

Procedure abroad

Legal DNA sampling



If one or more participants are not staying in the Netherlands, you can request a so-called procedure for DNA sampling abroad. Verilabs has the possibility to request legal DNA sampling at Dutch embassies, consulates and other partners around the globe. If you would like to have DNA samples taken abroad, please contact us and we will find the nearest embassy, consulate or partner that can take DNA samples.

Our procedure for a legal DNA test with DNA sampling abroad

1. **Request:** You can request a legal DNA test by filling in the request form on <https://www.verilabs.nl/aanvraagformulier/>
2. **Payment:** Once we have received the request form, we will send you a quotation or invoice with a detailed quote for the DNA test at Verilabs. **Please note:** the costs that need to be paid at the embassy/consulate are not included in our invoice/quotation. At the embassy/consulate you need to pay €60,- per 2 persons (in local currency) administration costs as well as the costs for the person/doctor who takes the DNA samples. These costs need to be paid, usually in cash, during the appointment for DNA sampling.
3. **Sending the request to the embassy/consulate:** We will send the request for DNA sampling to the Dutch embassy/consulate or partner once we have received a deposit of at least €300,-. Of course, you can also pay the full invoice/quotation in one payment.
4. **Appointment in the Netherlands:** The participant(s) in the Netherlands can make an appointment for DNA sampling in Gouda by calling our phone number 085-105 14 15.
5. **Appointment at the embassy/consulate:** Usually, the embassy/consulate contacts the contact person themselves to make an appointment for the DNA sampling. If that's not the case and you need to contact them yourself, we will inform you about this. While confirming the appointment abroad we advise you to ask them what the participant(s) needs to bring. Normally, the participants need to bring the following:
 - ☐ Valid ID card or passport.
Please note: due to strict rules regarding the acceptance of DNA reports, we advise all participants aged 7 or older to show a valid ID at the appointment. If there is no valid passport or ID, Verilabs cannot guarantee that the report will be accepted.
 - ☐ Recent passport photos.
 - ☐ Cash money (local currency) for the DNA sampling.
 - ☐ A (certified) translator if they don't speak the working language of the embassy/consulate.
6. **Sending the samples to Verilabs.** After the DNA sampling abroad has taken place the DNA samples will be send to Verilabs to further process them. **Please note:** it can take several weeks before Verilabs receives the DNA samples.
7. **Start of analysis in the laboratory:** Verilabs will start the analysis of the samples in the lab once all the DNA samples are received and the full invoice/quotation has been paid.
8. **Report:** After the analysis of the samples has started in the lab, the report will be finished in about 15 working days. Once the report is ready, we will send it by mail to the report address you have given us.

Frequently Asked Questions

How long does the entire procedure take?

Verilabs cannot precisely indicate how long the whole procedure will take, since Verilabs relies on the shipment of the DNA-samples from abroad. We therefore cannot provide any guarantees regarding the date on which the DNA test/report will be completed. If you have a deadline for the report, please inform us and we will do our best to make the deadline. However, Verilabs still can never guarantee that we can make your deadline.

Can I request an urgent procedure?

No, we cannot offer urgent procedures for DNA tests where sampling is done abroad. But we do our best to help you as quickly as possible.

When do I get an appointment at the embassy/consulate?

When the embassy/consulate schedules an appointment depends on how busy they are and on the availability of the person/doctor that takes the DNA samples. It can take several days up to several months before you can get an appointment, depending on the embassy/consulate.

The embassies/consulates on the locations down below will contact you to make an appointment:
Accra, Addis Abeba, Algiers, Amman, Athene, Bagdad, Bangkok, Bern, Colombo, Dakar, Dhaka, Doha, Dubai, Erbil, Hanoi, Harare, Ho Chi Minh, Jakarta, Kairo, Kampala, Kiev, Kigali, Kinshasa, Kopenhagen, Lima, Lissabon, Ljubljana, Luanda, Madrid, Manilla, Mexico City, Moskou, Nairobi, New York City, Nicosia, Oslo, Ottawa, Panama, Paramaribo, Parijs, Peking, Pretoria, Riga, Riyadh, San Francisco, Santa Domingo, São Paulo, Sofia, Stockholm, St Petersburg, Sydney, Tel Aviv, Tbilisi, Toronto, Tunis, Valletta, Vilnius, Washington D.C., Wellington
You must contact the embassies/consulates on the locations below yourself to make an appointment after we have informed you:
Abuja, Ankara, Atlanta, Bamako, Beiroet, Belgrado, Berlijn, Bogota, Cotonou, Dar es Salaam, Dublin, Ghangzou, Islamabad, Istanboel, Juba, Kuala Lumpur, Lagos, Londen, Luxemburg, Miami, Muscat, New Delhi, Port of Spain, Rabat, Rome, San Jose, Seoel, Shanghai, Singapore, Teheran, Tokio, Warschau, Wenen

Is your location not included in the overview up here? Please contact us for the possibilities. Depending on local circumstances, a location may be closed for DNA sampling.