



Information for people applying for access to donor identifying information

In 2004, legislation was passed enabling people who were donor-conceived on or after 1 December 2004 to receive identifying information about their parent's gamete donor when they turn 16 years old. Identifying information is held by the clinic where the procedure took place and the Department of Health WA, which maintains the [Reproductive Technology Register](#).

A comprehensive service to support donor-conceived people to access information about donors is currently being established. In the interim period the release of information is being managed by the Reproductive Technology Unit.

How do I apply for donor information?

To apply for information about your donor, you will need to complete an [online application form](#) and provide your proof of ID. These documents can be submitted to RTU@health.wa.gov.au.

Before the information is provided, you will need to attend a free, confidential information and support session. The Department of Health will coordinate this appointment with you.

The session will discuss:

- What you hope will be the outcome of making the application;
- What donor information (identifying and non-identifying) will be provided;
- Consideration of the implications of receiving the information for you, your family, the donor and the people they are close to;
- Consideration of the options of contacting a donor and potential positive or negative outcomes;
- Information on the Donor and Offspring Voluntary Register;
- Confidentiality requirements of information provided;
- Where and how to access further support if required;
- Whether you would like follow-up from a counsellor after you have received the donor's identifying information.

What information will I be given about the donor?

You will receive the following information about your donor:

- Full name
- Date of birth
- Occupation
- Postcode at the time of donation
- Place of birth

Non-identifying information such as – eye and hair colour, height, occupation, build and religion will also be provided.

What happens after I have obtained their identifying information?

The information and support session will include a discussion of 'where to next'. Some people are satisfied having basic information and want to do nothing further at this point. Others may want to search and make contact the donor. All possibilities will be discussed during the session.

Does the donor have any legal obligations?

A donor has no legal obligation to a child born as a result of a donation. While the legislation enables donor-conceived people to obtain identifying information, there is no legal obligation for the donor to accept contact.

Are donors eligible for identifying information about their donor offspring?

Donors are not eligible for identifying information about their donor offspring. Donors will not be informed individually if any of their offspring apply for identifying information.

Donors can apply for information as to when, and how many children were born as a result of their donation. If a donor is seeking to exchange information with their offspring, they can also register on the voluntary Jigsaw DNA Connect Donor and Offspring Register. If there is a match both parties will be contacted by the register to determine their wishes and consent about sharing information.

I was born in another State using sperm from WA, am I eligible to receive identifying information?

If a donation from WA was used on or after 1 December 2004 – regardless of what State a child is born in, the WA legislation is applicable, and you can apply for donor identifying information.

Can I obtain information about other people born from the same donor?

Donor-conceived people are not eligible for identifying information about other offspring born from the same donor. You, or your parents (if you are under 18) can register on the [Jigsaw DNA Connect](#), Donor and Offspring Register. This is a voluntary register. If other siblings have joined this register you may be linked with them.

Questions?

Please contact the Reproductive Technology Unit for any additional information.

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