



DNA relationship testing

For peace of mind



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Quality is in our DNA

A person's DNA is inherited equally from each parent and is a powerful means of identification. DNA testing is a scientific way of confirming specific biological relationships between different people. For example, testing whether an alleged father is a child's biological father.

What is DNA relationship testing for Peace of Mind?

Peace of Mind testing is commonly used to determine the biological father of a child. It is a standard of testing that is useful to satisfy your curiosity about a relationship. Peace of Mind testing has a less formal collection and identification process than testing for legal purposes and therefore the results are not accepted by government departments (e.g. Registry of Births Deaths & Marriages, Child Support) or for court matters.

DNA testing for legal purposes involves a process that is governed by federal laws and regulations. These regulations define and mandate certain processes around sample collection, verification of identity, legal affidavits validating consent, strict compliance with 'Chain-of-Custody' transport and testing by an accredited laboratory.

If you require a result that may be accepted by a court or government department, please contact us to discuss our Legal DNA testing service.

What should I consider prior to DNA testing?

The result of DNA testing may have a significant impact on the people being tested. This impact may be medical, psychological, financial or social. Other people who have not been tested may also be affected. We recommend that you consider these matters carefully and discuss them with a trusted healthcare professional, such as your GP. We can also provide you with details of counselling services available upon request.

DNA relationship testing with DNALabs

What does DNA testing involve?

A DNA sample is easy to collect and involves a simple swab taken from the inside of your cheek. It is a quick and painless process.

Where can I get tested?

DNALabs has a large network of collection facilities operated by Sonic Healthcare laboratories throughout Australia. Visit www.dnalabs.com.au for a list of approved collection centres.

What does DNA testing cost?

Costs vary depending on how many people and relationships are being tested. Please refer to the enclosed application form for prices. Unlike some other laboratories, our fees are inclusive of:

- ▶ Booking and collection at your nominated sample collection centre
- ▶ Specimen transport from collection to testing laboratory
- ▶ Laboratory testing and analysis
- ▶ Reporting of your case
- ▶ Express Post of your report

If you have any further queries regarding the price or relationship for your specific case, please call us on 1300 663 244.

How long does it take to get my results?

Your results are issued within two weeks of collection of your DNA samples. The results, which are in the form of a report, are sent by Express Post to the nominated party, as instructed on your application form.

How do I proceed with Peace of Mind DNA testing?

- 1 Complete the enclosed application form.

- 2 Contact your local collection centre to book a 'Peace of Mind' DNA test. Visit www.dnalabs.com.au for a list of approved collection centres.

- 3 Attend appointment with the completed application form and **all** people being tested.

- 4 DNA samples are collected via cheek swab from each person, and transported to our laboratory for testing.

- 5 Results are issued by Express Post within 5-10 working days after the receipt of the samples in our laboratory.

Any further questions?

Please call us on 1300 663 244 or visit the frequently asked questions on our website, www.dnalabs.com.au/order-your-test/faq

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Why choose DNALabs for your DNA testing?

We are an Australian laboratory, with Australian scientists, testing to Australian standards.

Experience

DNALabs was established in 1993, and has become a trusted name in Australia for quality DNA testing services. We are part of Sonic Genetics, a group of services within Sonic Healthcare (Australia's largest provider of medical diagnostics services). Our laboratories are medically led, together with teams of highly qualified scientists and pathologists. For more than two decades we have tested thousands of DNA samples, using the latest technology and highest quality control. We have established a reputation for excellence in service delivery and reliability.

Quality and trust

Although Peace of Mind testing is not a legal or accredited standard, you can be assured of the quality of your test, as DNALabs is accredited by the National Association of Testing Authorities (NATA). Many companies offering DNA testing in Australia actually perform the testing in overseas laboratories that are not accredited.

Ease of access

DNALabs has an extensive network of collection facilities operated by Sonic Healthcare throughout Australia. Please refer to www.dnalabs.com.au to find a collection centre nearest to you.

Privacy and confidentiality

DNALabs is committed to the protection of your privacy and confidential information. You can review our privacy policy at www.dnalabs.com.au/privacy-policy.



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