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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 to clients as an option. Those who are offered to undertake DNA testing are responsible for arranging the tests with an accredited DNA testing facility. The procedures detailed below applies to DNA sample collection procedures for applicants who are in country (The Philippines) or where the other party is in Australia.

DNA Testing in country

The Department has accredited St Luke's Medical Center Extension Clinic (SLEC) to undertake DNA testing where all individuals required to undertake DNA are in the Philippines. Applicants are responsible in contacting SLEC to arrange for an appointment for DNA sample collection and testing. Applicants will have to provide SLEC with the Request For Information (RFI) letter issued by their case officers to confirm that DNA has been requested and as it indicates who are required to undertake the test.

The clinic may be contacted at:

St Luke's Medical Center Extension Clinic
1177 J Bocobo Street
Ermita, Manila Phils
Telephone No (02) 8526 0 208

Once your appointment is confirmed, SLEC will be responsible in organising a witness from Australian Embassy to be present on the day of your appointment.

Once the results of your DNA tests are available, SLEC is responsible in providing the results directly to the Visa Office of the Australian Embassy. You have the option, however, of requesting a copy of the results by contacting SLEC directly.

DNA Testing – one party in Australia

In situations where one party is in Australia, the party in Australia should arrange with any National Association of Testing Authorities (NATA)-accredited DNA laboratory in Australia for their tests. Once you have a confirmed testing with your selected NATA-accredited DNA laboratory, the lab is responsible in contacting St Luke's to arrange for the DNA sample collection of the party that is in the Philippines. SLEC will contact the party in the Philippines to arrange for the DNA samples to be collected in the Philippines in behalf of your laboratory in Australia. Similar to in-country testing, SLEC will arrange for an officer from the Australian Embassy to witness the sample collection for the party in the Philippines.

Once the samples are collected, SLEC will arrange for the despatch of the samples to your DNA lab in Australia who will complete the DNA tests. The results of your DNA tests will be sent by your lab to your authorised representative and may also send a copy of your case officer in Australia – for applications being managed in Australia.