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## Parentage testing in German immigration and visa cases by DNA analysis

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*Do you have to apply for a German entry visa for your child?*

*Do you need officially recognised documents on the identity of your child?*

*Have you been asked by the German immigration authorities or by a German embassy abroad to produce a parentage expertise?*

Then we can help! We offer a simple and rapid DNA test based on the analysis of saliva samples which can be obtained fast and painlessly from you and your child. The resulting expertise is performed following the official German guidelines for parentage testing. It is recognised by the German authorities as a legal proof for the descent of your children.

*How can you order this test, and how is it carried out?*

Please contact us by telephone for a free appointment to discuss your case. Please bring the following documents, if available:

- your passport and proof of residence,
- a letter by the German authority or embassy in charge of your case, including a reference number when you have already filed a visa application,

- personal documents of your child (passport, ID card), or copies,
- information on the place of residence of your child, including the name, address and phone number of the custodian in your home country,
- an initial payment in case you want to order the test immediately.

If all persons to be tested are already living in Germany the genetic samples can be taken at our institute any time. If the child is still living in your home country we can assist you with the organisation to obtain the sample. We will contact the particular German embassy abroad, and send material necessary for collecting the sample. Furthermore, a form to document the sampling procedure and the identity of the person will be included which requires a passport photo of the child.

The sample collection is usually performed either directly in the embassy, or carried out by a local doctor on behalf of the embassy. A buccal swab from the inside of the mouth will be collected which will not cause any risk or pain. The shipment of samples is arranged with the help of the courier service of the German Federal Foreign Office. As soon as we receive all samples, the results of the test are typically done within two weeks. If you wish we can directly send the results to the German authority or embassy in charge of your case.

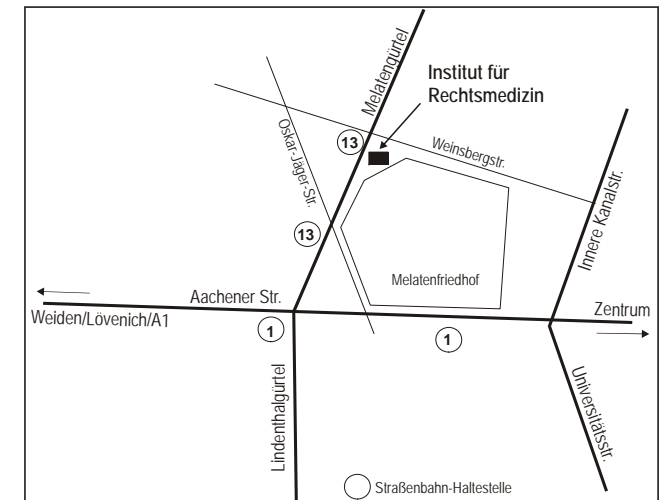
Please contact us directly for further inquiries, as well as to receive information about the costs for this test.

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