

UK Spouse Visa Guide Tuberculosis testing May 2024

Countries where you need a TB test for your UK visa application

Afghanistan	Guatemala	Pakistan
Algeria	Guinea*	Palau*
Angola	Guinea Bissau*	Papua New Guinea
Armenia	Guyana	Panama
Azerbaijan	Haiti	Paraguay
Bangladesh	Hong Kong	Peru
Belarus	India	Philippines
Benin*	Indonesia	Russia
Bhutan	Iraq	Rwanda
Bolivia	Kazakhstan	São Tomé and Príncipe*
Botswana	Kenya	Senegal
Brunei	Kiribati*	Sierra Leone
Burkina Faso*	Kyrgyzstan*	Solomon Islands
Burundi	Laos	Somalia*
Cambodia	Lesotho*	South Africa
Cape Verde *	Liberia*	South Korea
Central African Republic*	Macau*	South Sudan*
Chad	Madagascar	Sri Lanka
Cameroon	Malawi	Sudan
China	Malaysia	Suriname*
Congo*	Mali*	Swaziland*
Côte d'Ivoire / Ivory Coast	Marshall Islands*	Tajikistan
Democratic Republic Congo	Mauritania*	Tanzania
Djibouti*	Micronesia*	Togo*
Dominican Republic	Moldova	Thailand
East Timor*	Mongolia	Turkmenistan
Ecuador	Morocco	Tuvalu*
Equatorial Guinea*	Mozambique	Uganda
Eritrea*	Myanmar (Burma)	Ukraine
Ethiopia	Namibia	Uzbekistan
Gabon*	Nepal	Vanuatu
Gambia	Niger*	Vietnam
Georgia	Nigeria	Zambia
Ghana	North Korea	Zimbabwe

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The following will not be required to obtain a certificate:

- diplomatic passport holders travelling on official business or on a posting to the UK
- those who qualify for exempt visa
- those applying for a certificate of entitlement

Approved clinics

IOM Migration Health Assessment Center (MHAC)

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Online booking system: https://mymedical.iom.int/apps/omas/#_frmHome
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Operating hours:

- Monday to Thursday, 8am to 5:30pm
- Friday, 8am to 2pm

Closed on national holidays.

Test fees

11 years and above	Below 11 years
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130 USD	60 USD
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The fee for reissuing a TB clearance certificate is 10 USD. This usually happens when applicants make mistakes during registration and request a new certificate.

The fee must be paid in Ethiopian Birr (ETB) or US dollars (USD) at the clinic before your medical examination. The fee in ETB can be found on the [IOM website \(https://ethiopia.iom.int/services\)](https://ethiopia.iom.int/services).

What you should bring with you

- a valid identity document or passport
- UNHCR/MHA registration documents for refugee applicants

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Operating hours:

- Monday to Friday, 8am to 5pm
- Saturday, 8am to 12pm

Test fees

The fee for the test is 2,780 ETB, which includes consultation and x-ray fees

but excludes sputum examinations when required.

What you should bring with you

- valid identification which contains your photograph, such as a passport, national ID card or Refugee Asylum Seeker Card
- consultation and TB test fees (x-rays, sputum when necessary)

Attending the clinic

You should contact the clinic to book an appointment at least 10 weeks before your travel to allow processing in case you may require further testing after the initial examination. You should make it clear you need the test for a UK visa application.

Test fees

The cost of the test is in addition to the visa application fee.

The fee is not refundable if you test positive for TB or decide not travel to the UK, or your visa is refused.

The test fee does not cover treatment if you already have TB.

Step-by-step procedures

- the medical examination will be processed on Monday to Thursday from 8:30am to 4pm and on Friday 8am to 12:30pm
- all visa applicants must attend the clinic for the assessment with all the required documents
- the initial examination will include a counselling session and signing a consent form
- applicants aged 10 and under will go through a medical examination by the physician before a certificate is issued
- applicants aged 11 and above will have a chest x-ray done; applicants will then be reviewed by the doctor with the chest x-ray result before a certificate is issued

- additional sputum smears and cultures medical procedures may apply in case of abnormal chest x-ray findings and could take up to 8 weeks to get the final results
- a TB clearance certificate will be issued to the applicant on the day of the examination if the examination result is considered free of active pulmonary TB disease
- if you do not return within 7 days for sputum collection, you will not get a TB clearance certificate
- you will be given further testing or told to contact your own health care provider if the examination results are abnormal but the abnormality is not related to TB disease
- the TB clearance certificate expires 6 months from the chest x-ray date if you had a chest x-ray done, or 6 months from the physical examination date if you don't need a chest x-ray
- the TB clearance certificate is valid for 3 months if you have been in contact with a family member with active pulmonary TB
- female applicants may be requested to undergo a pregnancy test, in case there is uncertainty as to whether they may be pregnant
- pregnant applicants can decide not to get a chest x-ray examination and instead either give sputum for a TB test on 3 consecutive mornings or delay the TB screening until after giving birth

Read more information on [TB screening requirements \(https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/tuberculosis-tb-screening-for-the-uk-leaflet\)](https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/tuberculosis-tb-screening-for-the-uk-leaflet) for people applying for a UK visa in countries where TB is common.