



This sheet provides information about health processing in the Philippines. For detailed general information about health requirements see the following information sheets at the department website.

<http://www.immi.gov.au/allforms/health-requirements/index.htm>
[1071i - Health Requirement for Permanent Entry to Australia](#)
[1163i - Health Requirement for Temporary Entry to Australia](#)

Who are the main groups who must undergo a medical examination and/or chest x-ray?

- all permanent visa applicants (including dependent children not included in the migration application) require a medical and chest x-ray
- temporary visa applicants 11 years of age or older where the proposed stay is longer than 3 months
- students
- all applicants 70 years of age or over any applicant where the assessing officer determines that medical examination is necessary

For further information about Australian visa health requirements, see [Form 1071i](#) or [Form 1163i](#).

Medical examinations

Medical examinations must be conducted by one of our approved Panel Doctors. Medical Examination forms are available from the Panel Doctors, or online if applying for an Evisa.

As health processing is one of the main reasons why applications take longer than the usual processing time, we encourage applicants to undergo their medical examination before lodgment of their application - however, this is your decision. An early health assessment can allow for any treatment or further testing to be undertaken while other visa requirements are being assessed.

Please note:

The Embassy has no liability or responsibility for the costs of medical examinations, even if the application is refused on other requirements after meeting the health requirement

Health clearances may sometimes expire during the processing of an application. If health clearance expires prior to decision, it is the responsibility of the applicant to undertake another examination and pay associated costs.

Payment for the medical examination

All costs related to the medical examination, including costs for any repeat tests and transportation of medical results to DIAC, are borne by applicants. The cost of the medical examination is determined by the Panel Doctor and accounts should be settled at the time of examination.

What a medical examination involves

1. Completing all sections of a medical form. Medical forms are available from the panel doctors.
2. Providing documents for identification purposes:
 - Passport-size pictures
 - Passport
3. Undergoing a physical examination. This varies depending on the visa applied for and the intended activity in Australia.

Additional tests

Chest x-ray for visa applicants over the age of 11
Urine tests for applicants who are aged over 5 years.
HIV (AIDS) antibody blood test (for all applicants for permanent visas who are aged 15 years or older)

If you have been treated for tuberculosis, have had an operation or have received significant medical treatment, please give copies of all previous medical reports and x-rays to the panel doctor.

The scope of the medical examination is limited to identifying health concerns of interest to Australia. If other health concerns are raised, applicants need to seek separate advice about treatment etc from their medical practitioner.

Female visa applicants:

If you are pregnant, you have the option of deferring any x-ray, and finalisation of your application, until after the baby is born. Alternatively, you may undergo an x-ray with an abdominal lead shield but you should discuss the risks with a doctor.

What happens next?

The Panel Doctor will return the forms and the results of the examinations to the Embassy directly. Your medical reports will then be assessed in Australia by our medical advisers. Please be patient when awaiting health clearances.

Panel Doctors

DIAC has authorised only certain doctors (Panel Doctors) to conduct medical examinations. This is done to ensure consistency in testing procedures across different countries.

An applicant only meets the health requirements when Health Assessment Services in Australia advise that the applicant's health is satisfactory.

Sometimes follow-up action or further testing is required to determine if the health requirement is met. If this happens, we will advise that you need to approach the same Panel Doctor.

Tuberculosis

The Philippines is rated as being "very high" risk for tuberculosis. If you have tuberculosis, you will not be granted a visa until it is resolved. This may mean undergoing further tests and tuberculosis treatment. Tuberculosis treatment can be for 6-12 months or longer. Detailed information on tuberculosis can be found at <http://www.immi.gov.au/media/factsheets/22health.htm>

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