



Queensland Government

Indigenous fishing permit application

Fisheries Act 1994

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An Indigenous fishing permit allows an Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander person or community to **trial a commercial fishing activity** without having to first obtain the standard commercial fishing licences.

Before filling out this form, you will need to:

- read the [Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander commercial fishing development policy](#) and
- contact Fisheries Queensland on 13 25 23 or fisheriesmanagers@dpi.qld.gov.au to discuss your proposed commercial fishing activity and find out which species you can fish for under this permit.

To apply, you must:

- fill out this form (you can fill it out on-screen or on a hard copy) and
- provide the additional information outlined in section '**3. Information requirements**'.

Please note: An Indigenous fishing permit **only provides access to commercial fisheries** managed under the *Fisheries Act 1994*. There are also other requirements (under different legislation) that you must comply with in order to operate a commercial fishing boat (and be able to fish under this permit). See section '**6. Other requirements**'.

1. Applicant details

Surname/company/community/organisation name

Given name/s (*permit holders must be 18 years or older)

Postal address (can be a post office box)

Postcode

Residential/registered office address (not a post office box)

Postcode

Home telephone number

Work telephone number

Mobile number

Email address

2. Application summary

Which species do you want to fish for?

How long do you want the permit (maximum of 3 years)?

3. Information requirements

The following information must be submitted with this application form. The application will be assessed using the criteria in the [Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander commercial fishing development policy](#).

Information requirements	Details
1. Business plan—minimum information requirements for a business plan include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • where you want to fish • which species you want to fish for—if a species has an Indigenous commercial allocation how much are you requesting (e.g. 1 tonne red throat emperor and 1 tonne of 'other species' in the coral reef fishery) • size of your boat • how you will obtain the necessary finance, equipment and training • how you will comply with other legislative requirements for a commercial operation (e.g. food handling requirements and Australian Maritime Safety Authority commercial fishing boat requirements) • how your proposed commercial fishing activity could turn into more permanent arrangements following the trial period 	You will need provide a business plan that covers the main elements of the proposed commercial fishing operation— see section 8.1 of the policy for details For more information on commercial fisheries in Queensland, visit business.qld.gov.au
2. Proof that you are an Aboriginal person or Torres Strait Islander	See section 8.2 of the policy for details
3. Sustainability statement—outline how the proposed commercial fishing activity will be environmentally sustainable	See section 8.3 of the policy for details
4. Economic benefits—outline what the economic benefits will be for yourself or your community	See section 8.4 of the policy for details
5. Support from the Traditional Owners or native title holders in the area where you want to fish (if a statement of support is not provided, please include a reason why)	See section 8.5 of the policy for details

4. Application checklist

I have completed the following (please tick the boxes):

- ☐ I have read the *Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander commercial fishing development policy*.
- ☐ I have included the information requirements outlined in section 3 above with this application (as per section 8 of the policy).

I acknowledge that I understand the following (please tick the boxes):

- ☐ An Indigenous fishing permit is a temporary permit to trial a commercial fishing activity. It cannot be extended indefinitely and does not guarantee ongoing access after it expires.
- ☐ Assessing the application can take 8–12 weeks after all information has been received, including the native title notification process (35 days minimum).
- ☐ Other requirements to operate a commercial fishing vessel are not covered by this permit, including the Australian Maritime Safety Authority vessel requirements and safe food handling. If successful, the applicant will be required to obtain these before being able to legally operate.
- ☐ Reporting requirements for operating in Queensland commercial fisheries will be a condition of the permit (e.g. vessel tracking, logbooks and quota reporting).

5. Applicant signature

Name

Signature

Date of birth *

Date

Please note:

- All named applicants must sign this form. For a corporation, the form is signed in accordance with the *Corporations Act 2001* (section 127) by either two directors, or a director and a company secretary, or the sole director who is the sole secretary.
- If the permit is to be held by a registered company, a copy of the current company extract issued by the Australian Securities and Investment Commission should be provided. You may provide a copy with your application, or alternatively the copy can be arranged on your behalf by contacting this office (fees apply).

6. Other requirements

There are a range of other requirements under other legislation that you need to comply with to fish commercially under an Indigenous fishing permit (generally for health and safety reasons). Further information is provided below.

This section is for general information only—contact the relevant agency for specific requirements and costs.

Other requirements	Relevant agency and contacts
<p>Legal operation of a commercial fishing vessel:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> certificates of competency—these certificates are required for a person to operate/work on a commercial fishing vessel boat requirements—every domestic commercial vessel is required to have a certificate of survey; however, there are some exemptions in certain waters (e.g. classified as 'smooth' or 'partially smooth' waters). 	<p>Australian Maritime Safety Authority Call: 1800 627 484 Visit: amsa.gov.au</p>
<p>Safe food accreditation is required for commercial fishing and processing—the type of accreditation and cost will depend on the proposed commercial fishing activity.</p>	<p>Safe Food Queensland Call: 1800 300 815 Visit: safefood.qld.gov.au</p>

7. Submit the application

Forward your completed application form and required information to:

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Fisheries Queensland
 Department of Primary Industries
 GPO Box 2764
 Brisbane QLD 4001

or

Email

fisherieslicensing@dpi.qld.gov.au

Application processing times: Complete applications will take up to 28 days to be assessed.

Privacy disclaimer: The Department of Primary Industries is collecting the information on this form to assess your application for an Indigenous fishing permit. This information is authorised by section 54 of the *Fisheries Act 1994*. This information will only be accessed by authorised employees within the department. Some information collected on this form is made available to the public in the Register of Authorities under section 73 of the *Fisheries Act 1994* and section 73 of the Fisheries (General) Regulation 2019. Please be aware that the postal address you provide may be released under a search. You must also provide, for an individual, a residential address, or for a corporation, a registered office address, for the purpose of giving notices under fisheries legislation. The residential/registered office address will not be made available under a search of the Register of Authorities unless it is also the postal address. Your information will not be disclosed to any other parties unless authorised or required by law.