

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
Botswana	Kenya	Principe*
Brunei	Kiribati*	Senegal
Burkina Faso*	Kyrgyzstan*	Sierra Leone
Burundi	Laos	Solomon Islands
Cambodia	Lesotho*	Somalia*
Cape Verde *	Liberia*	South Africa
Central African Republic*	Macau*	South Korea
Chad	Madagascar	South Sudan*
Cameroon	Malawi	Sri Lanka
China	Malaysia	Sudan
Congo*	Mali*	Suriname*
Côte d'Ivoire / Ivory Coast	Marshall Islands*	Swaziland*
Democratic Republic Congo	Mauritania*	Tajikistan
Djibouti*	Micronesia*	Tanzania
Dominican Republic	Moldova	Togo*
East Timor*	Mongolia	Thailand
Ecuador	Morocco	Turkmenistan
Equatorial Guinea*	Mozambique	Tuvalu*
Eritrea*	Myanmar (Burma)	Uganda
Ethiopia	Namibia	Ukraine
Gabon*	Nepal	Uzbekistan
Gambia	Niger*	Vanuatu
Georgia	Nigeria	Vietnam
Ghana	North Korea	Zambia
		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

Approved clinic

MHAC Kassala

House No. 84
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Al-Thawra
Kassala

Telephone:

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- +249 12 319 6097

Email:

- SudanUKTB@iom.int for TB screening
- krtmhd@iom.int

Website: <https://sudan.iom.int/migration-health-0> (<https://sudan.iom.int/migration-health-0>)

Online booking: <https://register-uktb.iom.int/uktbdp-register/login.jsp> (<https://register-uktb.iom.int/uktbdp-register/login.jsp>)

Operating hours: Sunday to Thursday, 8am to 4pm.

Closed on national holidays.

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, 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.

Applicants under the age of 18 must be accompanied by a parent or guardian who can provide consent and make decisions on their behalf.

What you should bring with you

- valid 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
- photo ID of the accompanying parent or guardian

Test fees

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130 USD	65 USD

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

Payment

Payments should be made through bank deposit at the Bank of Khartoum on the day of the migration health assessment in Sudanese Pounds (SDG) after receiving an invoice with the exchange rate from the clinic. Direct transfer from the MBOK application is not accepted.

Step-by-step procedures

- the medical examination will be processed on Sunday to Thursday from 8am to 4:30pm
- 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.