

HEALTH REQUIREMENTS LEAFLET

This leaflet provides information on the New Zealand Immigration Service's (NZIS) health policy and health requirements.

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1. GENERAL INFORMATION

Applicants for entry to New Zealand are required to have an acceptable standard of health.

Important Note: From 28 November 2005, there will be changes to the health requirements for people entering New Zealand. These changes will affect all applications lodged on and after 28 November 2005. Both the current requirements and the new requirements are listed in this leaflet. Please read it carefully so that you understand the requirements which affect you.

a. What is an acceptable standard of health?

People are considered to have an acceptable standard of health if they are:

- unlikely to be a danger to public health, and
- unlikely to be a burden on New Zealand health services, and
- fit for the purpose of entry to New Zealand.

From 28 November 2005 people are considered to have an acceptable standard of health if they are:

- unlikely to be a danger to public health; and
- unlikely to impose significant costs or demands on New Zealand's health services or special education services; and
- able to perform the functions for which they have been granted entry.

b. What happens if I do not have an acceptable standard of health?

If you or any family member included in your application does not have an acceptable standard of health, your application will be declined unless a medical waiver is granted.

c. Medical waivers

Medical waivers can only be considered if all other requirements for approval of your application have been met. However, medical waivers cannot be granted to people where they:

- require dialysis treatment, or a consultant physician has indicated that they will require such treatment in the immediate future; or
- have active tuberculosis (TB); or
- have a mental disorder or intellectual disability that has needed care in a hospital or supervised residence for more than 90 days in the last two years; or
- have a physical incapacity that requires full-time care.

For applications lodged on or after 28 November 2005

medical waivers cannot be granted to people where they:

- require dialysis treatment; or
- have pulmonary tuberculosis (TB); or
- have severe haemophilia; or
- have a physical incapacity that requires full time care

- are applying for residence under Family category policy and were eligible to be included in an earlier application for residence, but were not declared on that earlier application.

People who were eligible to be included in an earlier successful application for residence who were declared in that application but were not included will be assessed for the grant of a medical waiver as if they had been included in the earlier application and as if the sponsor was not resident in New Zealand.

d. Medical requirements

There are two different medical forms (**Medical and X-ray Certificate** (NZIS 1007) and **Temporary Entry X-ray Certificate** (NZIS 1096)) to complete depending on how long you intend to stay in New Zealand and the category under which you are applying. The specific requirements are set out under the Residence and Temporary Entry categories in this leaflet.

From 28 November 2005 applicants for residence and applicants for temporary entry intending a stay in New Zealand of more than 12 months must provide a full **Medical and Chest X-ray Certificate** (NZIS 1007).

Note: Pregnant women and children under 11 years are not required to have an X-ray examination.

e. How is my health status determined?

An immigration or visa officer will make an initial assessment of your health status when your application is submitted and accepted for consideration. The assessment is based on the health declarations made on the application form, and medical certificates (where required). In some cases, it may be necessary for an immigration or visa officer to refer medical certificates to a New Zealand Immigration Service (NZIS) Consultant Physician for advice.

Section A4 of the NZIS Operational Manual contains comprehensive policy on health requirements (available online at www.immigration.govt.nz).

f. Where do I go for a medical examination?

In some countries the NZIS has a selected panel of medical practitioners or institutions which you must use for your medical examination. Contact your nearest NZIS office to check for the names and addresses of the approved Doctors and Radiologists or visit our website at www.immigration.govt.nz

g. How long are medical certificates valid for?

All **Medical and X-ray Certificates** (NZIS 1007) and **Temporary Entry X-ray Certificates** (NZIS 1096) and associated reports must be less than three months old at the time you lodge your application.

2. SKILLED MIGRANT CATEGORY

- **EXPRESSION OF INTEREST**
- **INVITATION TO APPLY FOR RESIDENCE**

You, your partner and dependent children if they are accompanying you must complete a health declaration at the 'Expression of Interest' stage. This is to ensure that you **all** meet a minimum standard of health for entry into the Skilled Migrant Category Pool. At this stage you are not required to submit **Medical and X-ray Certificates** (NZIS 1007).

If you are invited to apply for residence each family member referred to above must submit **Medical and X-ray Certificates** (NZIS 1007) with the application.

3. LONG TERM BUSINESS AND WORK TO RESIDENCE CATEGORIES

- **BUSINESS – LONG TERM BUSINESS VISA**
- **WORK TO RESIDENCE – TALENT (ACCREDITED EMPLOYER); TALENT (ARTS, CULTURE AND SPORTS) AND LONG TERM SKILL SHORTAGE LIST**

If you are applying under one of these categories, you, your partner and your dependent children if they are accompanying you must submit **Medical and X-ray Certificates** (NZIS 1007) with the application.

When you later apply for residence, you, your partner and your dependent children included in your application must submit another set of **Medical and X-ray Certificates** (NZIS 1007) with the application.

4. BUSINESS AND FAMILY CATEGORIES FOR RESIDENCE

- **BUSINESS – INVESTOR; ENTREPRENEUR AND EMPLOYEES OF RELOCATING BUSINESSES**
- **FAMILY – PARTNERSHIP; PARENT; SIBLING/ADULT CHILD AND DEPENDENT CHILD POLICY**

If you are applying under one of these categories, you, your partner and your dependent children included in your application must submit **Medical and X-ray Certificates** (NZIS 1007) with the application.

5. OTHER RESIDENCE CATEGORIES

- FAMILY QUOTA; REFUGEE FAMILY QUOTA; SAMOAN QUOTA AND PACIFIC ACCESS CATEGORY**

Should your registration be successful under the Family Quota, Refugee Family Quota, Samoan Quota or Pacific Access Category; you, your partner and dependent children included in your application must submit **Medical and X-ray Certificates** (NZIS 1007) with the application.

6. TEMPORARY ENTRY CATEGORIES

- STUDY, WORK, VISIT AND WORKING HOLIDAY SCHEMES**

a. If you intend to be in New Zealand for **less than six months** you are not required to submit a **Medical and X-ray Certificate** (NZIS 1007) or **Temporary Entry X-ray Certificate** (NZIS 1096).

b. If you intend to be in New Zealand for **more than six months and up to two years** and:

- you do **NOT** hold a passport* from a country, area or territory listed in the box opposite; or
- in the five years prior to your application, you have spent (lived in and/or visited) a combined total of three months or more in any countries, areas or territories **NOT** listed in the box opposite,

you must submit a **Temporary Entry X-ray Certificate** (NZIS 1096).

Note: Pregnant women and children under 11 years are not required to have an X-ray examination.

Examples:

- If you hold a Chinese passport and have lived in China you will need to have a TB screening X-ray examination.
 - If you hold a United Kingdom passport and, at anytime in the five years before making your application, you spent five weeks in Thailand and seven weeks in Fiji, you will need to have a TB screening X-ray examination.
- c. If you intend to be in New Zealand for **more than two years** you must submit a **Medical and X-ray Certificate** (NZIS 1007).

From 28 November 2005 if you intend to be in New Zealand for more than **12 months** you must submit a **Medical and Chest X-ray Certificate** (NZIS 1007).

Countries, areas and territories with low incidence of tuberculosis (TB)

Andorra	Germany	Netherlands
Antigua and Barbuda	Greece	(New Zealand)
Australia	Grenada	Norway
Austria	Iceland	Oman
Barbados	Ireland	Puerto Rico
Belgium	Israel (including the Occupied Palestinian Territory, and including East Jerusalem)	Saints Kitts and Nevis
Bermuda		Saint Lucia
British Virgin Islands		San Marino
Canada	Italy	Slovenia
Cayman Islands	Jamaica	Sweden
Chile	Jordan	Switzerland
Costa Rica	Lebanon	Trinidad and Tobago
Cuba	Libyan Arab Jamahiriya	Turks and Caicos Islands
Cyprus	Liechtenstein	United Arab Emirates
Czech Republic	Luxembourg	United Kingdom
Denmark	Malta	United States of America
Dominica	Monaco	United States Virgin Islands
Finland	Montserrat	Vatican City
France	Netherlands Antilles	

*If you can satisfy an immigration or visa officer that you have never lived or spent time in a country **NOT** listed in the box above, the requirement for you to undergo a TB screening X-ray examination and provide a **Temporary Entry X-ray Certificate** (NZIS 1096) may be waived.