

# What you need to know

## Fact sheet: Drug screening – Getting started

### What information should I have received?

You should have received:

- our [Drug screening policy](#), and its supporting [Participant procedure: drug screening](#)
- list of [Council-approved collection centres](#)
- [Collection centre nomination](#) form
- [Illness certificate](#) form
- [Leave from screening](#) form
- **Pathology request form.**

### How do I set-up screening?

Before you start urine drug screening you must:

- choose a [Council-approved collection centre](#)
- confirm the opening hours of your nominated collection centre and the time you need to attend
- complete our [Collection centre nomination](#) form.

Please get this form to us within 48 hours of being advised in writing that you must go for screening.

You will be advised when you need to start hair drug screening.

### When do I have to start screening?

You need to start urine drug screening within 7 days of the condition being placed on your registration.

You are required to call the urine drug screening (UDS) telephone number on **1800 027 624** every weekday after 6.00am local time to find out if your screening group is required to provide a sample for UDS on that day.

### What do I need to do on the day of screening?

- attend your approved collection centre to have your urine sample collected
- take any regular medication
- bring a copy of your **Pathology request form**
- know what current medications you are taking as you will be asked about this
- bring a type of government-issued photo identification, such as a valid driver licence, identity card or passport
- pay for screening via credit/debit card.

**How much will it cost?**

You are responsible for all drug screening costs. If you attend for screening at a Council-approved collection centre the cost will be:

Screening test	Cost*
Urine drug screen	\$ 60
Hair drug screen	\$ 825

\* inclusive of GST, collection and transport if participant attends a Council-approved collection centre  
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If you are experiencing financial hardship you may contact us and discuss meeting these costs.

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**What happens to my results?**

All samples are screened by Queensland Medical Laboratory (QML).

We will manage your results as outlined in the [Participant procedure: drug screening](#).

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**What do I do if I am absent?**

If you are absent and do not follow [Participant procedure: drug screening](#) we may take further action, particularly if your absences follow a pattern.

If you intend to take a planned absence from practice, you must complete our [Leave from screening form](#) and send it to us at least 5 business days.

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**What do I do if something goes wrong?**

If the random screening phone number is not working when you call, you must:

- note the time you called
- tell us immediately.

We will tell you whether you need to attend for screening that day.

If the Council-approved collection centre cannot collect your sample, you must:

- tell us immediately
- attend for screening no later than the next business day
- send us the pathology provider's written explanation for why they could not collect the sample, within 5 business days.

The [Participant procedure: drug screening](#) outlines what to do if you need if any operational issues arise.

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**What do I do now?**

You need to read the information you have been provided to make sure you understand what is required of you and your screening conditions. If you have any questions contact us on 1300 197 177 or [monitoring@hpcansw.gov.au](mailto:monitoring@hpcansw.gov.au)