

Information for the Medical Practitioner - Serological Clearance for Combatants

(Contains information for Medical Practitioners and Pathology Service providers in relation to the issuing of the approved form pursuant to Section 7 of the *Combat Sports Act 2013*)

Combatants wishing to register with the Combat Sports Authority of NSW must provide a Serological Clearance.

A **serological clearance** is a certificate by registered medical practitioner or a person who provides a pathology service that:

- (a) the medical practitioner or person is of the opinion that a specified person is not capable of transmitting a medical condition or disease specified by the *Combat Sports Regulation 2014*, and
- (b) the opinion is based on the results of blood tests or other tests carried out on a date specified in the certificate.

The medical conditions or diseases specified by the regulations are:

- HIV
- Hepatitis B
- Hepatitis C.

In order to complete the Serology Certificate the Medical Practitioner or pathology service provider must order the following screening tests to be conducted:

- HIV combined antigen- antibody (HIV Ag/Ab),
- Hepatitis B surface antigen (HBsAg),
and
- Hepatitis C antibody (HCV Ab).

SEROLOGY CERTIFICATE

The certificate must state the date of the test and may only be completed if based on the results of the above tests and the issuer is of the opinion that the person is **not** capable of transmitting a medical condition or disease specified by the *Combat Sports Regulation 2014*.

The Combat Sports Authority does not require the results of the pathology tests. A Serological Clearance for completion is attached for your use.

In the event that any of the screening tests are positive and the medical practitioner is of the opinion that the specified person is capable of transmitting the specified disease / medical condition then the serology certificate must not be issued.

RENEWAL OF SEROLOGY CERTIFICATE

While an athlete is competing serology clearances must be obtained every 6 months for adults and every twelve months for children (people under the age of 18).

If you have any questions relating to the issuance of a serological clearance please contact the Combat Sports Authority of NSW on 13 13 02 during business hours.



Serological Clearance Certificate

Issued pursuant to section 7 of the *Combat Sports Act 2013*

This certificate must be completed by a registered medical practitioner or a person that provides a pathology service

I, _____
[insert name of medical practitioner/ pathology service provider]

being a registered medical practitioner or person who provides a pathology service,

Medical Registration Number: _____
[insert number/stamp]

of: _____
[insert address]

declare that: _____
[insert name of combatant]

whom I identified from

Photo Driver's License No: _____

or

Photo in Medical Record Book of Combatant No: _____

or

Photo Passport No: _____ Country of issue: _____

Other (please specify) _____

and based on the result of blood tests or other tests carried out on _____
[insert date of tests]

is in my opinion not capable of transmitting a medical condition or disease specified by the
Combat Sports Regulation 2014 and is clear to compete in combat sports.

Signature: _____ Date: _____
[Signature of medical practitioner/pathology service provider]

It is an offense under section 92(d) of the Act to provide any information or produce any document that a person knows is false or misleading in connection with a serological clearance.