



Appendix Application for DNA test in case of family reunification

You applied for family reunification for a relative or family member. With this application, you must provide proof of a family relationship. Usually, this proof is provided by submitting official (legalised) documents. DNA testing can prove the family relationship if these documents are missing due to circumstances beyond your control. Here, you can read how a DNA test works.

DNA

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. The result of the DNA test proves whether or not you are related to each other. For that reason, DNA testing only provides certainty about the biological parent-child relationship. In the case of foster or adopted children, DNA testing is therefore pointless.

DNA test

A mouth swab sample is taken from you, your spouse, and child(ren) for the DNA test. Your family members must make an appointment to have their DNA sample collected at the Dutch embassy. Once they have done so, they must inform you immediately. The day after the DNA sample was collected, you can make an online appointment at the IND desk in Utrecht. You also do this for biological family members in the Netherlands. Then researchers will compare the DNA in the saliva. The results show whether there is a biological relationship between the child(ren) and you (and/or your spouse).

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 analysed by the Netherlands Forensic Institute (NFI).
4. The NFI sends the result of the DNA test to the IND.

Possible results

DNA testing can establish (with certainty) that

- you are the father or mother of a child.
- you are not the father or mother of a child.

Has the DNA of both parents been analysed? Then one of them may turn out not to be the child's biological parent.

Test results

The IND will take account of the DNA test results in its decision on your application for family reunification. After six months, the NFI destroys the DNA material taken and the (personal) data relating to it. These data will not be used for other purposes.

Countercheck

If the DNA test result is negative, you can have a counter-test done by another laboratory. This is called a countercheck. Only approved laboratories may carry out DNA relationship tests. The Dutch Accreditation Council determines whether a laboratory will be approved. You can use the search function on the website of the Dutch Accreditation Council (www.rva.nl/search) to check whether a laboratory has been approved or not. You must pay the costs of the countercheck.

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 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.

To be completed by the IND

V-number of applicant

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IND location

IND contact person

1 DNA test (to be completed by the sponsor)

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1.1 Name of applicant
(as stated in the passport)

Surname

First names

1.2 Sex

- Male
- Female

1.3 Date of birth

Day Month Year

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1.4 Nationality

1.5 Home address

Street

Number

Postcode

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Town

1.6 Identity document
Number of passport, ID card, etc.

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1.7 V-number

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1.8 Details family member 1

1.8.1 Name of family member (as stated in the passport) *Surname*

First names

1.8.2 Sex Male Female

1.8.3 Date of birth

<i>Day</i>	<i>Month</i>	<i>Year</i>							

1.8.4 Nationality

1.8.5 Relation to the sponsor Child Parent Spouse

1.8.6 V-number

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1.9 Details family member 2

1.9.1 Name of family member (as stated in the passport) *Surname*

First names

1.9.2 Sex Male Female

1.9.3 Date of birth

<i>Day</i>	<i>Month</i>	<i>Year</i>							

1.9.4 Nationality

1.9.5 Relation to the sponsor 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

1.11.5 Relation to the sponsor

- 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
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1.11.6 V-number

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1.12 Details family member 5

1.12.1 Name of family member
(as stated in the passport)

Surname

First names

1.12.2 Sex

- Male
- Female

1.12.3 Date of birth

<i>Day</i>		<i>Month</i>		<i>Year</i>						

1.12.4 Nationality

1.12.5 Relation to the sponsor

- 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:
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> **To be completed by the IND**

1.12.6 V-nummer

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1.13 Details family member 6

1.13.1 Name of family member
(as stated in the passport)

Surname

First names

1.13.2 Sex

- Male
 Female

1.13.3 Date of birth

<i>Day</i>	<i>Month</i>	<i>Year</i>							

1.13.4 Nationality

1.13.5 Relation to the sponsor

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 Biological brother/sister **

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1.13.6 V-number

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1.14 Details parent staying behind

1.14.1 Name of parent staying behind
(as stated in the passport)

Surname

First names

1.14.2 Sex

- Male
 Female

1.14.3 Date of birth

<i>Day</i>	<i>Month</i>	<i>Year</i>							

1.14.4 Nationality

> *Please tick the applicable situation*

1.14.5 Parent of family member:

- 1 2 3 4 5 6

1.15 Recent contact information of the family members

My family members can be contacted via this telephone number:

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

2.2 Place and date

Place

<i>Day</i>	<i>Month</i>	<i>Year</i>
<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>

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

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 you can read how the IND processes your data and which rights you have. You can also read how to use your rights.