

INSTRUCTIONS FOR DNA TESTING

Consular officers may recommend DNA testing to confirm the biological relationship required for U.S. citizenship and visa applications. DNA testing is entirely voluntary, and the petitioner and beneficiary must pay all costs associated with testing.

During a DNA test, a lab technician takes a tissue sample by rubbing a cotton swab inside of the cheek of the person being tested. In Ethiopia, a technician from the American Medical Center takes samples at the U.S. Embassy in Addis Ababa, and the Embassy sends the samples to the AABB-accredited lab for analysis. In America, an accredited lab collects and analyzes the samples.

Step 1: Order and send a DNA kit from an American Association of Blood Banks (AABB)-accredited lab to the Embassy.

The petitioner must first contact an AABB-accredited lab to order a DNA kit be sent to the Embassy. A list is available at <http://www.aabb.org>. Test results from other labs will not be accepted. Prices for DNA testing vary by lab. The petitioner pays fees directly to the lab, and beneficiaries in Ethiopia will pay 400 birr per sample to the lab technician at the time of testing.

Step 2: The Embassy will call you to schedule a DNA testing appointment after we receive your DNA kit

We will contact you directly to schedule your DNA appointment after the Embassy receives your DNA kit.

Step 3: For the appointment, be prepared to bring the following for each person:

- The original and a photocopy of a government-issued photo identification (and English translation), such as a passport, kebele ID, driver's license, or emergency travel document
- For children under age 14, a government-issued (not hospital-issued) birth certificate
- For V92/V93 applicants only, a government-issued (not hospital-issued) birth certificate is acceptable for applicants ages 14 and up
- Refugees may obtain a birth certificate from ARRA
- For other forms ID, please check with the Embassy before your appointment to confirm if they are acceptable
 - *Any photo identification not in English must include an English translation
- One 5cm x 5cm, passport-size, color photograph on white background
- All applicants under the age of 18 must be accompanied by a parent or legal guardian who must also present their own valid photo identification at the time of the appointment. Legal guardians must bring a notarized power of attorney (and English translation), which the parent may email to AddisDNA@state.gov.
- 400 birr (sample collection fee) for each person being tested

Do not eat or drink at least one hour before your appointment. This includes candy, fruit, and chewing gum. Do not use lipstick or chapstick before your appointment. Stop breastfeeding a child who will be tested 30 minutes prior to appointment time. Eating or drinking can interfere with test results, and repeating a failed test requires additional payment.

Step 4: What to Expect at the Appointment

- All Embassy guests must go through a security screening. Cell phones and other electronic devices are not permitted in the Embassy. You may leave them at the gate.
- Inside the Embassy, a consular assistant will check your required documents prior to the test. If you show up without the listed items in Step 3, you will be turned away and need a new appointment.
- Priority will be given to young children, pregnant woman, people with disabilities, and senior citizens.
- Expect to wait up to two hours in the Embassy for DNA sample collection.

If you have any questions, please contact AddisDNA@state.gov.

Tilmaamaha Baaritaanka DNA

Saraakiisha qunsuliyada ayaa kugula talin kara baaritaanka DNA si loo xaqiijiyo xiriirka waallidka iyo ilmaha ee uu baahan codsiyada dhalashada Maraykanka iyo codsiyada fiisaha. Baaritaanka DNA-gu gebi ahaan waa mid ikhtiyaari ah, taass oo codsadhaha iyo ka-faa'iideystuhu ay u baahan yihiin inay bixiyaan kharashyada la xiriira baaritaanka.

Waqtiga baaritaanka DNA, shaqaalaha sheybaarka ee Itoobiya wuxuu qaadaa dheecaan isagoo cuntub ku xoqaya gudaha daamasha ee qofka la baarayo. Safaaradduna waxay u dirtaa shaybaarada keydka dhiiga ee loo yaqaan 'AABB' si dheecaankaasi haalkaasi loogu baaro. Dalka Mareykankana waxaa dheecaankaasi ururiya oo falanqeeya shaybaar la aqoonsan yahay.

Talaabada 1aad: Dalboo sanduuqa DNA ga ee laga heloo Ururka Ameerikaanka ee Keydka Dhiiga (AABB)-ee ah shaybaar loo yaqaan "accredited laboratory".

Codsadhaha waa inuu marka hore la xiriiraa shaybaar loo yaqaan 'AABB' si loo dalbado xirmo DNA ah oo loo diro Safaaradda. Liiska waxaa laga heli karaa <http://www.aabb.org>. Natiijada baaritaanka shaybaarada kale lama aqbalayo. Qiimaha baaritaanka DNA waa mid u gaar ah shaybaarka. Codsadhaha ayaa si toos ah u bixiya khidmadda shaybaarka taas oo ay ka-faa'iideystayaasha Itoobiya ku sugani ay bixin doonaan 400 oo Birr oo qofkiiba ah oo loogu talagalay shaqaalaha sheybaarka ee waqtigaasi dheecaanka qaadaya.

Talaabada 2aad: Safaaraddu waxay kuugu yeeri doontaa si aad ballan ugu qabsatid baaritaanka DNA-ga ka dib markaan helno qalabkaaga DNA-ga

Waxaan si toos ah kuula soo xiriiri doonaa si aad balanta DNA-ga uu qabsatid marka ay saffaradu hesho qalabka DNA-ga lagaa ga qaadi lahaa.

Talaabada 3aad: maalinta balantaada qofkii ba ugu soo tala gal waxyaabahan hoos ku xusan:

- Aqoonsiga ee uu sawirku ku yaalo ee ay dawladu bixiso assal ahaantiis iyo isaga oo sawiran (iyo tarjumaadaha Ingiriisiga), sida baasaaboorka, aqoonsiga kebele, shahaadada darawalnimada, ama dokumentiga safarka xaaladda degdega ah
- Carruurta da'doodu ka yar tahay 14 jir, waxay u baahanyihiin dhalashada ay dawladu bixiso (oo aan ahayn kan cisbitaalka laga qaato)
- Codsadayaasha V92 / V93 oo kaliya, shahaado dhalasho oo dawlada ah (oo aan isbitaal la ga soo saarin) waa loo ogol yahay caruurta 14 jir iyo wixii ka sareeyaba ah.
- Qaxootigu waxay heli karaan shahaadada dhalashada ee ARRA
- Haddii aad wadato aqoonsi kale oo gaar ah, fadlan ka hubi safaaradda ka hor ballantaada si aad u xaqiijiso haddii ay yihiin kuwo la aqbali karo
- * Aqoonsi oo aan af Ingiriisi ahayn waa in la soo raaciyaa tarjumaad af-Ingiriisi ah.
- Hal sawir oo ah 5cm x 5cm, oo ah kan baasaaboorka, oo lagugu sawiray daah oo uu midbkiisu cad yahay.
- Dhammaan codsadayaasha da'doodu ka yar tahay 18 sano, waa in ay la socdaan waalidku ama mas'uulka sharciyaysan, sidoo kale waa inay soo bandhigaan aqoonsigooda sawirka leh isla wakhtiga ballanta. Mas'uulka sharciyaysani waa inuu keenaa awoodda qareenka (iyo tarjumaadaha Ingiriisiga), kaas oo waalidku u diri karo AddisDNA@state.gov.
- 400 oo birr (oo lacagta dheecaan qaadista) qof kasta oo la baadhoayo.

Ha cunin ama cabin ugu yaraan hal saac ka hor ballantaada. Tan waxaa ku jira nacnac, miro, iyo xanjo. Ha isticmaalin lipstick ama chapstick ka hor ballantaada. Jooji nuujinta ilmaha dheecanka laga qaadayo 30 daqiiqo ka hor wakhtiga ballanta. Wax cunista ama cabitaanka waxay faragalina karaan natiijooyinka baaritaanka dheecaanka, taas oo kugu kalifi karta in lagugu celiyo baaris kale oo u baahan daraystay lacag dheeraad ah.

Talaabada 4aad: Waxyaabaha ku sugaya xiliga Balanta

- Dhammaan martida saffaradu waa inay maraan baaritaan oo ay fulinayaan Shaqaalaha ilaalinta amniga ee safaarada. Taleefannada gacanta iyo qalabka elektaroonigga ah lama oggola in Safaaradda lala soo galo. Waxaa laga yaabaa inaad ka ga soo tagto albaabka.
- Gudaha Safaarada, Kaaliyaha Qunsulku wuxuu hubin doonaa dukumintiga loo baahan yahay ka hor dheecaan qaadista. Haddii aad ikeento adigoo haysan waxyaabaha liiska ku qoran, gaar ahaan **Talaabada 3aad**, dib baa lagu celin karaa, waxaadna u baahan doontaa ballan kale oo cusub.
- Mudnaanta waxaa la siin doonaa oo dadka la hor marin karaa carruurta da'da yar, haweenka uurka leh, dadka naafada ah, iyo dadka waayeelka ah.
- Waxaad ku tala gashaa in aad sugto ilaa laba saacadood inta aad safaaradda joogto ee aad sugeyso bixinta DNA-ga.

Haddii aad qabto wax su'aal, fadlan la xiriir AddisDNA@state.gov