



PATHFINDERS NATIONAL ABORIGINAL BIRTH CERTIFICATE PROGRAM

The Pathfinders National Aboriginal Birth Certificate (PNABC) program is providing Free Birth Certificates for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Young People who are 21yrs and under.

An estimated 300,000 Australian's have not had their Births Registered and 500,000 do not have a Birth Certificate. As a consequence, many people struggle to fully participate in Australian society without this simple but vital document. They experience difficulty in accessing mainstream services, such as opening bank accounts, joining sporting teams, enrolling in school, applying for a job or driver's licence, or voting.

The Pathfinders National Aboriginal Birth Certificate (PNABC) program is an Indigenous program which aims to redress this issue by conducting sign-up days in identified towns and areas where there are significant numbers of Aboriginal people who do not have birth certificates. Since the PNABC program's inception we have provided approximately 3,200 Birth Certificates to young people and their Parents/Carers.

Schedule and Location of Sign-Up Days

We are finalising our PNABC Stage 1 Schedule of Locations in which we will be both conducting Sign-Up Days, and from which we can accept Birth Certificate Applications from across QLD, NSW, ACT & VIC

(The PNABC Stage 2 program will be supporting the other States and Territories ie: WA, SA, TAS, NT)

The Stage 1 Schedule will be publicised via the Pathfinders Ltd Website, Facebook page, the Koori Mail and several other media outlets.

In collaboration the Queensland Registry of BDM, the PNABC Queensland Schedule of Sign-Up Locations is targeting specific communities. These specific communities are aligned to Pathfinders' budgetary allocations for the Queensland region. The PNABC program must work closely with the Registry of Births Deaths & Marriages (BDM QLD, BDM NSW & BDM VIC) of each state. Our PNABC Stage 1 program, has both Funding Body directives and Key Performance Indicators (KPIs) which dictate much of the timing, delivery and locations within which we can do Sign-Up Days for the Free Birth Certificates we offer to Young Under 21yrs Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people.

Eligibility for Free Birth Certificates

PNABC Free Birth Certificates are available for Aboriginal and Torres Strait applicants who meet the following criteria:

- ♦ MUST Reside in one of the current identified List of Locations of the PNABC program - (PLEASE REFER TO: Attached Queensland List of Sign-Up Locations)
- ♦ Are preparing to attend pre-school
- ♦ Are preparing to attend secondary school
- ♦ Are transitioning from school into further education
- ♦ Were born in either NSW, Qld, ACT or Vic
- ♦ A Parent/Carer is eligible if applying for eligible children / young people
- ♦ Are preparing to attend primary school
- ♦ Are transitioning from school to the workforce

The Pathfinders Ltd PNABC program has formally conducted 37 Sign-Up Days for Birth Certificate Applications across NSW, plus additional informal Sign-ups. We are making every endeavour to support having our 'Sign-up days' and 'Online Applications' in partnership with community organisations and agencies, and where possible, delivering them in a complimentary manner within community locations.

Kind Regards
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QUEENSLAND PRIORITY COMMUNITIES:- Statistical Division Priority Centres (*)

FAR NORTH SD BAL	NORTHWEST OUTER BRISBANE	LOGAN CITY	CAIRNS CITY PART 'A'
TOWN	TOWN	TOWN	TOWN
*ATHERTON	*INALA	*WOODRIDGE	*EDMONTON
*MAREEBA	*FOREST LAKE	*MARSDEN	*MANOORA
*YARRABAH	DURACK	*KINGSTON	*MANUNDA
*KOWANYAMA	BRACKEN RIDGE	*CRESTMead	*MOOROObOOL
NAPARANUM	DOONLANDELLA	SLACKS CREEK	*BENTLY PARK
MORNINGTON ISLAND	ZILLMERE	LOGANLEA	WHITE ROCK
*HOPEVALE	RICHLANDS	LOGAN CENTRAL	GORDONVALE
AURUKUN	OXLEY	BORONIA HEIGHTS	WOREE
THURSDAY ISLAND	DARRA	REGENTS PARK	CAIRNS
INNISFAIL		HILLSCREST	WESTCOURT
LOCKHART RIVER		BROWNS PLAIN	MOUNT SHERIDAN
RAVENSHOE		ROCHEDALE SOUTH	
PORMPURA AW		SHAILER PARK	
BAMAGA		WATERFORD	
COOKTOWN			

IPSWICH CITY	CABOOLTURE SHIRE	WIDE BAY-BURNETT SD BAL	TOWNSVILLE CITY PART 'A'
TOWN	TOWN	TOWN	TOWN
*IPSWICH	*CABOOLTURE	*CHERBOURG	MOUNT LOUISA
*BOOVAL	*DECEPTION BAY	GYMPIE	CRANROOK
*GOODNA	*MORAYFIELD	MARYBOROUGH	AITKENVALE
*REDBANK PLAINS	*NARANGBA	KINGAROY	TOWNSVILLE
SPRINGFIELD LAKES	*BURPENGARY		
BRASSALL			
BUNDAMBA			
LEICHARDT			
RACEVIEW			
RIVERVIEW			
COLLINGWOOD PARK			
GAILES			

FITZTROY SD BAL	NORTHERN SD BAL	BARKLY	NORTH WEST
TOWN	TOWN	TOWN	TOWN
EMERALD	*PALM ISLAND	*MOUNT ISA	*DOOMAGEE
MOURA	AYR	LAKE NASH	NORMANTON
BILOELA	CHARTERS TOWERS	MORNINGTON ISLAND	HUGHENDEN
YEPPON	INGHAM		CLONCURRY
BLACKWATER			
WOORABINDA			

