

Thank you for choosing DNA SOLUTIONS for your Kinship Test

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When you call DNA SOLUTIONS, you are dealing directly with scientists and the laboratory that is testing your samples. Many online operators are only middle-men between the client and the laboratory, leaving you without qualified technical support; when you send your samples to DNA Solutions, you are guaranteed a direct access to our team of experts.

DNA SOLUTIONS was the **first company to offer home collection kits for paternity testing back in 1997**. Since then, we have been regularly serving people all around the world, operating from our many worldwide locations and giving free online multi-lingual support available 22 hours per day.

Our kit allows people to take an extremely accurate paternity test in the comfort and privacy of their home, using a painless mouth swab or other type of discreet sample. This download version of the kit has been specifically prepared for you to collect the samples with regular cotton buds, keeping the same accuracy as if you had taken the samples with our kits. The download paternity test kit assists people needing testing performed quickly and/or discreetly. In the following pages you will find the instructions and paperwork needed to take your paternity test right now.

Please do not hesitate in contacting us should you have any questions regarding our tests or procedures: 0207 023 9281, dna@dnasolutions.co.uk.

TAKING A KINSHIP TEST

You have several options for your kinship test. Please read the details of each test and contact us if you have any questions about which analysis is more suitable for you.

Test for Male Relationships - Y Chromosome Test - £229, accuracy of 99.99%:

This test verifies if two males (or more) share the same paternal line. For example, two brothers, paternal grandfather-grandson, uncle-nephew, etc. This is possible thanks to the fact that all men in a family share the same Y chromosome, which is passed down from father to son. Therefore, this test cannot be used if the people tested could have another biological relationship on the paternal line. For example, when testing two brothers to know if they share the same father, this test could not be ordered if they suspect their biological father could be another male in the family.

Test for Female Relationships - X Chromosome Test - £199, accuracy of 99.9%:

This test is mainly used to check if two alleged sisters share the same biological father, from whom they would have inherited the same X chromosome. If the sisters share the same biological mother, then they must submit her sample for this test. If the possible father (or mothers, if different) share a biological relationship (for example, brothers), then this test cannot be carried out. The X Chromosome Test can also be used for other relationships, like paternal grandmother-granddaughter.

Test for Siblings (different sexes) or Other Relationships - Full Sibling or Kinship Test - £299, accuracy over 80%:

This test is mainly used to verify if two (or more) siblings share the same father. It can also check if they share the same father and mother. Nonetheless, the Kinship Test can also be used for many other relationships, like paternal grandfather-granddaughter, paternal grandmother-grandson, etc. Analysing 18 regions of DNA, a thorough statistic study is done to conclude the probability of the people tested sharing a certain biological relationship. It is important to bear in mind that there is always a small chance of obtaining an inconclusive result; that is, not being able to determine whether the people tested are related or not. For this test, additional samples from other relatives could be helpful (for example, the mother's sample when verifying paternity).

Test for Maternal Relationships - Mitochondrial DNA Test - £199:

This test verifies relationships on the maternal line. Mitochondrial DNA is inherited only from one's mother. This means that relationships on the maternal line can be traced only analysing this type of DNA, as only females pass it down to her descendants. For example, this test can be used to check if two siblings (regardless of their gender) share the same mother. It is also valid for other relationships, like maternal grandmother-grandchild.

* The tests offered by DNA Solutions are peace of mind tests and the results cannot be used for legal purposes.

ANCESTRY TESTING - SPECIAL OFFER

Ancestry Tests are based on the analysis of the Y chromosome (only present in men) and the mitochondrial DNA (present in both men and women). Through these analyses, you will know to which haplogroup you belong and, therefore, you will learn about your past, where you come from and where your ancestors originated. For more information on these tests, please consult our website or contact us. **You can order these tests online, or right now for a discounted rate** (see order form).

THE PAPERWORK

Following you will find the **Sample Form** that you must fill out. You only need to **include the details for those people who are being tested**. Please use the same identification on both the form and the sample packages. You do not have to provide the full names of those tested if you do not wish to, you can identify the samples just with their first names or by another code (i.e. "brother 1"/"brother 2", "sample A"/"sample B", etc.); but please remember that the identification given will be showing on your results.

On the form you will also stipulate **the test you want to order** and **how you wish to receive your results**: email, post and/or telephone.

We also offer various **testing extras** you can order, such as receiving the **reports of your analysis**: the **print out of the DNA profiles** (showing the values of the DNA markers on a graphic form), the **allele report** (showing the values of the DNA markers on a table), and the **region report** (showing the regions tested and whether or not they have matched).

Finally, **please read and sign the Terms & Conditions page**. The test cannot be performed if you do not sign this page authorising us to analyse the samples. We recommend that you also **write a password** for your test; information regarding your test will only be given to those who provide the correct password. We also recommend that you keep a copy of your paperwork. **Please make sure that you send both the submission form and the terms & conditions page**.

TAKING THE SAMPLES

The standard sample we work with is the mouth swab. A swab sample, once taken, will last for a very long time; DNA can be extracted from these samples weeks, months or even years after it was collected. This means the sample can be safely mailed long distances. **Attached you will find our step-by-step instructions** to collect this sample.

NON STANDARD OR "DISCREET" SAMPLES

Sometimes, the person taking the test may wish to act more discreetly, in order to save others or the children from unnecessary stress and anxiety. If taking a mouth swab is too difficult, then we may be able to work with other samples (i.e. hairs, nail clipping, ear wax, used toothbrush, etc.). **Please contact us by phone, chat or email to discuss what sample you may be able to use and how to collect it.**

CONFIDENTIALITY

DNA SOLUTIONS follows a strict confidentiality policy. Under no circumstances is information regarding your tests passed to a third party without prior position from the signatory requesting the DNA test. For more information on our privacy policies please refer to our website.

TERMS AND CONDITIONS

1. We (DNA Solutions) warrant that the result of the analysis of biological samples provided, whose testing you authorise, is correct but subject to a margin of error of 0.001%. No further representation, warranty, or undertaking is given or made in relation to the result of analysis.
2. The information contained in the result of analysis is prepared solely for the use of the customer to whom it is given or sent by DNA Solutions.
3. In the very unlikely event that the result of analysis is found to be in error, being the error caused by DNA Solutions or one of its partners, we shall refund to you any amount you have paid us in respect of the analysis. Alternatively, we shall perform further analysis at no charge to you, the customer.
4. Subject to paragraph 3 above, we shall not be liable for any loss or damage suffered by you or any other person as a result of the provision to you of a result of analysis, the activity of the company or any error that may occur while the samples were in possession of DNA Solutions.
5. You understand that the result of the analysis is solely provided for your private use. Given that the samples are submitted directly by the client, and that they do not follow a chain of custody, DNA Solutions cannot verify their origin and, in consequence, the result of the analysis is not suitable for legal purposes.
6. You warrant that you are legally entitled to possession of the samples you have provided to us. You agree to indemnify us against any loss or damage that we may suffer as a result of any illegal activity related to the requested service and in which you may have taken part directly or indirectly. You should obtain independent legal advice about your legal entitlement to take or obtain samples of biological material from persons other than yourself. We make no representation that you are legally entitled to perform any particular act in order to obtain biological samples for analysis, and we will not indemnify the customer or any other person for any illegal act derived directly or indirectly from the sample collection or the test.
7. If a supplied discreet sample is deemed to be insufficient for testing purposes, we will test a standard sample (mouth swab) at no extra charge. If the new sample is again a discreet one, a new fee for this type of samples will apply. If a third sample is needed, the client agrees to pay, not only the fee for discreet sample if applies, but also 50% of the chosen test. In any case will the fee for a discreet sample be refunded once the test has begun.
8. The analysis will not begin until the service has been paid in full.
9. If DNA test services are paid and then cancelled before the test has begun, a £30 refund processing fee will be deducted. If DNA test services are paid and then cancelled once the test has begun, no refund will apply and results will be issued. Any deposits paid for the shipping of the sample collection kit will not be refunded in any case.
10. Under special circumstances, you may pay by cheque, but you agree to pay £5 extra for your test, £50 for any returned cheques and you will have to take into consideration that your result will be only provided once your cheque(s) has cleared.
11. You agree to allow any DNA information obtained to be used anonymously for scientific statistical purposes.
12. DNA SOLUTIONS gives test results faster than its advertised time in over 99% of cases, no liability is accepted for late results. The promised date of receipt refers only to the result of the test, not including any additional report requested. We will not accept responsibility for any delay caused by a third party. Persons who have paid an additional fee for express results, shall receive 20% of that express fee refunded for every day past the promised date of receipt of results, or until the entire express fee is refunded in full.
13. DNA SOLUTIONS does not offer an on-site representation for ratifying the results. The client understands and accepts that, in case the presence of a technician or any other personnel of DNA Solutions or any of its associates for any kind of process, this service will not be offered. In case of a subpoena, the client accepts to pay the charges for this service, as well as any other expenses derived from it.
14. DNA SOLUTIONS will process 18 loci for an order of a 18-Loci Premium Test and 23 loci for an order of a 23-Loci Super test. In the advent that any loci fail to yield a result (i.e. such as can more often happen with difficult, damaged or older samples) the customer shall accept a result allowing for at least 16 of 18 (for 18-Loci Premium Test) and 18 of 23 (for 23-Loci Super Test) to have yielded a final result.

I hereby agree to the terms and conditions set out above and confirm the information I have given is correct.

SIGNED _____ DATE _____

NAME (Please print) _____

SIGNED _____ DATE _____

NAME (Please print) _____

Written results can only be supplied to persons who agree and sign the terms and conditions (above). For security purposes, please give us a password, we will ask for this password if you call us for information regarding your test results. (Please remember your password)

MY SECURITY PASSWORD IS: _____