

# Getting legal advice about a cultural recognition order

*Disclaimer: Torres Strait families e warned that the following information might go gud sensitive details blo one sacred practice, protected under Ailan Kastom. All pikinini no should look this information without a parent or guardian where thempla.*

After you contact the Office blo the Commissioner Meriba Omasker Kaziw Kazipa for learn about the cultural recognition order process, you go be encouraged for get independent legal advice before applying for one order.

## Why do I need legal advice?

E prapa important for get independent legal advice because the cultural recognition order e permanent and this one gor affect your identity and access for all services wasse education enrolment, banking, housing and medical support. Proving your identity can be hard if you or your pikinini ebin culturally gifted without legal recognition.

## How can I get legal advice?

You can get free and culturally safe legal advice from a Legal Aid Queensland lawyer. Thempla available via phone or you can visit thempla office in Cairns. Thempla also visit Waibene (Thursday Island).

A lawyer can help you for achieve your goal for get cultural recognition. Thempla go act in your best interest.

## What happens at the first meeting?

Lo the first meeting wer your lawyer, you go need for fill out all paperwork and provide all documents relating to your application.

The lawyer go explain wanem you can mekem and the process for gedde the cultural recognition order.

Anything you go discuss wer your lawyer go be confidential and no go be shared wer anyone except you and the court if you have to.

If you wande find out more information about applying for a cultural recognition order, contact the Office blo the Commissioner Meriba Omasker Kaziw Kazipa.

**1800 571 102**  
**[www.ocmokk.qld.gov.au](http://www.ocmokk.qld.gov.au)**

To find out more about the role a lawyer plays in getting a cultural recognition order, tok to Legal Aid Queensland.