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## **The Philippines – DNA Sample Collection Process**

In situations where a claimed parent-child relationship could not be established by documents submitted by applicants, DNA testing may be offered as an option. Those who are offered to undertake DNA testing are responsible for arranging the tests with an accredited DNA testing facility.

Applicants invited by the Department of Home Affairs (Home Affairs) to have DNA testing as an option will be sent Form 1259i – Information about DNA testing for visa and citizenship applicants.

This form will provide you with instructions on organising your testing kit to be sent from the accredited DNA testing laboratory to the collection centre.

### **In the Philippines**

Applicants for DNA collection in the Philippines have the option to use St Lukes Medical Center Extension Clinic (SLEC) for the collection of their DNA.

St Luke's Medical Center Extension Clinic  
1177 J Bocobo Street  
Ermita, Manila  
Telephone (02) 8525 0208

Applicants are responsible for contacting SLEC to arrange an appointment for DNA sample collection and transport of the specimen to an accredited DNA testing laboratory. Applicants will have to provide SLEC with the Request for Information (RFI) letter issued by Home Affairs to confirm DNA testing has been requested. The RFI will indicate who is required to undertake the test.

A witness from the Australian Embassy is required to be present during specimen collection.

### **In Australia**

Applicants can choose a National Association of Testing Authorities (NATA) accredited laboratory in Australia following the instructions in the form 1259i provided to them by the visa / citizenship processing officer when they are invited to undertake DNA testing.

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