

PATERNITY TESTING PROCEDURE FOR (PEACE OF MIND /NON-LEGAL TESTING)

DNA QLD is a Queensland owned paternity testing facility. DNA QLD processes all samples utilizing the most stringent DNA kit available on the commercial market which provides results in excess of 99.99% for father and child testing and 99.9999% when the maternal DNA is also tested. We are accredited to the highest International standards of ISO 17025 and with the National Association of Australian Testing Authorities.

To order a peace of mind/non-legal test:

- Complete the Application form; fill out the alleged father's and child's details. Add the mother's details only if the mother's DNA is being tested. Maternal DNA testing gives a stronger statistical result but is not required for a non-legal test
- Tick the box where you would like the DNA test kit sent to. If unsure, of what to do please contact DNA QLD on 1300 172 837
- Complete the payment details and pay for the test. A non-legal test costs \$550 for one child and an additional \$220 for each extra child. There is no reduction in costs if the maternal DNA is not tested. A receipt will be sent back with the test results.
- Return with payment to DNA QLD by fax to 07 38312277 or mailing to PO Box 1955 MILTON BC Q 4064

What happens next?

- DNA QLD will mail a collection kit and paperwork to your nominated collection address.
- Once the samples are collected, please return all items in the supplied Australia Post satchel.
- If you have any questions regarding the collection process, please call DNA QLD on 1300 172 837 in business hours. If the phone is unattended, you may leave a message or call the after hours mobile number recorded on the message bank. We are happy to answer all queries at any hour.
- As soon as all samples are received, the case will be promptly processed. We endeavor to have the results mailed within 5 working days of the receipt of the samples, usually sooner.
- Results will be mailed to the alleged father and the mother (if tested) by registered mail. No results will be given over the phone or faxed.

Please note that results from this testing procedure are not admissible in the Family Law Court. Please contact DNA QLD if your paternity result is required for the Family Law Court, Child Support Agency or Births, Deaths, and Marriages.

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS ABOUT PATERNITY TESTING

What is paternity testing?

A paternity test is conducted to prove paternity, that is, whether a man is the biological father of a child. This may be relevant in view of rights and duties of the father. DNA testing is accepted worldwide as the most accurate method of determining paternity. In Australia, it is believed that at least 1 in 5 men who are uncertain about the paternity of their children will have their uncertainty confirmed by paternity DNA testing.

Can testing be arranged throughout Australia?

For non-legal cases, DNA QLD can send a free collection kit to your home for self collection. Free mouth swab kits are sent individually to the mother (if being tested), alleged father and child/children if they reside at different addresses. We do not test toothbrushes or hair samples.

What is tested?

DNA testing is done on specific areas on the DNA chain where there are repeated sequences that are individual to each person; these are called 'short tandem repeats'. A child inherits half its DNA from each parent. Every repeat that is found in the child's DNA must be found in the alleged mother's and father's sample - if not, then it can be determined which parent's DNA matches or does not match. This is proof of parentage to a minimum certainty of 99.9999%, and proof of non-parentage as 100%. Short tandem repeat testing is highly accurate with the chance of misidentification being one in several billion.

How long before the results are available?

95% of the cases are processed with 24 hours of receipt. You will be advised of any processing delays. The results are sent out by Australia Post Registered Post for security. Please be advised that any delays in receiving the results may be due to Australia Post. Results will be sent by Express post to WA, Tasmania and the NT. Contact details for counselling services will also be sent with the results.

Why is paternity testing cheaper at some laboratories?

DNA QLD uses the latest DNA technology to provide results with a 99.9999% inclusion rate (if maternal DNA is tested). Companies offering less expensive testing on internet sites are often using old technology that is prone to producing inconclusive results and are far less accurate. DNA QLD's proof of parentage is accurate to 99.9999%. If testing was advertised with 99.99% proof of parentage, this would be 100 times less accurate than DNA QLD's testing. Many of these companies are not based in Australia. Some of the laboratories have hidden costs and the final cost of the test may be much more than the internet price. There are no extra costs with DNA QLD.

Who recommends DNA Qld?

DNA QLD is the preferred testing facility for Healthscope Molecular, Gribbles Pathology, Davies Campbell Lambert throughout Australia and Asia. This is the largest pathology provider in Australia with over 250 pathology collection centres. DNA QLD is also a provider for QML and numerous Family Law firms and Child Support Agencies Australia wide.