

Re: Collection of sample(s) from overseas for DNA paternity testing in New Zealand

The following procedure is to be used when one or more of the people for paternity testing in New Zealand are resident overseas.

1. The overseas resident should contact a local laboratory and establish that the laboratory is willing to act as the sample collecting agent for DNA Diagnostics.
2. Advise us of the laboratory:
 - a) name
 - b) address
 - c) telephone, fax numbers and email
 - d) a contact person for all communication from us
3. Provide us with full details of all parties to be tested, both overseas and within New Zealand.
4. We will contact the nominated overseas laboratory and provide detailed instructions for the collection and dispatch of the sample(s), and all documentation to us.
5. The overseas resident(s) can contact the local laboratory for an appointment, once the laboratory has received and understood all the information from us. Alternatively, we can ask that the laboratory, when ready to proceed, contacts the overseas resident(s), if we are provided with the resident(s) contact details.
6. Any person (including a child) must take the following to the appointment:
 - a) A recent true likeness photograph (the photograph is to be certified by the sample collector as a true likeness of the person from whom the sample is drawn) and sent to us with the sample
 - b) their passport or driver's licence, if held together with a clear photocopy of the photo page of the passport or the licence (the laboratory will send to us with the sample the photocopy of the photo page)
 - c) payment for the sample collection (the overseas laboratory will need to specify their charge)
 - d) if applicable, payment for the international courier (alternatively we can make arrangements for the charges to be 'receiver pays' and add the courier fee to our charges for the paternity analysis)
7. The New Zealand resident(s) must make an appointment for sample collection. Contact should be made with DNA Diagnostics for an Auckland appointment or the local contact laboratory when the New Zealand resident(s) is outside of the Auckland area.

Please note that once the decision has been made to proceed with the paternity analysis, we will require payment (if private) or guarantee of payment (if through a solicitor). The cost of the paternity analysis is \$1125 plus the cost of the international courier, if applicable. The courier cost varies depending upon from where the sample(s) is coming, but is usually in the order of \$200.

Should the test not proceed after our receipt of one or more of the samples we will charge only a cancellation fee, as appropriate to the circumstances. The fee is \$180.00 if one or two samples have been received or \$258.00 if three samples have been received. These cancellation fees apply to collection within New Zealand. If the overseas sample(s) has been received and the test does not proceed the above fees will apply, but in addition we will charge for the international courier if "receiver pays" applied.

Please do not hesitate to call us again should you have any further queries.