



Are you Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander?

We ask everyone.
One simple question can
help close the gap.

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Key things to remember

- We ask everyone. No matter what they look like, sound like, their name, or where they were born.
- Never question a person's response. You cannot identify a person's Aboriginality by their appearance.
- Don't change the question. It must be asked the same way, every time.
- Ask this question at the point of intake, when the person's name, date of birth and address are recorded.
- Ask again when patient information is updated or reviewed.
- If they prefer not to answer, that's OK. We must ask the question; it's their choice to answer it.

Explaining why we ask the question

If a person asks why you are asking this question, tell them:

- we ask everyone.
- we ask so we can offer the right support and plan better health services.
- their response will not affect the standard of care.
- this helps us improve health outcomes for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people.
- it is required under national accreditation standards.
- if they identify, they may access specific services such as Aboriginal Health Liaison Officers or an Annual Indigenous Health Check.

For more information visit the National best practice guidelines for collecting Indigenous status in health data sets, at www.aihw.gov.au

