



Leaflet on establishment of family relationship through DNA-Test

To establish a family relationship, a DNA-Test is required. For this, a mucous membrane smear - (saliva sample) - 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 has to be tested generally in all cases.**

The request for the DNA-Test must be made by the applicant or the person living in Germany. For this, any medical institution in Germany can be considered, if it is accredited by the German Accreditation Board (DAkkS). Information on the addresses of such institutes can be obtained from the local public health department, immigration office or under the website: www.vaterschaftstest.de (Rubrik: Gutachter).

The Institute in Germany which takes the smear sample should be instructed to take a photograph from the person involved. This photograph is attached to the form for the DNA-Test. For the applicant, sample taking is done in the Regional Medical Office (RAD) of the German Embassy in Accra. Please inform the institute to fill out the forms and mark the test tubes (SWABS) with the names of the people to be tested

Before the samples can be taken at the RAD, the institute engaged in Germany has to send the SWABS, the request, as well as the certificate of authority from the reference person in Germany to the RAD in Accra.

As soon as these are arrive at the RAD, an appointment can be made with the applicant through telephone number: 00233-30 222 26 08 or e-mail: info@accra.diplo.de. **The appointment will not be given to you by the Embassy.**

All persons who are to be tested, must come to the appointment with their passport and two passport photographs. As the identity must be proven to the medical institute, a birth certificate is not sufficient.

The samples taken are sent afterward to the institute engaged in Germany for evaluation. The cost involved should be asked in advance from the RAD.