



Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander corporations

As at 30 June 2026 there were 3,399 Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander corporations registered under the *Corporations (Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander) Act 2006* (CATSI Act), including 293 registered native title bodies corporate (RNTBC) and 1,390 corporations that are also registered charities.

The size and location of those 3,399 corporations are set out in tables 1 and 2.

Table 1: Size of corporations as at 30 June 2026

Size	Number of corporations
Large	292
Medium	780
Small	2,227

Table 2: Location of corporations as at 30 June 2026

State/territory	Number of corporations
Queensland	855
Western Australia	819
New South Wales	710
Northern Territory	670
South Australia	148
Victoria	129
Australian Capital Territory	41
Tasmania	27

Between January and June 2026, the Office of the Registrar of Indigenous Corporations (ORIC) registered 80 new corporations of which 3 corporations

transferred across from another incorporation statute.

Over the same period, ORIC deregistered 43 corporations; 13 were voluntary deregistrations, 29 were Registrar initiated and one as a result of a liquidation.

As at 30 June 2026, the largest corporation based on members had 6,901 members. The average number of members was 75 members.

Table 3 sets out the sectors that Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander corporations have identified they operate in.

Table 3: Operating sectors of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander corporations

Sector	Number of corporations
Community services	1,215
Education and training	958
Health care and health promotion	703
Heritage and Culture	714
Land and waters management – care for Country	670
Other services	577
Employment	537
Other	517
Arts	492
Agriculture, aquaculture, forestry, fishing	320
Housing and tenancy	315
Hospitality and tourism	305
Wholesale and retail trade	187

Communication services	161
Municipal services	132
Construction	124
Spiritual congregation and religion	112
Manufacturing	102
Transport and storage	81
Mining and mining support services	78

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander corporation boards

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander corporations must meet requirements set out in the CATSI Act so they are Indigenous member controlled at all times. If corporations allow non Indigenous members and directors, this must be set out in the corporation's rule book. If Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander corporations allow non-member directors, this must also be set out in the corporation's rule book. Members approve these rules and as such control whether non-Indigenous members and/or directors are allowed. If members allow this, the majority of members and directors must be Indigenous.

As at 30 June 2026, there were 18,123 directors of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander corporations; of which: 17,300 were member directors and 823 were independent or non member directors.

Table 4: Indigeneity of directors

	Member	Independent/ non-member
Indigenous	16,821	604
Non-Indigenous	479	219

As at 31 December 2025, the largest board of an As at 30 June 2026, the largest board of an Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander corporation had 21 directors.¹ The average size of corporation boards was 5 directors.

Of the 17,300 member directors, 8,180 had director identification numbers (or 47.3%).

CATSI Act corporation reporting

Corporations are required to lodge annual reports, which are determined by their size and income for the year.

Tier 1 corporations (small corporations with an income of less than \$100,000) are required to lodge a general report.

Tier 2 corporations (small and medium corporations with income between \$100,000 and less than \$5 million) are required to lodge general, financial and auditor's reports.

Tier 3 corporations (corporations with more than \$5 million) are required to lodge general, financial, auditor's and directors' reports.

Corporations must lodge their reports within 6 months of the end of the financial year. For most corporations this is 31 December. Some corporations have an exemption to have calendar year reporting, which means they must lodge by 30 June.

¹ The CATSI Act says that a corporation with one member must have one director; a corporation with 2 members must have at least 2 directors; and a corporation with more than 2 members must have at least 3 directors.

Corporations can also seek an exemption from reporting for a year or more, or an extension for lodging their reports.

As at 30 June 2026, 45.15% of corporations had lodged all their 2024-25 reports (due 31 December 2025). As at 31 December 2025 29.0% of corporations had lodged all reports, showing that lodgements continue, although late.

Table 5: 2024-25 reporting compliance as at 30 June 2026

	2024-25 reports		
	No. of corps required to report	No. of corps that have lodged all reports	% of corps compliant
Large	259	235	90.73
Medium	710	459	64.65
Small	2,114	698	33.02
Total	3,083	1,392	45.15

Small corporations with an income less than \$100,000 continue to be the cohort with the lowest reporting compliance rates. However ORIC observes an increase in medium sized corporations not meeting all of their reporting obligations.

Reports for 2025-26 are not due until 31 December 2026. These reporting rates and the 2024-25 rates will be reflected in the April state of the sector report.

Reports of concern

A corporation's members, directors or interested parties can report a concern to ORIC that a corporation may be breaching the CATSI Act or its rule book.

Between January to June 2026, ORIC received 545 reports of concern as set out in Table 6.

Table 6: Types of reports of concern received between January and June 2026

Nature of report	No. of reports received			
	Corporations	RNTBCs	No corporation reported	Total
Corporation directors and officers	115	72	12	199
Allegation	45	20	9	74
Out of scope	37	10	12	59
Other	29	15	9	53
General meetings	14	20	1	35
Membership	14	16	2	32
Dispute	11	14	3	28
Native title	8	20	-	28
Record keeping and corporation books	5	2	1	8
Directors' meetings	4	2	1	7
Annual return	4	2	-	6
Regulation activities	3	3	-	6
Rule book	3	3	-	6
Concern	-	1	-	1
Decision review	-	1	-	1
Public register inaccuracy	1	-	-	1
Registrar initiated action	1	-	-	1
Total	294	201	50	545

Note: ORIC can receive reports of concern that do not identify a specific corporation.