

WE NEED A SURROGATE: WHAT'S NEXT?

DO I QUALIFY FOR SURROGACY?

[Do you have a medical or social need for surrogacy?](#)

[Can I be a surrogate?](#)

Have you checked your [state laws?](#)

Have you listened to the [Podcast](#) and downloaded the [Handbook?](#)

[HOW DO I FIND A SURROGATE OR EGG DONOR?](#)

Join the [Australian Surrogacy Community](#) on Facebook.

Join [Egg Donation Australia](#) on Facebook.

Join [Surrogacy Australia's Support Service](#).

Join [Fertility Connections](#).

Ask family and friends.

Consider [options overseas](#).

I HAVE A SURROGATE, WHAT'S NEXT?

[Your surrogate needs to be cleared by the clinic.](#)

Surrogates can get [free initial legal advice](#).

IPs can attend your fertility clinic and make embryos.

If [you are not using a clinic](#), you can proceed to counselling and legal advice.

COUNSELLING AND LEGAL ADVICE

Everyone has counselling with a surrogacy counsellor.

The parties get independent legal advice – that's one lawyer for the IPs and one lawyer for the surrogate and her partner.

[Then you can seek approval for your arrangement.](#)

WE'RE PREGNANT! WHAT NOW?

Congratulations!

You should meet with your [hospital or care provider](#) to plan for the birth.

Have you read the [birth planning](#) posts on the blog?

Find out more about [milk and feeding surro-bub!](#)

BABY IS HERE!

YAY!

The birth is registered with the surrogate and her partner listed as parents.

The IPs can choose baby's name and take baby home with them.

[You can apply for Medicare and Centrelink.](#)

Consider what you need to [survive the fourth trimester](#).

PARENTAGE ORDER

You can apply for a [Parentage Order](#) one month after the birth.

It's a lot of paperwork. You can get a lawyer to do it, or you can ask me how to [Do It Yourself](#).