

The Department of Homeland Security or U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services may require a DNA test to prove the sponsor's relationship to each person who wishes to come to the United States (mother/child, father/child, siblings). Genelex is approved by the U.S. State Department to conduct DNA testing for immigration purposes in these instances, and has over 15 years of experience coordinating these cases all over the world. Just follow these eight steps the next time you are working on a case in which DNA testing is required.

1. **Determine who is responsible for the testing fees.** A standard immigration paternity test is \$750 including international shipping fees. In addition to the testing charge, sample collection fees may be necessary and range from twenty to forty dollars per person. Payment can be made with any major credit card or by money order.
2. **Gather the information needed for Genelex to set up the testing.** We will need the correct spelling of each tested individual's name and the contact information and **immigration case number** for all tested parties outside of the U.S. We will schedule the collection for all persons outside the U.S. through the embassy. If the embassy has provided a letter with designated collection facilities aside from the embassy please have this information when you call.
3. **Contact Genelex at 800-523-6487 to set up the test.** We will obtain the needed information and create a case reference number in our system. Give our phone number, 800-523-6487, and the Genelex case reference number to all tested parties residing in the U.S. and have them contact us to schedule their appointments. With over 3000 collection sites worldwide including mobile service, we will find a convenient time and place for all clients to submit samples.
4. **Have the parties outside the U.S. contact the Embassy for appointment confirmation.** We will track the shipment of the collection kit and request to the embassy. We recommend having the tested individuals outside the U.S. contact the embassy once the kit has been received to confirm an appointment time. This can help speed up the appointment process which can be quite lengthy in some countries.
5. **Sample Collection:** Samples are taken using a painless cheek swab procedure. All adults must bring photo ID to the appointment for verification purposes. Additionally, they must include your information on the chain of custody form completed at the collection. This gives Genelex permission to release case information to you.
6. **Laboratory Processing:** Results are typically available 5-7 business days from receipt of all samples in the lab. Our standards for accuracy and certainty are inspected and accredited by the American Association of Blood Banks Parentage Testing Committee, New York State Department of Health, and approved by the U.S. State Department.
7. **Results:** Results are mailed to all tested adults and their designated representatives. An original result is also mailed by Genelex to the requesting embassy or USCIS office; forwarded results from attorneys are typically not accepted. Copies of the chain of custody documents are also included for all immigration cases. Results can also be e-mailed or faxed by request for faster viewing.
8. **Customer Satisfaction Survey:** Complete the survey that is sent with all results and let us know if there is anything we can do to serve you better.

Our goal at Genelex is to make the testing process as easy as possible for you. Please don't hesitate to contact us any time at 800-523-6487 if you have questions or require our assistance.

Additional information on parentage testing is available on our web site at www.genelex.com.

For immediate consultation Call 800-523-6487

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