

LEGAL PATERNITY TESTING

What is a Paternity Test?

- DNA testing is accepted worldwide as the most accurate method of determining whether an alleged father is the biological father of a child or children.
- Half of your DNA is passed on by your mother, and the other half by your father. By comparing specific areas of DNA, known as alleles, DNA testing can be used to determine paternity and maternity, as well as other relationships.
- Proof of parentage can be determined to a certainty of 99.9999% and proof of non-parentage to 100% certainty.

What type of sample is needed for testing?

- DNAQ uses mouth swabs for a simple and painless collection process.
- We will mail a sealed collection kit which contains instructions, and everything needed to collect the samples for the alleged father, mother and child/children.
- For legally admissible results, DNAQ can only accept samples collected using our Legal DNA kits.

What makes the test legally admissible?

- Samples are collected using the DNAQ sealed collection kit following a strict chain of custody procedures, in accordance with the Family Law Act.
- Each person tested will need to provide 2 passport style photos and government-issued ID, such as a Driver's License or Birth Certificate.
- Paperwork must be witnessed by a Justice of the Peace and the sample collected by a third party, such as doctor or pathology collector, on the same day.

Collection Clinic

For your convenience, we also offer in-house collections at our Brisbane laboratory. We arrange for a Justice of the Peace to be present to witness the paperwork and collect the DNA sample at the one appointment. Please note, an additional fee applies per person. Please contact us to arrange an appointment.

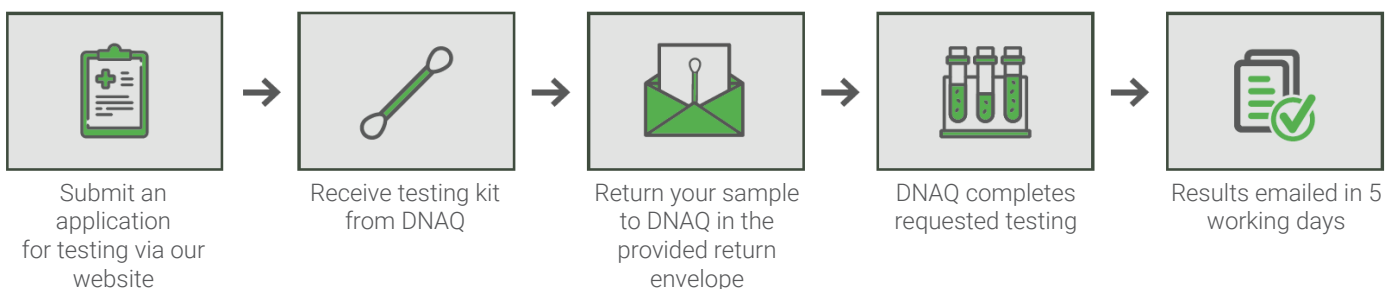
How are results released?

- Reports are signed and issued by our authorised court reporters and accredited scientists.
- Typically available within 3-5 working days of the receipt of the samples at our laboratory.
- All parties tested are entitled to a copy of the results. Results may also be sent to the client's lawyer if prior permission is given. Email results can only be sent if previous consent is given.

Why choose DNAQ?

DNAQ is the longest established NATA/ISO accredited laboratory based in Brisbane. We also hold a range of internationally recognised scientific accreditations. Our experienced team is led by a General Pathologist. Our pathologists and Senior Scientist are also registered NATA accredited Family Court Reporters. We pride ourselves on having staff who are trained to the highest possible standard.

Importantly, we understand the sensitivities around your situation and can explain the testing procedure and results accurately, efficiently and with the utmost level of confidentiality. We also offer the service of our in-house collection facility, as well as having an extensive network of collection clinics Australia wide. Rest assured that you are in safe hands.



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