

The following forms **MUST** be completed as part of the test procedure:

- Information Sheet - including details of parties involved and payment method
- Part 1 of Form 2 - by all individuals over 18 years
- Part 2 of Form 2 - on behalf of a child or an adult not capable of signing the affidavit, by his/her legal guardian
- Form 2 (affidavit) with attached passport sized photograph **MUST** be signed in the presence of a Justice of the Peace, on the **same day** prior to your appointment
- Ensure you bring one additional passport sized photograph of each participant, Form 2 and Form 4 to the collection centre. Photographs are required for identification purposes and are non returnable.

HOW DNA TESTS WORK

Half of our DNA is inherited from our mother and the remaining half is inherited from our biological father. DNA from the mother's sample is compared with the child's sample to determine which half of the DNA she has passed on to the child. The remaining half therefore **MUST** have come from the biological father. We then compare this half with the sample from the assumed father and if he does not match up with the child's DNA at ALL areas, he is excluded with 100% certainty.

If the DNA does match, we then calculate the "Relative Chance of Paternity" with greater than 99.9% certainty. This figure is the likelihood of the assumed father being the biological father of the child. A close blood relative of the assumed father (eg brother) may have a similar chance of paternity if not excluded. We therefore recommend that in the situation where assumed fathers are close blood relatives, both are tested when possible. Please contact Medvet Laboratories if the assumed fathers are related.

RESULTS

Results are usually available within 10 working days, once all samples have been received at our Adelaide laboratory. In cases where a single parent is tested or the assumed fathers are close relatives, testing may take longer as additional work is often required.

A copy of the report will be issued to all adult participants or their nominated legal or medical representative. The paying participant will receive the original report and all other adult parties will receive a copy. Results are not released by telephone.

CONFIDENTIALITY

All case details are kept strictly confidential. The report will contain the following information – names and dates of birth of the parties involved in the testing, date of the sample collections, names of the sample collectors and the genetic profile.

PAYMENT

Payment can be made to Medvet Laboratories via credit card (Visa/MasterCard), EFT, money order or bank cheque (no personal cheques accepted).

SINGLE PARENT TESTING

In cases where there is only one parent being tested, there is a possibility that a report may be inconclusive. The Relative Chance of Paternity may not exceed 99.5%, as required when testing all three parties. We suggest that a sample be obtained from the mother with her consent, to ensure the report is admissible to the Family Law Court.

If the child is under 18 years of age, a sample can only be obtained with the consent of the mother or person responsible for the long-term care, welfare and development of the child. This person must complete all of the paperwork on behalf of the child and be present at their sample collection.

ACCREDITATION

Medvet Laboratories is accredited by the National Association of Testing Authorities (NATA) and ISO 9001 certified.

Should you have any further questions or would like to organise an appointment please call 1800 633 838.