

PARTICIPANT INFORMATION STATEMENT

The Blood Donor Survey

Chief Investigator: Dr Skye McGregor

1. What is the research study about?

This research study aims to estimate how many people may be eligible to donate blood in Australia, and to examine knowledge, attitudes, and perceptions of blood donation eligibility.

2. Who is conducting this research?

The study is being carried out by the following researchers: Dr Skye McGregor, Professor John Kaldor, Dr Bridget Haire, Associate Professor Anita Heywood, Dr Hamish McManus, Ms Yasmin Mowat (UNSW Sydney), Professor Barbara Masser (The University of Queensland), Dr Veronica Hoad and Dr Rachel Thorpe (Australian Red Cross Lifeblood).

Research Funder: This research is being funded by the National Health and Medical Research Council under a Partnership Project grant.

3. Do I have to take part in this research study?

Participation in any research study is voluntary. If you do not want to take part, you do not have to. Please read this information carefully. If you have questions, please contact the research team (contact details are provided below).

4. What does participation in this research require, and are there any risks involved?

This survey will ask you questions about blood donation, your health, and behaviours that might affect your ability to donate blood. This information will help us to understand how many people in Australia may meet the criteria to donate blood (i.e., are eligible) to donate blood, what people know about blood donation eligibility criteria, and why people donate or do not donate blood.

The survey should take approximately 25 minutes to complete.

If you experience discomfort or feelings of distress while participating in the research and you require support, you can stop participating at any time. Should you require assistance, contact details for Beyond Blue, a support service, are provided below on page 3 of this information sheet.

5. What are the possible benefits to participation?

The information we get from this research study will help Australian Red Cross Lifeblood to manage the blood supply in Australia by increasing understanding of participants' knowledge, attitudes and behaviour relating to blood donation. This information will be used to improve Lifeblood's health education and initiatives.

6. What will happen to information about me?

Any information obtained for the purpose of this research project will be treated as confidential.

Only the de-identified data will be made available to the research team. The research team will store the de-identified data for a minimum of 5 years after the publication of the research results.

The research team may share or use the de-identified information collected from you in future research that is in the same general area of research. These data will not be available publicly but will be available only on request.

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7. How and when will I find out what the results of the research study are?

The research team intends to publish and report the results of the research – this may be in the form of journal and media articles and scientific conference presentations. All Information will be published in a way that cannot identify you.

Results of the research can be emailed to you once they are available. These results will be emailed to you from the Social Research Centre, as only they will have access to your contact details.

8. What if I want to withdraw from the research study?

Participation in the project is entirely voluntary, and you may choose not to take part or withdraw from the survey without providing an explanation at any time until the work is prepared for publication. You can choose not to answer any question throughout the survey. If you do withdraw, the Social Research Centre will retrieve and destroy your responses to this survey. Your decision not to participate or to withdraw from the study will not affect your relationship with the Social Research Centre, UNSW Sydney, the Australian Red Cross Lifeblood, or the University of Queensland.

The Social Research Centre and UNSW Sydney comply with the Privacy Act and the Australian Privacy Principles, and the information you have provided will only be used for research purposes.

The Social Research Centre's Privacy Policy is available on their website:
<https://www.srcentre.com.au/research-participants/privacy>.

9. What should I do if I have further questions about my involvement in the research study?

If you require further information regarding this study or if you have any problems which may be related to your involvement in the study, you can contact the following member/s of the research team:

Research Team Contact

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| Name | Ms Yasmin Mowat |
| Position | Clinical Project Coordinator |
| Telephone | 02 9385 1433 |
| Email | ymowat@kirby.unsw.edu.au |

Australian Red Cross Lifeblood Contact

If you would like to find out more about blood donation and how you could help, please visit:
<https://www.donateblood.com.au>, or call Lifeblood on 13 14 95.

Contact for feelings of distress

If at any stage during the study, you become distressed or require additional support from someone not involved in the research please contact:



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| Name/Organisation | Beyond Blue |
| Telephone | 1300 22 4636 |
| Website | https://www.beyondblue.org.au/ |
| Online forum | https://www.beyondblue.org.au/get-support/online-forums |

What if I have a complaint or any concerns about the research study?

If you have a complaint regarding any aspect of the study or the way it is being conducted, please contact the UNSW Human Ethics Coordinator:

Complaints Contact

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| Position | Human Research Ethics Coordinator |
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| HC Reference Number | HC210431 |