

PERMISSIBLE/IMPERMISSIBLE LANGUAGE FOR THIRD PARTY COLLECTORS

Background: USCIS, Passport Agencies, and U.S. Embassies will only accept DNA Test results when the case is initiated by, and reported directly from, a laboratory or collection and verification site accredited by AABB for relationship testing activities. AABB Accredited Relationship Testing Facilities are permitted to post their accreditation certificate online and to state in their promotional material that they are AABB accredited.

Third parties, such as brokers, are not permitted to claim AABB accreditation or use language that could confuse or mislead prospective customers into thinking they are accredited by AABB. Similarly, third parties are not permitted to post on their website, AABB accreditation documents (such as letters or certificates of accreditation) even if they send collected samples to an AABB accredited lab to be tested.

In order to provide clarification as to what language is and is not permitted for use by third party collectors, AABB provides the following examples. These examples are not intended to be an exhaustive list and AABB explicitly reserves the right to evaluate claims made in promotional material on a case-by-case basis and take appropriate actions to enforce its all of its rights, including intellectual property rights.

Examples of Permissible Language:

1. We can collect a sample for immigration testing as directed by an AABB accredited facility; in order to initiate your case, please contact any of the facilities listed on the AABB web site.
2. Facilities that we partner with are accredited by AABB.
3. We use facilities that are accredited by AABB to conduct legal, chain of custody testing.
4. To learn more about our relationship testing services, call __phone number__.

Examples of Impermissible Language:

1. Our lab is AABB accredited.
2. Our lab is accredited by AABB to conduct USCIS-required relationship testing.
3. Are you and your family in need of AABB Accredited DNA Relationship testing services for immigration purposes? If so, we can help you through the process the correct way.
4. To learn more about the DNA testing process, contact one of our AABB Testing Experts today at __phone number__.