

Get a birth certificate

Information for Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander young people

This fact sheet is for **Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander young people (under 18 years)** accessing their birth certificate. We can assist you with this process.

Assistance

If you would like assistance:



BDM's Marguk-bulok koolin-ik Team (Aboriginal Outreach) is available to support Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander people to access BDM services.

A Marguk-bulok koolin-ik Team member can explain the process of getting a birth certificate to you. You can:

email them at bdm.koori@justice.vic.gov.au



call them on **0436 528 245**



Your parent(s) or legal guardian(s) can also read more about getting a birth certificate at <u>bdm.vic.gov.au</u>

Your certificate

You may be asked for your birth certificate when you apply for a drivers licence or open up a bank account.

Anyone can apply for their own birth certificate.

You can apply for your birth certificate:



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Online at <u>bdm.vic.gov.au</u>

Using a paper form and mailing it to BDM



In person at a <u>Justice Service</u> <u>Centre</u>.

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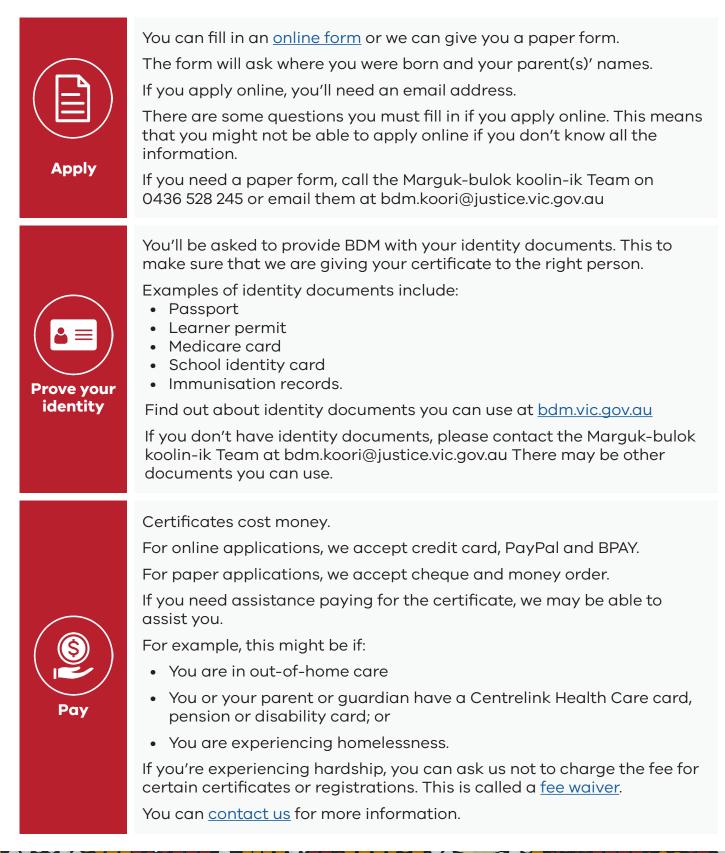


The Department of Government Services acknowledges Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people as the Traditional Custodians of the land and acknowledges and pays respect to their Elders, past and present.

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What is the process?

There are 4 steps you will be asked to complete to get your birth certificate.







This process takes time.

We'll post your certificate to the address you put in your application. Check our current processing times at <u>bdm.vic.gov.au</u> if you want to know more.

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About the artwork

Mukjarawaint (Yorta Yorta), 'Walking on Country Underneath the Stars' 2022, acrylic on canvas.

"The yellow oxide dots represent children, and the red dots represent adolescents and young people. The white dots on the outer edge represent our Elders guiding the individual's journeys along the way - learning about culture, lore and land."



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