

## **Leaflet on establishment of family relationship through DNA-testing**

To establish a family relationship, a DNA-Test is required. For this, a mucous membrane smear has to be taken from the people involved. The Embassy will inform in every case, which persons must be involved in the DNA-Test. Please make sure, that the institute in Germany is informed accordingly. **Due to the regulations of the medical institutions in Germany, the DNA of the mother usually has to be tested as well.**

The request for the DNA-test must be made to a medical institution in Germany by the applicant or the person living in Germany. Any medical institution in Germany which is accredited by the German Accreditation Board (DAkkS) can be considered. Information on the addresses of such institutes can be obtained from the local public health department, immigration office or on the following website: [www.vaterschaftstest.de](http://www.vaterschaftstest.de) (Category: Gutachter).

For applicants and reference persons living in Ghana, samples are taken at the Regional Medical Office of the German Embassy (RAD) in Accra. **Please ask the institute in Germany to send the SWABS, and all forms (English and German versions) to the Legal and Consular Department of the German Embassy Accra, to the following address:**

**Auswärtiges Amt  
für Botschaft Accra  
-RK Abteilung Visastelle-  
Kurstr. 36  
11013 Berlin**

**The embassy checks the test-kits and documents and will forward them to the RAD.** It is important that a Ghanaian telephone number is mentioned in order to make an appointment with the applicants and reference persons. As soon as the test-kit arrives at the RAD, the applicants will be contacted to schedule an appointment. The RAD can be reached via telephone : +233 (0) 30 222 2608 or 030 221 1048 or email: [info@accr.diplo.de](mailto:info@accr.diplo.de). **The Consular Department or Visa Section will not schedule the appointment.**

**All persons who are to be tested must come to the appointment with their passport or Ghanaian ID card and two new passport photographs. As the identity must be proven to the medical institute, a birth certificate is not sufficient.** The samples taken are being sent to the institute in Germany for evaluation. The fee for collecting the DNA-samples and transport is EUR 60, which must be paid in cash in RAD (in Cedis or exact amount in Euro).

**In case of family reunion, please note:** The applicant or the person living in Germany must inform the institute in Germany to send the DNA results (Gutachten) within the given deadline to the Legal and Consular Department of the German Embassy Accra, or via email: [visa@accr.auswaertiges-amt.de](mailto:visa@accr.auswaertiges-amt.de).