

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

***get tested in another country**

Your test must be from a clinic approved by the Home Office and you will need to obtain an IOM medical certificate confirming that you are free from TB. We will not accept a TB test certificate from a clinic we have not approved.

You do not need a certificate if you:

- are a diplomatic passport holder travelling on official business or on a posting to the UK
- qualify for an exempt visa
- are applying for a certificate of entitlement

There are no approved clinics in Guinea so if you're from there you'll need to travel to Sierra Leone to be tested.

Approved clinic

International Organization for Migration (IOM)

18A New Signal Hill Road
Freetown
Sierra Leone

Mobile: +232 99 606064

Email: uktbfreetown@iom.int

Website: <http://register-uktb.iom.int/uktbdp-register> (<http://register-uktb.iom.int/uktbdp-register>)

Attending the clinic

You should contact the clinic to book an appointment and make it clear you need the test for a UK visa application.

You can expect to get an appointment within a few days of your request. At busy times you may have to wait 10 days for an appointment, especially

during the UK student visa peak season between July and October.

If you need to cancel your appointment, you should contact the clinic as soon as possible.

If you would like an appointment with a female clinician, please ask the clinic when you schedule your appointment.

You'll be given a chest x-ray [to test for TB \(https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/tuberculosis-tb-screening-for-the-uk-leaflet\)](https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/tuberculosis-tb-screening-for-the-uk-leaflet). If the result of the x-ray is not clear, you may also be asked to give a sputum sample (phlegm coughed up from your lungs).

If your test shows that you do not have TB, you'll be given a certificate which is valid for 6 months from the date of your x-ray. Include this certificate with your UK visa application.

What you should bring with you

- proof of identification, which contains your photograph, such as your passport
- UNHCR/MHA registration documents if you are a refugee applicant
- if you have had TB in the past or have any other lung disease, you should provide details of your previous screening and, if possible, your medical notes and x-ray results

Test fees

11 years and above	Below 11 years
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140 USD	50 USD
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The test fee does not cover treatment if you have TB.

Payment

Payment must be made before the medical examination in US dollars (USD) or equivalent in Sierra Leone Leones.

Please pay by bank deposit to the following account:

Name of the bank: Standard Chartered
Branch: main branch (Lightfoot Boston Street Freetown, Sierra Leone)
Account holder: International Organization for Migration
Account no: 8700100007200 for USD and 0100100007200 for SLE

Please show proof of the payment to IOM office when reporting for your registration.

Step-by-step procedures

- the medical examination will be processed on Monday to Friday
- 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.