



OFFICE OF THE
COMMISSIONER

Meriba Omasker Kaziw Kazipa

Cultural Recognition Order

A Process for Legal Recognition of Ailan Kastom
Traditional Child Rearing Practices

THE ACT

On 8 September 2020, the *Meriba Omasker Kaziw Kazipa (Torres Strait Islander Traditional Child Rearing Practice) Act 2020* was successfully passed in the Legislative Assembly and received royal assent on 14 September 2020. The Act officially came into effect on 1 July 2021.

The Act establishes a formal process for Torres Strait Islander families to seek legal recognition of their traditional child - rearing practices.



WHAT IS A CULTURAL RECOGNITION ORDER?

A Cultural Recognition Order permanently transfers a person's parentage from their birth parents to their cultural parents. Following this, individuals can apply for a new birth certificate through the Births, Deaths, and Marriage's registration process.

Benefits of a Cultural Recognition Order:

- Reflects a person's cultural identity with their legal identity
- Eliminates legal obstacles for Cultural families
- Recognition of the parental rights and responsibilities of cultural parents
- Reduction of generational trauma through inappropriate revelations of practice



For further information on our office and Queensland's first legal recognition process of Torres Strait Island Ailan Kastom Traditional Child Rearing Practices.

ABOUT US

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MEET THE COMMISSIONER MERIBA OMASKER KAZIW KAZIPA

C'Zarke Maza is a proud Torres Strait Islander from Mer and Commissioner for the Office of the Commissioner, Meriba Omasker Kaziw Kazipa (OCMOKK). In his role, he works to ensure Torres Strait Islander families feel valued and empowered to raise their children in ways that reflect and protect their cultural identity. He is committed to strengthening families, honouring cultural traditions, and supporting the wellbeing of children through the recognition of traditional child rearing practices.



HOW TO APPLY FOR A CULTURAL RECOGNITION ORDER

Steps on how to apply for
a cultural recognition.




Here are the six steps to include:

- Step 1:** Check your eligibility
- Step 2:** Download an application form (adult and child)
- Step 3:** Complete the application form
- Step 4:** Complete the addendum form
- Step 5:** Submit your application
- Step 6:** Commissioner review of an application

NEED HELP?

If you need support with a Cultural Recognition Order application, have a question, or just want some advice, our Cultural Support Officers are here for you.

 **1800 571 102**

we're happy to help.

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