

DNA Qld® is Australia's most experienced DNA testing laboratory for:

- Paternity and Maternity Confirmation
- Immigration Visas
- Gestational Surrogacy Visas
- Family Law Court and Child Safety Services
- Confirmation of Parentage for Wills and Estates including Deceased testing
- Aboriginality Testing
- Pre-natal Paternity Testing
- Extended relationships ie between siblings and grandparent to grandchildren

DNA Qld® is an established company owned by Queensland Health Professionals. Our team is lead by a General Pathologist specialising in Molecular Pathology. Our pathologists and Senior Scientist are registered NATA accredited Family Court Reporters. Our team has extensive experience in the Medical, Academic, Pathology and Allied Health fields.



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- Fast processing time. Generally DNA results are released within 2 working days. Max 5-10 day turnaround as our testing laboratory is based in Brisbane.
- Specialist Paternity Testing Laboratory run by experienced staff, with an emphasis on personalised care.
- The only DNA company in Australia specialising entirely in paternity testing.
- Provider of Prenatal, Paternity Testing and Gestational Surrogacy migration testing in Australia.
- National Association of Testing Authority (NATA) accreditation, including ISO17025 compliance.
- Offers DNA testing for all Australians – wherever you live.
- We have clinics in both Brisbane and the Gold Coast as well as a well established collection network throughout Australia.

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Frequently Asked Questions about

Paternity and Relationship 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 maternity testing be done?

Maternity testing can also be carried out. This is less common, because at least during childbirth, except in the case of a pregnancy involving embryo transfer or egg donation, the mother is usually identified.

Who provides a sample for testing?

For paternity or maternity testing, a sample is required from the alleged father, mother and child or children.



What is tested?

DNA testing is performed 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 except for close relatives.

Why is testing performed?

One of the primary benefits of DNA testing outside of the criminal justice field is to assist women who are seeking financial support for their children. In cases where a man denies that he is the biological father, DNA paternity testing can confirm or exclude a biological relationship and allow the courts to determine whether or not he is legally responsible for child support payments. If the testing is required for a Family Law case, please consult your lawyer first.

Men who are seeking custody or visitation rights may avail themselves of the benefits of DNA testing. Again, a DNA paternity test may provide crucial confirmation of the existence of a biological relationship between father and child. This confirmation is necessary before awarding custody or visitation rights. Some men merely need to gain peace of mind regarding their relationship to a child.

One of the benefits of DNA testing is being able to conclusively establish or exclude a relationship. Adopted children may someday wish to find their biological parents. DNA testing will allow them to confirm the biological relationship between themselves and their possible biological heritage.

What type of sample is required for the testing?

The sample collection for testing is simple and painless. DNA Qld® will mail a collection kit which contains a sterile swab, DNA collection card, information on how to collect the samples, and a postage return envelope. The swabs are rubbed inside the mouth along the cheek, which allows a small amount of cells containing the DNA to be collected.

How long before the results are available?

Once the samples have been received at our laboratory, the results will be available in around 5 to 10 working days. An express service can be provided at an additional cost.

How do I get my results?

For "Peace of Mind" testing for non-legal cases the results will be sent by mail or via email.

Your results are confidential and no results or information will be given to anyone other than yourself.

For Legal testing admissible at the Family Law Court, the results may be sent to your lawyer.

Results are security coded, numbered and printed on official DNA Qld® report forms, which are signed by our authorised court reporters. Original reports on DNA Qld letterhead will be deemed official. Results will not be given over the phone. Fax/Email results can only be sent if a written request via Fax/Email. Results are reported by a scientist accredited by the Family Law Court of Australia.

How do I arrange testing?

You can download the application form from this website or request an application form to be mailed to you. The application form is returned with the full payment for the testing to DNA Qld® by mail/ email or by fax. If you have any questions please call our office on 1300 172 837 and we will be able to help you with your application.

If legal testing admissible at the Family Law Court is required, a representative from DNA Qld® will contact you to make arrangements for the sample collection and authorization documents.

DNA Qld® runs clinics in both Brisbane and Gold Coast by appointment. Call our office to arrange a suitable time. We also have extensive collection networks throughout Australia.

