

## ITSI Biosciences Newsletter

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## Why is DNA Test Required for Certain Immigration Cases?

In recent years, DNA testing has become a crucial tool in immigration cases, especially in situations where familial relationships are the basis of an application or in question. Immigration authorities of certain countries often rely on DNA testing to verify the authenticity of family relationships, such as proving parent-child or sibling relationships. This is especially important when applicants apply for family-based immigration, seeking to reunite with loved ones, or when there are concerns about fraud in family petitions.

### 1. Why is DNA Testing Needed?

In some immigration cases, especially those involving family reunification or the immigration of minor children, providing a DNA sample can be a critical piece of evidence to establish biological relationships that are not easily proven through other documentation. Examples of these situations include:

**Parent-Child Relationship:** When the immigration petitioner claims a biological relationship to a child but lacks sufficient or verifiable documents (such as birth certificates) to prove the connection, DNA testing becomes necessary.

**Siblings:** DNA testing can be used when siblings are applying for immigration benefits, particularly when there's doubt about the biological connection between the applicants.

**When Documents Are Incomplete or Questioned:** In cases where the original records may be missing, incorrect, or lost (e.g., in cases of natural disasters or conflicts), DNA testing can provide a more reliable, definitive confirmation of relationships.

- **As A Standard Policy:** When it is a standard requirement, whether or not there are original records.

Citizenship and Immigration Services or other immigration authorities may request DNA evidence when documentation appears insufficient or unclear.

Testing is done in approved labs under strict protocols to ensure that the results are accurate and meet legal standards.

### 2. Can an Immigration Application Be Denied Based on DNA Test Results?

Yes, immigration applications can be denied if the results of a DNA test contradict the claimed familial relationship. For example:

**Negative DNA Results:** If the DNA test results show that the individuals claiming to be relatives are not biologically related, the immigration application may be denied. This can happen if a child is petitioned by a person who is not their biological parent, or if a sibling relationship is not confirmed through the DNA test.

**Failure to Participate in Testing:** In some cases, an applicant may be required to submit to DNA testing, and refusal to do so can result in the denial of their immigration application. Immigration authorities generally expect full cooperation when DNA testing is mandated.

However, a negative result doesn't necessarily mean the case is closed. Applicants may appeal the decision or seek alternative forms of documentation or evidence to support their case. It's crucial to work closely with legal experts experienced in immigration matters who can guide you through the process.

Do not take a DNA test to prove a claimed relationship if you are not biologically related. If the claimed relationship is not biological, it should be stated in the application form so that a DNA test will not be ordered by the immigration authorities.

A DNA test will be negative if you are not biologically related.

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### 3. The Importance of Accurate DNA Testing

The accuracy and reliability of the DNA test are paramount. A test conducted in an accredited laboratory will provide the strongest evidence in support of an immigration petition. It's essential for individuals involved in these cases to ensure that the laboratory conducting the test follows the proper protocols and maintains proper documentation of all test procedures.

At ITSI Biosciences, we offer a range of bioanalytical services, including DNA testing, to support peace-of-mind, legal and immigration matters. With over 20 years of experience in the field, we ensure that our testing services provide accurate, timely results that can stand up in any legal or official context.

### Conclusion

DNA testing has become an integral part of many immigration cases. By providing irrefutable evidence of biological relationships, it ensures that family-based immigration cases are decided fairly and accurately.

However, applicants must ensure that they comply with the requirements for DNA testing and be aware that the results can influence the outcome of their application. Always work with experienced professionals and approved testing centers to guarantee that the process is carried out correctly. If the claimed relationship is not biological, state that in the application, and do not attempt to use DNA to prove the relationship.

For more information on how DNA testing can be used in immigration cases or to inquire about our services, visit ITSI Biosciences' website or contact our team directly.

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Thank you for reading this month's edition of DNAnews. Stay tuned for next month's issue, where we'll explore the latest developments in DNA testing and its real-world applications!

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