



FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST FOI 2265
Notice of Decision

I refer to your request dated 18 February 2021 under the *Freedom of Information Act 1982* (the FOI Act) for access to the following documents:

"One Document that shows and provides scientific and factual evidence of the testing and isolating procedure being used in Australia that 100% positively identifies Covid-19, otherwise known as SARS-CoV-2 varus and its mutated variants (not any other type of Corona Virus) in a living human beyond any reasonable doubt."

Decision Maker

I am the Therapeutic Goods Administration (TGA) officer authorised to make this decision under section 23 of the FOI Act. What follows is my decision under the FOI Act.

Decision

I am notifying you of my decision under section 24A of the FOI Act to refuse your request for access, as the documents in the form you have requested do not exist.

Reasons for Decision

Section 24A of the FOI Act states that requests may be refused if all reasonable steps have been taken to find a document and the document does not exist. The relevant electronic databases, files and corporate file lists in the TGA have been searched for the documents you have requested, and following these searches I am satisfied that all reasonable steps have been taken to find the documents requested and that the documents you have requested do not exist. However, I am able to offer you the following links to information relating to information relating to Polymerase Chain Reaction (PCR) tests for detecting SARS-CoV-2 virus (COVID-19) in infected individuals:

- **Public Health Laboratory Network (PHLN) guidance on nucleic acid test result interpretation for SARS-CoV-2**
www.health.gov.au/resources/publications/phln-guidance-on-nucleic-acid-test-result-interpretation-for-sars-cov-2
This guidance document provides an overview of diagnostic testing for the SARS-CoV-2 virus.

PO Box 100 Woden ACT 2606 ABN 40 939 406 804
Phone: 1800 020 653 or 02 6232 8644 Fax: 02 6232 8112
Email: info@tga.gov.au <https://www.tga.gov.au>

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- **COVID-19 testing in Australia - information for health professionals**
www.tga.gov.au/covid-19-testing-australia-information-health-professionals
This page provides health professionals information about the tests for detecting the COVID-19 (SARS-CoV-2 virus) in Australia

Other resources explaining PCR testing for COVID-19 can be found on publically available websites, such as the article on "COVID-19 testing - what's happening now and new developments" at the Lab Tests Online-Au website - www.labtestsonline.org.au/learning/index-of-conditions/covid-19/learn-more-about-covid-19.

For scientific articles on COVID-19 PCR tests that are published in reputable journals and are available in the public domain, you may wish to search the National Library of Medicine website, National Center for Biotechnology Information at pubmed.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov

Review and Complaint Rights

If you are not satisfied with this decision, you can either seek internal review or apply to the Oaic for review of the decision. Further information can be found on the Oaic website at the following link: www.oaic.gov.au/freedom-of-information/reviews-and-complaints/

If you have any queries regarding this matter, please contact the FOI Team on (02) 6289 4630.

Yours sincerely

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