

## REQUEST FOR EVIDENCE

**\*\*\* Each petition must have its own set of supporting documents in the event that your petitions become separated. Also, each petition's response to a Service request must be accompanied by its Form WR-827.**

Upon review of the petition and supporting documentation, it has been determined that additional evidence must be submitted to establish the claimed relationship. In order to demonstrate the existence of a familial relationship between [REDACTED] and [REDACTED], you must have comparative blood testing done. The costs of blood testing and related expenses (such as doctor's fees and the cost of transmitting testing materials and blood samples) must be borne exclusively by the petitioner. Submitting to blood testing is in no way a guarantee of the approval of the petition.

Please read the following instructions carefully. It is important that you comply with all of the following.

Many testing facilities will perform a comparison test of DNA even though a blood test is requested. It's up to the facility to determine what will be tested. If the testing facility performs their comparative test using DNA, the DNA must come from a blood sample and NOT from a buccal swab. It will only be permissible for an alien overseas to have their sample taken by buccal swab if a DNA test is going to be performed. And such sample may only be taken by a US Embassy panel physician or approved DNA collection facility.

Your comparative blood test must be performed directly through an AABB-accredited facility. Please be aware that many non-accredited businesses advertise on the Internet as being AABB-accredited. It is important to note that these "resellers" – who are not AABB-accredited – will claim to use an AABB-accredited lab for their testing. For the purposes of this request, samples collected from and comparative tests arranged through "resellers" will not be accepted. A current list of accredited facilities is attached to this notice (taken from the [www.aabb.org](http://www.aabb.org) website).

The blood sample must be taken by a licensed phlebotomist or physician. Such licensed individual must sign and date the attached document attesting that they collected the blood sample from the same individual as the one who appears in the photo affixed to the attached document. The licensed phlebotomist or physician must also provide their state license number. The AABB-accredited lab will coordinate the testing of your claimed relative if they reside overseas.

The test results must be submitted in an unopened envelope. Photocopies will not be accepted. The results must include the lab's analysis which discusses the significance of their findings and an explanation (in layman's terms) of what the percentage of excludability actually means. An analysis prepared by a representative or attorney will not be considered. The test results should be sent to [address of USCIS office requesting test] and to the attention of [the USCIS officer requesting test].

If you fail to comply with ALL of the above, your test results will not be given full probative weight.

Please be aware of the following. DNA testing is absolutely voluntary. The costs of DNA testing and related expenses (such as doctor's fees and the cost of transmitting testing materials and blood samples) must be borne exclusively by the petitioner. Submitting to DNA testing is in no way a guarantee of the approval of the petition.