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MEDICAL EXAMINATIONS FOR IMMIGRANT AND K VISA APPLICANTS

Each applicant for a U.S. immigrant or K visa, including children and regardless of age, must have a medical examination before a visa can be issued. Medical examinations must be performed by one of the specially appointed panel physicians listed on page four.

The medical examination will include a medical history, physical examination, chest X-ray, and blood test for syphilis. The physical examination will include, at a minimum, examination of the eyes, ears, nose, throat, extremities, heart, lungs, abdomen, lymph nodes, skin, and external genitalia. You may have the examination performed during your menstrual period. Unless the panel physician has reason to suspect that a child may have contracted tuberculosis or syphilis, children under 10 years of age do not routinely require a chest X-ray and children under the age of 14 do not routinely require a blood test.

The medical exam is not a full and complete physical examination. Its purpose is to screen only for certain medical conditions relevant to U.S. immigration law. Although, in the course of the examination, the panel physician may uncover other matters related to your health, the physician is not required to examine you for any conditions except those which the U.S. Public Health Service specifies for immigration purposes. The panel physician is not required to provide any diagnosis or treatment; therefore, you should not consider this examination to be a substitute for a full physical examination, consultation, diagnosis, or treatment by your primary health-care provider.

IMPORTANT

**PLEASE BE ADVISED THAT FAILURE TO COMPLETE THE
MEDICAL EXAMINATION PRIOR TO YOUR VISA INTERVIEW
WILL RESULT IN A DELAY IN THE PROCESSING AND
POSSIBLE ISSUANCE OF YOUR VISA.**

SPECIAL MEDICAL CONDITIONS

- Women who are pregnant are required to have a chest X-ray (CXR) to immigrate. Pregnant women must provide consent for the CXR. Pregnant women receiving chest radiographs will be provided abdominal and pelvic protection with double-layer, wrap-around lead shields.
- Applicants who have had syphilis must provide a written certificate signed by a doctor or public health official evidencing that you were adequately treated. Applicants who have

had a positive Venereal Disease Research Laboratory (VDRL) test or other blood test for syphilis and were *not* treated must provide a written explanation signed by your doctor.

- Applicants who have had a positive skin test for tuberculosis must provide a written certification signed by a doctor outlining the circumstances surrounding the positive test results and indicating whether treatment was prescribed and, if so, the type and number of months of the treatment. Applicants who have been diagnosed as suffering from tuberculosis must present a written certification signed by a doctor evidencing you were adequately treated and stating the dates and types of medications taken. Applicants who have had an abnormal CXR should borrow the last X-ray films taken and bring them to the medical appointment. The actual films, not the typed reports of the X-ray, may be required for comparison with the X-rays that will be taken at the medical appointment.
- Applicants who have been treated or hospitalized for psychiatric or mental illness or alcohol or drug abuse must present written certification that includes the diagnosis, duration of treatment rendered, and prognosis.
- Applicants with any learning disabilities must present a report outlining their problems and any special education or supervision that may be required.
- Applicants who have any history of harmful or violent behavior resulting in injury to people, animals, or inanimate objects must provide information that will allow the doctors to determine if the behavior was related to any psychiatric or medical problem, or to drug or alcohol use. Harmful behavior includes attempted suicide or harm to oneself, no matter how minor in nature.
- Applicants being treated for chronic medical problems or taking medication on a regular basis should be familiar with their medical conditions and bring a list of the medications they are taking. If an applicant is not sure of his or her diagnosis, he or she should bring a certificate from a doctor outlining the condition, current treatment, and prognosis.

VACCINATIONS

U.S. immigration law requires immigrant and K visa applicants to obtain certain vaccinations prior to the issuance of an immigrant visa. Panel physicians are required to verify that immigrant visa applicants have met the vaccination requirement or that it is medically inappropriate for the visa applicant to receive each of the following vaccinations:

Diphtheria toxoids	Measles	Polio
Haemophilus Influenza Type B (Hib)	Meningococcal	Rotavirus
Hepatitis A	Mumps	Rubella
Hepatitis B	Pertussis	Tetanus
Influenza	Pneumococcal	Varicella

In order to assist the panel physician and to avoid delays in the processing of an immigrant or K visa, all immigrant and K visa applicants should have their vaccination records available for the

panel physician's review at the time of the medical examination. Visa applicants should consult with their regular health care provider to obtain a copy of their immunization record, if one is available. If you do not have an immunization record, the panel physician will work with you to determine which vaccinations you may need to meet the requirement. Only a physician can determine which of the listed vaccinations are medically appropriate for you given your age, history, and current medical condition.

SCHEDULING AN EXAMINATION

Please contact the designated physician's office listed below to schedule your medical examination. The U.S. embassy will not accept medical reports completed by practitioners other than those indicated below.

Please attach these instructions to a blank medical certificate and an envelope addressed to the U.S. Embassy in Algiers, and give the documents to the doctor when you go in for your appointment. You will need to bring a valid passport as identification, two recent passport-sized photographs, and your appointment letter. Please state that you are an applicant for an immigrant or K visa, as the case may be, and provide the date of your visa interview appointment. The panel physician's office will inform you of the fees for the exam and tests.

After the medical examination, the panel physician will seal the completed documents inside the envelope and return the envelope to you. Please keep this envelope sealed and bring it with you to your visa interview appointment. The Embassy will *not* accept the results of a medical examination if the certificate has been signed by a doctor other than one of those listed below, or if the envelope has been open before being presented at the Embassy. The X-ray results (contained on a compact disk) and the blood test results must be submitted to the Embassy along with the sealed envelope containing the completed medical certificates.

PANEL PHYSICIANS IN ALGIERS

Only the following physicians have been designated to perform U.S. immigration medical examinations:

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IMPORTANT

PLEASE NOTE THAT THE PANEL PHYSICIANS IN ALGIERS HAVE BEEN EXPERIENCING DELAYS IN SCHEDULING APPOINTMENTS DUE TO AN INCREASE IN VOLUME OF VISA APPLICANTS.

SCHEDULE YOUR MEDICAL EXAMINATION AS SOON AS POSSIBLE AFTER YOU RECEIVE NOTIFICATION EITHER FROM THE U.S. EMBASSY IN ALGIERS OR THE NATIONAL VISA CENTER NOTIFYING YOU ABOUT YOUR VISA INTERVIEW DATE AND TIME. IT IS IMPERATIVE THAT YOU COMPLETE THIS STEP PRIOR TO ARRIVING FOR YOUR INTERVIEW TO AVOID ANY DELAYS.