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Maxxam is an approved supplier to Citizenship and Immigration Canada (CIC) for DNA testing

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DNA testing may be used to verify biological relationships among family members as part of an application to immigrate to Canada. Whether you need help in testing a family member overseas or testing a sponsor here in Canada, we are here to help you. Our experienced bilingual customer service and scientific specialists will help ensure you get the proper testing and reliable results that are required by Citizenship & Immigration Canada (CIC).

Maxxam set precedent in Canada by becoming the first Standards Council of Canada (SCC) accredited DNA laboratory approved by CIC to provide DNA testing for immigration. We are also the only DNA laboratory in Canada entrusted with exclusive, province-wide government contracts for DNA testing services.

Five Easy Steps

Step 1: Call Maxxam to discuss your specific case requirements with one of our Immigration DNA experts.

Step 2: Maxxam will coordinate & schedule DNA sample collection appointments (that include identity verification) and we will notify the appropriate CIC/CHC offices that your DNA testing requirements are in process.

Step 3: Pay Maxxam for the DNA testing that is required to support your immigration application.

Step 4: DNA samples are collected and sent following strict "chain of custody protocols" to our laboratory for analysis.

Step 5: Clients (and their legal representative(s) as appropriate) receive a confidential report with conclusive results within 3 to 5 business days after receipt of all specimens at our laboratory.

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Helpful Hints

Before you call, make sure you have:

- A copy of your Citizenship & Immigration Canada (CIC) letter or Canadian High Commission (CHC) letter requesting DNA testing (including your unique client ID)
- Lawyer or immigration consultant contact information (if applicable)
- Each applicant's contact details

Convenient payment methods include: credit card, certified cheque, money order or wire transfer.



Maxxam is the Canadian market leader in analytical services and solutions to the energy, environmental, food and DNA industries and a member of the Bureau Veritas Group of companies – a world leader in testing, inspection and certification services. We support critical decisions made by our customers through the application of rigorous science and the knowledge and expertise of our over 2500 employees.

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Standard DNA testing for an immigration application confirms who are the biological father (paternity) and mother (maternity) of the children in a family. DNA testing can also be performed in cases that require proof of other biological family relationships that may be required for an immigration sponsorship application. These include:

- **Brother/Sister:** A test between two or more individuals to determine if they are full or half siblings.
- **Aunt/Uncle:** A test to determine the probability that a person is the biological aunt or uncle of a niece or nephew.
- **Grandparent:** A test to establish a biological relationship between a child and alleged grandparent(s).
- **Male Relatedness:** A test used to verify relationships between male biological relatives. It can be useful in cases when the alleged father of a child is missing or deceased. Using Y-STR analysis, this test looks at the amount of DNA sharing with an uncle, cousin or grandfather within the male family tree.

Final results are presented as 'statistical probabilities' of the stated relationship based on shared DNA between the individuals being tested.

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For over 14 years, Maxxam has been providing accurate, fast and competitively-priced DNA testing services to local and overseas immigration applicants, immigration lawyers, consultants and CIC offices throughout the world. Since 2000, we have tested immigration DNA samples from over 100 countries worldwide and we have strong relationships with all international embassies and consulates.

Timely Service: Results ready within 3 to 5 business days after receipt of all samples. We offer bilingual (French/English) customer service and reporting.

No Hidden Costs: Competitively priced, all-inclusive service available to most countries (including overseas courier fees).

Expertise and Experience: As the largest private DNA laboratory in Canada, our highly skilled team is at your service. Our specialists are available to provide affidavits, court testimony and expert interpretation of results if needed for complex situations.

Convenience: We will arrange sample collection for local sponsor(s) at any one of over 450 authorized collection sites throughout Canada - usually within 24 hours.

Privacy: Since our laboratory and corporate offices are located in Canada, all client information is protected under stringent Canadian Federal and Provincial Privacy Laws.