

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. However, in all cases involving applicants younger than 18 years of age, it is **MANDATORY that all DNA Tests requested by the Embassy should include the applicant with both parents (mother and father)**. In cases where one of the parents is deceased, the Embassy will advise the applicants via email accordingly. To ensure that the institute in Germany is informed accordingly, please forward the attached leaflet to them.

Please note: 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 (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 will check the test-kits and documents and 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 Consular Department or Visa Section are not responsible for scheduling the appointments.

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 will be 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: visastelle@accr.auswaertiges-amt.de .



Information leaflet for DNA Institutes in Germany

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IMPORTANT NOTICE:

Please send the DNA Test results directly to the Legal and Consular Department of the German Embassy Accra, or via E-Mail to: visastelle@accr.auswaertiges-amt.de. **We will not accept results sent directly by the Reference person in Germany, or the applicant.**