



## Appendix

### Application for DNA test in case of family reunification

You applied for family reunification (*whether or not within the context of a journey in connection with family reunification*). The person submitting such an application must demonstrate that a family relationship exists. This is usually done by means of official (*legalised*) documents. If these documents are missing through no fault of your own, a DNA test could offer a solution. Here, you can read how a DNA test works.

#### What is a DNA test

Each person has unique characteristics. These characteristics have been embedded in our DNA. This DNA can be found in all our body cells. Everyone passes part of these unique characteristics on to his or her children. So father, mother and children partly have the same DNA. A DNA test compares the DNA of your family members.

#### Possible results

- A DNA test only provides certainty about the biological parent-child relationship. A DNA test has no use if it concerns foster children or adopted children.
- A DNA test can establish (with certainty) that you are not the father or mother of a child.
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- If the DNA test is performed on both parents, it could become clear that one of them is not the biological parent of the child.

#### How does the test proceed?

If you have applied for family reunification and it is impossible for you to obtain the necessary documents, the Immigration and Naturalisation Service (IND) offers you a DNA test. In that case, you must complete this form in order to state that you want to make use of a DNA test. The test means that a mouth swab is taken from you, your spouse and child(ren) and examined. By comparing the DNA in these mouth swabs, it can be established whether you are the biological parent(s) of the child or the children. Your family members must make an appointment to have their DNA taken at the Dutch embassy. After they have done their DNA test, they must inform you immediately. Starting the next day you can make an appointment online (for yourself and your biological family members in the Netherlands) for DNA collection at the IND desk in Utrecht.

#### DNA test step by step

The DNA test is not painful and not injurious to one's health.

1. The identity is established.
2. A mouth swab is taken from the inside of your cheek. This is done by using a special swab.
3. All the DNA material is investigated by the Netherlands Forensic Institute (NFI).
4. The NFI sends the result of the DNA test to the IND.

#### What happens with the test results?

The IND will involve the results of the DNA test in the decision on your application for family reunification. The DNA taken and the pertaining data are destroyed after six months. These data will not be used for other purposes.

#### Countercheck

With a negative result from the DNA test you can have a counter-inquiry carried out by a different laboratory. This is called a countercheck. This countercheck must be carried out by a laboratory which has been recognised by the Dutch Accreditation Council RVA for carrying out DNA relationship tests. You can check this through the search function on the website of the Dutch Accreditation Council RVA ([www.rva.nl/search](http://www.rva.nl/search)). You must pay the costs of a countercheck yourself.

#### More information

Do you still have any questions after reading this information? Then please contact the IND or the Dutch embassy or consulate in the country where you live. Check [www.ind.nl](http://www.ind.nl) for the contact details of the IND. Keep the V-number of your sponsor at hand. Do you have a complaint about the way in which the IND treated you? Then you can use the complaints form at [www.ind.nl](http://www.ind.nl).

#### Processing of personal data

The Immigration and Naturalisation Service (IND) processes personal data when it processes your application, notification, or request. This means that if needed the IND will request data from you yourself and other organisations or persons. The IND also uses and stores data and shares them with other organisations. When doing so, the IND strictly adheres to the stipulations of privacy legislation. For instance, the IND must treat data safely and with due care. The law also gives rights. At your request, you are allowed to see which data on you the IND processes. You can also get information on why the IND does so and to whom your data have been passed on. On [www.ind.nl](http://www.ind.nl) you can read how the IND processes your data and which rights you have. You can also read how to use your rights.

> To be completed by the IND

V-number of applicant | IND location | IND contact person

**1** DNA test (to be completed by the sponsor)

Surname and first names

1.1 Name of applicant |

> Please tick the applicable situation Day Month Year

1.2 Sex and Date of birth  Male  Female |

1.3 Nationality |

Street | Number

1.4 Home address |

Postcode | Town

Number of passport, ID card, etc.

1.5 Identity document |

1.6 V-number |

Surname and first names

1.7 Details family member 1 |

Sex > Please tick the applicable situation Date of birth

Male  Female |

Nationality

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Relation to the sponsor > Please tick the applicable situation

Child  Parent  Spouse

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Surname and first names

1.8 Details family member 2 |

Sex > Please tick the applicable situation Date of birth

Male  Female |

Nationality

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Relation to the sponsor > Please tick the applicable situation

Child\*  Parent  Spouse  Biological brother/sister\*\*

\* In the case of a child of the sponsor: This child is the biological child of?

Applicant  Family member no:  Applicant and family member no:

\*\* Only applicable in the case of a brother/sister of a minor sponsor: does this family member have the same mother and father as the sponsor?

Yes No, child of family member  1  2  3  4  5  6 (Please tick the applicable situation)

V-number > To be completed by the IND

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Surname and first names

1.9 Details family member 3 |

Sex > Please tick the applicable situation Date of birth

Male  Female |

Nationality

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Relation to the sponsor > Please tick the applicable situation

Child\*  Biological brother/sister\*\*

\* In the case of a child of the sponsor: This child is the biological child of?

Applicant  Family member no:  Applicant and family member no:

\*\* Only applicable in the case of a brother/sister of a minor sponsor: does this family member have the same mother and father as the sponsor?

Yes No, child of family member  1  2  3  4  5  6 (Please tick the applicable situation)

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1.10 Details family member 4

Surname and first names

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Sex > Please tick the applicable situation

Male  Female

Date of birth

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Nationality

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Relation to the sponsor > Please tick the applicable situation

Child\*  Biological brother/sister\*\*

\* In the case of a child of the sponsor: This child is the biological child of?

Applicant  Family member no:  Applicant and family member no:

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Yes  No, child of family member  1  2  3  4  5  6 (Please tick the applicable situation)

V-number > To be completed by the IND

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1.11 Details family member 5

Surname and first names

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Sex > Please tick the applicable situation

Male  Female

Date of birth

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Nationality

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Relation to the sponsor > Please tick the applicable situation

Child\*  Biological brother/sister\*\*

\* In the case of a child of the sponsor: This child is the biological child of?

Applicant  Family member no:  Applicant and family member no:

\*\* Only applicable in the case of a brother/sister of a minor sponsor: does this family member have the same mother and father as the sponsor?

Yes  No, child of family member  1  2  3  4  5  6 (Please tick the applicable situation)

V-number > To be completed by the IND

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1.12 Details family member 6

Surname and first names

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Sex > Please tick the applicable situation

Male  Female

Date of birth

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Nationality

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Relation to the sponsor > Please tick the applicable situation

Child\*  Biological brother/sister\*\*

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Applicant  Family member no:  Applicant and family member no:

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Yes  No, child of family member  1  2  3  4  5  6 (Please tick the applicable situation)

V-number > To be completed by the IND

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1.13 Details parent staying behind

Surname and first names

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Sex > Please tick the applicable situation

Male  Female

Date of birth

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Nationality

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Parent of > Please tick the applicable situation

family member 1  family member 2  family member 3  family member 4  family member 5  family member 6

My family members can be contacted via this telephone number:

1.14 Recent contact information of the family members

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## 2 Signing by applicant

I hereby allow DNA-samples to be taken of (the) aforementioned family member(s). I agree that the results of the examination will only be used to assess the application for family reunification. My family member(s) will report to the Dutch embassy or consulate in:

2.1 Country and town Dutch representation

| \_\_\_\_\_  
Place Day Month Year

2.2 Place and date

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Signature (If you are applying for your parents to join you in the Netherlands and you are younger than 12 years of age then your guardian must sign this declaration on your behalf.)

2.3 Signature

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