



Ministry
of Justice

25/10/2022

Dear MOJ accredited laboratory,

MINISTRY OF JUSTICE ACCREDITED LIST FOR COURT-DIRECTED PATERNITY TESTS

We are writing to provide a further, and we hope, final update following our letter sent on 20/04/2022.

For ease, we include the content of this letter dated 20/04/2022 in **Annex A**, the content of our first follow up letter dated 15/11/2021 in **Annex B** and the content of our original letter sent on 10/06/2021 in **Annex C**.

We continue to work through the changes referenced. Further delays have unfortunately meant that we are still not in a position to fully finalise these changes necessitating what we hope is a final revision in our timelines.

As such, we will be automatically extending your accredited status for a further 6 months, until 31/04/2023.

We will write to you as soon as we have a further update, which we hope will be to lay out the slightly revised process and what is required of you.

If you have any questions in the meantime, or you require us to update any of the contact details we hold for your organisation, please contact us at the email address given at the bottom of this letter.

Kind regards,

Civil & Family Team
Development Directorate
Her Majesty's Courts and Tribunals Service

Civil&FamilyBusinessSupport@justice.gov.uk

Annex A- 20th April 2022 Letter

Dear MOJ accredited laboratory,

MINISTRY OF JUSTICE ACCREDITED LIST FOR COURT-DIRECTED PATERNITY TESTS

We are writing to provide a further update following our letter sent on 15/11/2021. For ease, we include the content of this letter dated 15/11/2021 in **Annex A**, in addition to the content of our original letter sent on 10/06/2021 in **Annex B**.

We are still working through the changes referenced. Unfortunately, we have encountered some further delays, necessitating us to again revise our timelines on this work.

We expect these changes to be in place this year (2022). We will write to you as soon as we have a further update.

We will automatically extend your accredited status for a further 6 months until 31st October 2022.

If you have any questions in the meantime, or you require us to update any of the contact details we hold for your organisations, please contact us at the email address given at the bottom of this letter.

Kind regards,

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Annex B – 15th November 2021 Letter

Dear MOJ accredited laboratory,

MINISTRY OF JUSTICE ACCREDITED LIST FOR COURT-DIRECTED PATERNITY TESTS

We are writing to provide an update in respect of the letter we sent on 10/06/2021. For ease, we include the content of this letter dated 10/06/2021 in **Annex A**.

We are continuing to work on the changes referenced in the letter below. However, we have experienced some small delays, necessitating some revisions in our timelines.

We now expect these changes to be in place in Quarter 2 of 2022.

As such, we will automatically extend your accredited status until 30th April 2022.

We hope to be in contact in spring 2022 with an update on the result of these changes.

If you have any questions in the meantime, or you require us to update any of the contact details we hold for your organisations, please contact us at the email address given at the bottom of this letter.

Kind regards,

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Annex C – 10th June 2021 Letter

Dear MOJ accredited laboratory,

MINISTRY OF JUSTICE ACCREDITED LIST FOR COURT-DIRECTED PATERNITY TESTS

We are writing to provide an update on some changes the MOJ is preparing to make to the procedure to become an MOJ accredited lab to undertake Section 20 paternity tests and what it means for you.

We will be making some changes to the application process with the aim of simplifying the procedure. We hope that these changes will be in place later in 2021.

Please note, the intended changes will not dramatically alter the current process or what is required from you, and thus minimal effort should be required to adapt to these changes.

As a result of these changes, the MOJ will automatically extend your accredited status from 31st August 2021 until January 31st 2022. Furthermore, you will not be required to send in an application renewal form, as would normally be the case, for summer 2021.

We will contact you further in late 2021 to outline the simplified process, and what you need to do in order to renew your accredited status for 2022.

If you wish for any additions to be made to the contact addresses we have on file for your laboratory, please do get in touch.

Furthermore, if you have any questions, please do get in touch.

Kind regards,

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