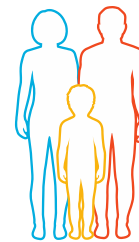


DNA Testing for Australian Citizenship

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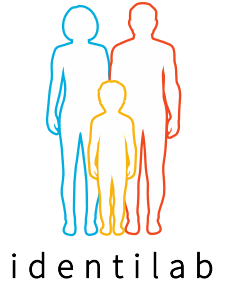
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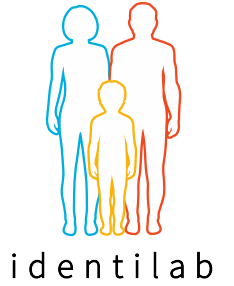


Citizenship Requirements



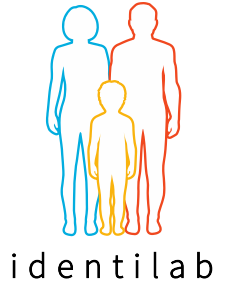
- Children born via surrogacy in Georgia and Ukraine are stateless
- They have no citizenship until their intended parents apply for citizenship by descent
- The Department of Home Affairs will request DNA testing between the child and Australian citizen parent

Choosing a DNA Lab



- Must be NATA accredited and able to meet the requirements of the Department of Home Affairs
- Identilab is a boutique company with a strong focus on customer service
- Proud to be the exclusive provider of DNA testing services for Families Through Surrogacy
- Special pricing and expedited processing for overseas surrogacy families

The DNA testing process

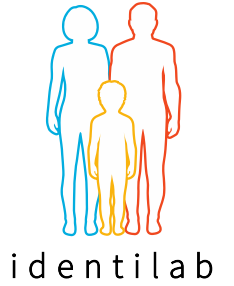


- Contact a NATA accredited laboratory and Home Affairs prior to departure
- DNA sample collection for the parent can take place in Australia
- We keep track of due dates and will follow up when baby's arrival is getting close
- Child DNA sample collection kit is sent directly to the approved panel physician
- Results are sent to you and Home Affairs

Required paperwork

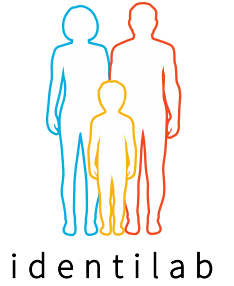
- A statutory declaration from your chosen lab about their ability to perform the testing in an international context
- Baby's birth certificate
- Your surrogacy agreement
- A statement from an independent local lawyer verifying the legality of the surrogacy contract
- A statement from the surrogate consenting to you being on the birth certificate
- Identity document for surrogate that includes a signature, e.g. ID card or passport

Average timeframes



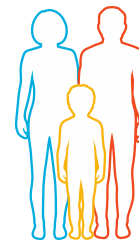
- Sample delivery to Australia is ~3 business days from Georgia and ~7-10 business days from Ukraine
- We aim to have all surrogacy cases reported within 2 business days of receiving the overseas sample(s)
- Citizenship certificates generally issued within 2-3 business days of receiving results
- You will then need to travel to either Poland or Turkey to obtain a passport for baby

Other countries



- Don't assume that Home Affairs will allow entry for the baby on a foreign passport
- Recent case in Kazakhstan required a great deal of collaboration between Sam, Identilab and Home Affairs in London
- Current case in Brazil where client has been advised by Home Affairs to apply for a visitor visa and citizenship at the same time

My story



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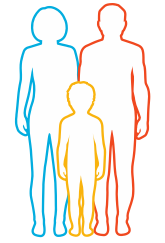
“We found the service at Identilab to be highly professional, very prompt and also personal. They showed the highest level of care and were proactive in getting our case to move quickly and smoothly. A big special thanks to Kate in particular for being so warm, caring and helpful way beyond any of our expectations. It was a total pleasure dealing with Kate and her team at Identilab and we cannot recommend them highly enough!”

M and R, Georgia

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