

# DCR Access Matrix 3 - for the parent(s) of a donor-conceived child

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

If your donor-conceived child is 18 years or older, refer to **DCR Access Matrix 4 – for the parent(s) of a donor-conceived adult**.

<b><i>I am the parent of a donor-conceived child aged under 18 years – what information can I access about my DCR connections?</i></b>				
<i>Your connections</i>	<i>Their name 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 donor(s) – for donor conception treatments on or before Sept 2004	✓ only with their consent	✓	✓	✓ only with their consent
Donor-conceived sibling(s) of your donor-conceived child aged 18+ years	✓ only with their consent	✓	✓	✓ only with their consent
Parent(s) of donor-conceived sibling(s) (only where siblings are under 18 years)	✓ only with their consent	x	✓ <sup>1</sup> input by sibling's parent(s)	✓ only with their consent

<b><i>I am the parent of a donor-conceived child aged under 18 years – what information can my DCR connections access about me or my child?</i></b>				
<i>Your connections</i>	<i>Your name 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 donor(s)				
Donor-conceived sibling(s) of your donor-conceived child that are aged 18+ years	x	x	✓ <sup>1</sup>	✓ only with your consent
Parent(s) of donor-conceived sibling(s) (only where siblings are under 18 years) <sup>2</sup>				

<sup>1</sup> Medical information about a donor-conceived child aged under 18 years may be added to the DCR by a child's parent(s) prior to the child turning 18 years, for DCR connections to access. Other optional personal information about a donor conceived child cannot be added to the DCR, nor can personal or medical information about a parent(s).

<sup>2</sup> Donor-conceived people must be aged 18 years and over to access the DCR. The parent(s) of a donor-conceived sibling(s) of your donor-conceived child may access information about you as indicated.

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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(s). For example, a donor-conceived person would be connected to the person who received the donor conception treatment (i.e. 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 (i.e. their donor-conceived sibling(s)).

**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 by (i.e. disclosed to) 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 sibling(s) only. In this case, their donor-conceived sibling(s) in the DCR would have access to their name and date of birth but their parent's donor(s) 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 a 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(s) 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 sibling(s). 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(s) 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 sibling(s) but not want contact with their parent's donor(s). In this case, donor-conceived siblings in the DCR would have access to the donor-conceived person's preferred contact details but the donor(s) would not. It is not possible to apply contact preferences to individuals.