



REIMBURSEMENT OF PFAS BLOOD TEST

The Australian Government has committed to funding a voluntary blood testing program for residents living within the Williamstown and Oakey investigation areas. While this program is being developed, the Department of Defence has established arrangements to reimburse individuals who live or work, or have lived or worked, in the Williamstown and Oakey investigation areas who have already obtained blood tests. The Department of Defence will also meet the costs of PFAS blood testing for individuals who meet the same criteria in the Williamstown and Oakey environmental investigation areas who wish to obtain a PFAS blood test prior to the Australian Government-funded voluntary blood testing program commencing.

You can use this form to seek reimbursement of your out of pocket expenses of:

1. the blood test for PFAS (including any pathology costs), and/or
2. a pre-PFAS blood test consultation with a registered medical practitioner, and/or
3. a post-PFAS blood test consultation with a registered medical practitioner.

Any amount covered by Medicare or any other Australian-Government-funded program will not be reimbursed.

Note: Current Australian Defence Force personnel who wish to seek a blood test for PFAS should contact their local ADF health provider in the first instance.

If you would like to confirm if an address is within the Williamstown or Oakey investigation areas, please call the relevant community hotline number and they will be able to assist you:

Williamstown Environmental Investigations: 1800 011 443
Oakey Environmental Investigations: 1800 136 129

Instructions

1. Please complete **all** relevant sections of this form. If you are seeking reimbursement for more than one person, please use a **separate form for each person**.
2. Please return the form by email to PFC.Coordination@defence.gov.au or post to:

PFC Coordination
PO Box 7923
CANBERRA BC ACT 2610

Questions

If you have any questions regarding the completion of this form or your eligibility for reimbursement please contact PFC.Coordination@defence.gov.au or the community hotline number supplied above that is most relevant to you.

1. Claimant surname (family name)	Claimant given name

2. Do you or did you live in the Oakey investigation area or the Williamstown investigation area?

Yes => please answer question 3 **No** => please answer question 4

3. Please state the address you live or lived at in the applicable investigation area.

Please complete paragraph 1 and sign the attached statutory declaration

State:	Postcode:

4. Do you or did you work at a place in the Oakey investigation area or the Williamstown investigation area?

Yes => please answer question 5 **No**

5. Please state the name and address of the place you work or worked in the applicable investigation area.

Please complete paragraphs 2 and 3 and sign the attached statutory declaration

State:	Postcode:

6. Which of the following are you seeking reimbursement for? (please tick as many as appropriate)
- Cost of blood test for PFAS** (this is the cost charged by the pathology service) → please answer question 7
- Cost of pre-blood test consultation with a registered medical practitioner** (this includes the cost charged by the registered medical practitioner to administer the blood test) → please answer question 8
- Cost of post-blood test consultation with a registered medical practitioner** → please answer question 9

7. **Have you paid for the blood test already?**

Yes => please attach the paid invoice showing the amount paid by you and complete question 10

No => please attach the unpaid invoice including the details for payment

Please note that the invoice must indicate that the blood test has been acquired for the purpose of determining the presence of per- and/or poly-fluorinated substances (PFAS).

8. **What were your out of pocket expenses for the pre-blood test consultation?** This is the resulting amount after the Medicare benefit has been applied. Please note that only this amount can be claimed. Please attach the Statement of Claim and Benefit Payment provided by the registered medical practitioner after the visit or a Medicare Claim Receipt provided after claiming the Medicare benefit. Please answer question 10.

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9. **What were your out of pocket expenses for the post-blood test consultation?** This is the resulting amount after the Medicare benefit has been applied. Please note that only this amount can be claimed. Please attach the Statement of Claim and Benefit Payment provided by the registered medical practitioner after the visit or a Medicare Claim Receipt provided after claiming the Medicare benefit. Please answer question 10.

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10. **Please state your bank details for reimbursement**

BSB		Account number	
Account name			

Declaration

(Where the individual is under 18 years of age, a parent or guardian must sign this declaration.)

I declare that, to the best of my knowledge and belief, the information that I have supplied in, and attached to, this form is accurate and true, and that all relevant information has been included.

Signature of applicant/parent/guardian

Date

Privacy notice

The collection of this information in this form is necessary for the Department of Defence to facilitate reimbursement of the cost of obtaining a blood test to determine the presence of per- and poly-fluorinated substances (PFAS) and the cost of pre- and post-blood test consultations with a registered medical practitioner. Any information you provide to Defence for this purpose is done so voluntarily. However, if you do not complete a required section of this form, or provide incomplete or inaccurate information, Defence may be unable to reimburse you.

The Defence Privacy Policy (which is available at www.defence.gov.au/complaintresolution/privacy.asp) contains information about how you can access your personal information and seek correction of that information. The Defence Privacy Policy also contains information about how you may submit a complaint if you are of the view that Defence has misused your personal information. If you have any concerns about how your personal information is being handled, you may contact the Defence Privacy Office by emailing defence.privacy@defence.gov.au

COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA
STATUTORY DECLARATION

Statutory Declarations Act 1959

(1) Insert the name, address and occupation of person making the declaration

I, ⁽¹⁾ _____
make the following declaration under the *Statutory Declarations Act 1959*:

(2) Set out matter declared to in numbered paragraphs

(2)
Complete paragraph 1. if applicable, delete if not:

1. I lived at (insert address):

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Complete paragraphs 2. and 3. if applicable, delete if not:

2. I worked at (insert address):

_____.

3. My employer was (insert employer details):

_____.

I understand that a person who intentionally makes a false statement in a statutory declaration is guilty of an offence under Section 11 of the *Statutory Declarations Act 1959*, and I believe that the statements in this declaration are true in every particular.

(3) Signature of person making the declaration

(3) _____

(4) Place
(5) Day
(6) Month and year

Declared at ⁽⁴⁾ _____ on ⁽⁵⁾ _____ of ⁽⁶⁾ _____

(7) Signature of person before whom the declaration is made (see over)

Before me,
(7) _____

(8) Full name, qualification and address of person before whom the declaration is made (in printed letters)

(8) _____

Note 1 A person who intentionally makes a false statement in a statutory declaration is guilty of an offence, the punishment for which is imprisonment for a term of four years - see Section 11 of the *Statutory Declarations Act 1959*.

Note 2 Chapter 2 of the Criminal Code applies to all offences against the *Statutory Declarations Act 1959* - see Section 5A of the *Statutory Declarations Act 1959*.

A statutory declaration under the *Statutory Declarations Act 1959* may be made before -

(1) a person who is currently licensed or registered under a law to practise in one of the following occupations:

Chiropractor	Dentist	Legal practitioner
Medical practitioner	Nurse	Optometrist
Patent attorney	Pharmacist	Physiotherapist
Psychologist	Trade marks attorney	Veterinary surgeon

(2) a person who is enrolled on the roll of the Supreme Court of a State or Territory, or the High Court of Australia, as a legal practitioner (however described); or

(3) a person who is in the following list:

Agent of the Australian Postal Corporation who is in charge of an office supplying postal services to the public
Australian Consular Officer or Australian Diplomatic Officer (within the meaning of the *Consular Fees Act 1955*)

Bailiff

Bank officer with five or more continuous years of service

Building society officer with five or more years of continuous service

Chief executive officer of a Commonwealth court

Clerk of a court

Commissioner for Affidavits

Commissioner for Declarations

Credit union officer with five or more years of continuous service

Employee of the Australian Trade Commission who is:

(a) in a country or place outside Australia; and

(b) authorised under paragraph 3(d) of the *Consular Fees Act 1955*; and

(c) exercising his or her function in that place

Employee of the Commonwealth who is:

(a) in a country or place outside Australia; and

(b) authorised under paragraph 3(d) of the *Consular Fees Act 1955*; and

(c) exercising his or her function in that place

Fellow of the National Tax Accountants' Association

Finance company officer with five or more years of continuous service

Holder of a statutory office not specified in another item in this list

Judge of a court

Justice of the Peace

Magistrate

Marriage celebrant registered under Subdivision C of Division 1 of Part IV of the *Marriage Act 1961*

Master of a court

Member of Chartered Secretaries Australia

Member of Engineers Australia, other than at the grade of student

Member of the Association of Taxation and Management Accountants

Employee of the Australian Defence Force who is:

(a) an officer; or

(b) a non-commissioned officer within the meaning of the *Defence Force Discipline Act 1982* with five or more years of continuous service; or

(c) a warrant officer within the meaning of that Act

Member of the Institute of Chartered Accountants in Australia, the Australian Society of Certified Practising Accountants or the National Institute of Accountants

Member of:

(a) the Parliament of the Commonwealth; or

(b) the Parliament of a State; or

(c) a Territory legislature; or

(d) a local government authority of a State or Territory

Minister of religion registered under Subdivision A of Division 1 of Part IV of the *Marriage Act 1961*

Notary public

Permanent employee of the Australian Postal Corporation with five or more years of continuous service who is employed in an office supplying postal services to the public

Permanent employee of:

(a) the Commonwealth or a Commonwealth authority; or

(b) a State or Territory or a State or Territory authority; or

(c) a local government authority;

with five or more years of continuous service who is not specified in another item in this list

Person before whom a statutory declaration may be made under the law of the State or Territory in which the declaration is made

Police officer

Registrar, or Deputy Registrar, of a court

Senior Executive Service employee of:

(a) the Commonwealth or a Commonwealth authority; or

(b) a State or Territory or a State or Territory authority

Sheriff

Sheriff's officer

Teacher employed on a full-time basis at a school or tertiary education institution