

**Genetic Testing to Support U.S. Citizenship Determination
American Citizens Services
U.S. Consulate General Mumbai**

You have been asked to provide proof that you have a biological relationship with a child for whom you are seeking U.S. citizenship. DNA testing, which analyzes the genetic material present in human cells, has been found to be more than 99 percent accurate in verifying parent-child relationships. Testing is entirely voluntary and you are responsible for paying all associated costs.

Overview of steps in the DNA testing process (complete instructions are below):

1. You select an AABB-accredited DNA laboratory in the United States
2. The AABB laboratory sends the testing kit to the U.S. Consulate
3. You make an appointment with American Citizens Services for the Consular Report of Birth Abroad and passport applications.
4. You contact the Fraud Prevention Unit at the U.S. Consulate to schedule a DNA appointment
5. On the morning of your DNA appointment, you pay the technician fee at Lilavati Hospital
6. After paying the technician fee, you come to the U.S. Consulate for your appointments

Complete Instructions:

1. You select an AABB-accredited DNA laboratory in the United States.

You are responsible for contacting the laboratory directly and making the necessary arrangements (including payment) for the genetic testing. The lab must be an AABB accredited lab.

AABB accredited labs are listed at:

[AABB Accredited Relationship \(DNA\) Testing Facilities
\(http://www.aabb.org/sa/facilities/Pages/RTestAccrFac.aspx\)](http://www.aabb.org/sa/facilities/Pages/RTestAccrFac.aspx)

When selecting a DNA laboratory, you must ensure the facility:

- Processes buccal swab tests
- Processes testing for the particular relationship in question
- Will ship test kits internationally

You are also responsible for:

- Compliance with the chosen laboratory's requirements for the handling of the test kit.
- Pre-payment for return shipping
Note: The consulate will not schedule a DNA collection appointment unless evidence of return shipping prepayment is received with the DNA kit. A prepaid number must be posted on the label/air bill.
- Ensuring the Consulate receives an authority letter from the testing laboratory guaranteeing payment for the cost of the kit's return shipment.

2. The AABB laboratory sends the testing kit to the U.S Consulate.

The U.S. laboratory you've chosen must send the DNA kits with detailed instructions and the pre-paid return shipping information directly to the U.S. Consulate at the following address:

Fraud Prevention Unit
American Consulate General
C-49, G Block Bandra Kurla Complex, Bandra (East)
Mumbai 400 051
Telephone +91-22-2672-4000

3. You make an appointment with American Citizens Services for the Consular Report of Birth Abroad and passport applications.

Make sure to read the [ACS website on Births Abroad and Citizenship](#) thoroughly for information on application procedures, applications, documents, and fees.

[Make an appointment online here](#). Please note: you must have the Indian birth certificate in hand before the ACS appointment. Schedule accordingly.

If you would like to schedule a DNA appointment for the same day as your ACS CRBA and passport appointment, please choose an ACS appointment on Tuesday or Thursday, preferably in the 10:30 am slot.

4. You contact the Fraud Prevention Unit at the U.S. Consulate to schedule a DNA appointment

Once the kit is received by the Consulate **and** you have made your ACS appointment for CRBA application, contact the Fraud Prevention Unit to schedule a DNA collection appointment by sending an email to MumbaiF@state.gov

- Appointments are offered from 11:45 am to early afternoon on Tuesdays and Thursdays only, at the U.S. Consulate
- Your DNA appointment may take place on or after the day of your appointment with American Citizens Services.

5. On the morning of your DNA appointment, pay the technician fee at Lilavati Hospital

On the morning of your DNA appointment at the Consulate, you must pay fees at Lilavati Hospital before coming to the U.S. Consulate. The fee covers the cost of the hospital providing a lab technician for the DNA collection at our facility. It is 300 INR per person (e.g. a total of 600 INR for one parent and one child, or 900 INR for one parent and two children).

1. Go to the Cashier's Window, located on the 2nd floor of the hospital. The Cashier's Window is open only from 8:30 – 10:00 a.m.

2. The cashier will check your name against a list of DNA appointments for the day provided by the Consulate. You must have a DNA appointment with the Fraud Prevention Unit (see above) before attempting to pay.
3. Present the child's birth certificate and the parent's passport as photo identification.
4. Pay the fees.
5. Provide one copy of the receipt to the pathology lab which is also located on the 2nd floor of the hospital and bring your copy of the receipt to the Consulate for your DNA appointment.

Hospital address:

Lilavati Hospital
A - 791, Bandra Reclamation
Bandra West, Mumbai – 400050
+91 22 2675 1000
www.lilavatihospital.com

6. After paying the technician fee, come to the U.S. Consulate for your appointments

For the ACS appointments, ensure you have all the documentation necessary as listed on the website here: [Births Abroad and Citizenship](#)

For the DNA collection appointment at the U.S. Consulate, you must provide:

- Test subjects' original passports and photocopies of passports. If no passport exists, as in the case of an infant, please present the original birth certificate plus a photocopy.
- Passport-size photos of parent and child test subjects
- Hospital receipt for paid DNA collection fees (see above)

Following the DNA collection, the Consulate will ship the test kit back to your chosen laboratory. Test results must be sent directly to the Consulate. You will be contacted when the results are received.

The Consulate will accept test results by email. Your lab should send them to MumbaiF@state.gov and MumbaiACS@state.gov. If they ask for authorization from the Consulate have them email the above addresses directly with the request. You can also point them to our website, which includes these instructions.

For more information about DNA tests, contact the Consulate's Fraud Prevention Unit:

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