</b> include a copy of your degree certificate, academic statement or transcript from your university which specifies that you have fulfilled the requirements for your program, or your Australian Health Practitioner Regulation Agency (AHPRA) registration number.
Confirmation of Aboriginality	Indigenous Medical Student Members  Indigenous Medical Doctor Members	We require a copy of written Confirmation of Aboriginality from an incorporated Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander organisation, presented on official letterhead and signed by an authorised person. If a person is unable to provide a Confirmation of Aboriginality they may submit a letter of support from an Elder which includes Elder's phone number and community which they are a recognised Elder.  <b>In extenuating circumstances</b> such as (but not limited to) members or descendants of the Stolen Generation, documentation demonstrating such a claim is to be provided from a relevant organisation such as LinkUp, a relevant adoption agency or a relevant Government Department, on letterhead and signed by an authorised person.  <b>Applicants who are unable to meet, or are experiencing difficulty in meeting, this requirement are encouraged to contact the AIDA membership officer on 1800 190 498 or by email at <a href="mailto:membership@aida.org.au">membership@aida.org.au</a>.</b>
	Student Associate Members  Associate Members  Primary contacts for Organisation Associate Members	Not required.
Photo identification	All categories	Required only if a discrepancy emerges or if otherwise needed, e.g. when booking travel.