



What is an Aboriginal Community Controlled Organisation (ACCO)?

An Aboriginal Community Controlled Organisation (ACCO) is an incorporated Aboriginal organisation, initiated, based in and governed by, the local Aboriginal community to deliver holistic and culturally appropriate services to the Aboriginal community that controls it.¹

To be considered an ACCO for the purposes of the Department of Communities' procurement processes an organisation must satisfy the following requirements:

- If the organisation is incorporated under the *Corporations (Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander) Act 2006 (Cth)*:
 - a copy of the organisation's Certificate of Incorporation; and
 - a copy of the organisation's Constitution reflecting not-for-profit status.

OR

- If the organisation is incorporated under the *Associations Incorporation Act 2015 (WA)* or the *Corporations Act 2001 (CTH)*:
 - a copy of the organisation's Certificate of Incorporation;
 - a copy of the organisation's Constitution reflecting majority Aboriginal membership and/or Aboriginal board of governance and not-for-profit status;
 - a registered local business address; and
 - a copy of the Aboriginal Business Directory of Western Australia registration or a 'Statement of Commitment' by the Management Committee that the organisation represents the local Aboriginal community.

The Department's Community Services Request Template outlines the above requirements as part of procurement Due Diligence requirements.

¹ Department for Child Protection and Family Support (2016). *Aboriginal Services and Practice Framework 2016-2018*. Perth, Western Australia: Western Australian Government.