

DCR Access Matrix 2 - for donor-conceived people

If you're donor-conceived and aged 18+ years, this matrix shows what information you can access about people you are connected to in the South Australian Donor Conception Register (DCR) (your connections), and what information they can access about you.

<i>I am donor-conceived and aged 18+ – what information can I access about my DCR connections?</i>				
<i>Your connections</i>	<i>Their name/s and date of birth</i>	<i>Their biological sex at birth and year of birth</i>	<i>Their volunteered personal information</i>	<i>Their contact details</i>
Your parent's donor(s) – for treatments on or before 30 Sept 2004 ¹	✓ ¹ *where available and verified	✓ *where available and verified	✓	✓ only with their consent
Your parent's donor(s) – for treatments after 30 Sept 2004 ²	✓ ²	✓		
Your donor-conceived sibling(s) aged 18+ years	✓ only with their consent	✓		
Your donor-conceived sibling(s) aged under 18 years	✗	✓	✓ input by sibling's parent	✗
Parent(s) of your donor-conceived sibling(s) (only siblings under 18 years)	✓ only with their consent	✗	✗	✓ only with their consent

**Available treatment records may contain incomplete information. DNA testing is recommended to confirm biological relationships.*

<i>I am donor-conceived and aged 18+ – what information can my DCR connections access about me?</i>				
<i>Your connections</i>	<i>Your name/s and date of birth</i>	<i>Your biological sex at birth and year of birth</i>	<i>Your volunteered personal information</i>	<i>Your contact details</i>
Your parent's donor(s)	✓ only with your consent	✓	✓	✓ only with your consent
Your donor-conceived sibling(s) aged 18+ years				
Parent(s) of your donor-conceived sibling(s) (only siblings under 18 years) ³				

¹ A once-off 90-day delay applies for the disclosure of donor name and date of birth for donor conception treatments on or before September 2004. Delay may be extended in certain circumstances.

² Access to donor name and date of birth is immediate for donor conception treatments which occurred after September 2004.

³ Donor-conceived people must be aged 18 years and over to access the DCR. The parent(s) of your donor-conceived sibling(s) may access information about you as indicated in this matrix.

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Additional information

DCR connections refers to people recorded in the DCR that are connected either to the same donor conception treatment or to the same donor. For example, a donor-conceived person would be connected to the person who received the donor conception treatment (their parent) and the person who donated the sperm, egg or embryos resulting in their conception. In addition, a donor-conceived person would also be connected to other donor-conceived people who are conceived using the same donor's sperm, egg or embryos (their donor-conceived siblings).

Consent means that some information in the DCR (where listed in the Access Matrix) requires the permission of the person the information is about for their information to be accessed (i.e. disclosed to) by their DCR connections.

Consent may differ between connection types. For example, a donor-conceived person may consent in the DCR to disclose their name and date of birth to their donor-conceived siblings only. In this case, their donor-conceived siblings in the DCR would have access to their name and date of birth but their parent's donor would not.

Personal information refers to information that is voluntarily entered into the DCR by the person the information is about, for the purpose of sharing that information with their DCR connections. Personal information which may be added to the DCR includes:

- **Optional** biographical information, photos or video added into the DCR by a donor or a donor-conceived person aged 18+ years. May also include donor's physical characteristics, ethnicity and place of birth.
- **Optional** medical information added into the DCR by a donor or a donor-conceived person aged 18+ years. May include family medical history.
- **Optional** medical information about a donor-conceived child aged under 18 years added into the DCR by the parent of the donor-conceived child. On turning 18 years of age, control of this information transfers to the adult donor-conceived person.

Donor-conceived sibling/s refers to other people conceived using the same donor/s sperm, eggs or embryos. Before a donor-conceived person turns 18 years old, the parent/s of a donor-conceived child may access limited information in the DCR about their child's donor-conceived siblings. Upon turning 18 years of age, the donor-conceived person can register to access and use the DCR themselves, determine their own consent settings for disclosure of their information and update any information about them that their parent may have previously entered into the DCR.

Contact preference settings help donors, donor-conceived people and parents inform their DCR connections if they are open to contact.

Contact preferences are set to 'nil contact' as the default setting. Contact details (email or phone) are only disclosed if a person changes this setting in the DCR to 'open to contact'. **Address details are not disclosed to any DCR connections.**

Contact preferences may differ between connection types. For example, a donor-conceived person may be open to contact with their donor-conceived siblings but not want contact with their parent's donor. In this case, donor-conceived siblings in the DCR would have access to the donor-conceived person's preferred contact details but the donor would not. It is not possible to apply contact preferences to individuals.