



Australian Government

Department of Immigration
and Citizenship

Medical examination for an Australian visa

Form

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This form is for applicants who are requested to undergo a medical examination as part of an application for an Australian visa. Forms 1071i *Health requirement for permanent entry to Australia* and 1163i *Health requirement for temporary entry to Australia* provide further information.

The Department of Immigration and Citizenship (the department) is authorised to collect the personal information on this form under section 60 of the *Migration Act 1958*. When you complete this form and give it to the doctor or clinic, the Commonwealth of Australia becomes the owner of the personal information on the form. The doctor is required to send the form to the department.

Your responsibilities

You must truthfully disclose your medical history and details of any known medical conditions.

If **outside Australia** you must attend the **same** doctor during the course of your medical examinations.

Visa subclass and visa name

To assist the department to link your medical examinations with your visa application you must write the visa subclass number and the name of the visa you are applying for on page 6 of this form.

For example:

- Subclass 176 – Skilled – Sponsored
- Subclass 405 – Investor Retirement
- Subclass 679 – Sponsored Family Visitor
- Subclass 890 – Business Owner

This information is required for the visa decision-maker to process your visa application.

You can find the visa subclass number and the name of the visa on the department's website
www.immi.gov.au/immigration.htm

Completing medical examinations before you lodge your visa application

In some circumstances, the department allows visa applicants to complete medical examinations before they lodge their visa application. The department's website provides information on where this is possible. For details see
www.immi.gov.au/allforms/health-requirements

You must undertake the required medical examinations, as requested by the doctor.

Please be aware that if you do complete your medical examinations before lodging your visa application you may need to undertake additional medical examinations if:

- you later lodge a visa application for a different visa subclass;
- you decide to stay in Australia for a longer period;
- you do not complete all the required medical examinations; or
- your medical examinations expire prior to a decision being made on your visa application.

If you have not lodged a visa application and a significant health condition is identified which may impact on your ability to meet the health requirement you will not be provided with an opinion of the Medical Officer of the Commonwealth until after you lodge your visa application.

Costs

The costs of medical examinations are paid by you directly to the doctors or clinics undertaking the examinations. There may be additional costs if further tests or couriers are required.

Outside Australia

If you are an applicant for a visa under Australia's Offshore Refugee and Special Humanitarian Program the Australian Government will cover the costs of your medical examinations.

In Australia

If you are in Australia and you have applied for a protection visa, special arrangements may apply in regard to the costs of medical examinations.

How to make an appointment for your medical examination

Outside Australia

To undertake a medical examination outside Australia, please contact your closest Panel doctor. For details see
www.immi.gov.au/contacts/panel-doctors/

In Australia

To undertake a medical examination in Australia you must contact the nearest Medibank Health Solutions office on **1300 361 046**. You can make an online booking at www.medibankhealth.com.au

Note: If you are in Australia and you have applied for a protection visa, you must see a doctor at a Medibank Health Solutions city premises, not an Approved Medical Practitioner (AMP) in a regional area.

For women

Women should not attend this medical examination during menstruation as blood will taint the urinalysis.

What to bring to the examination

- Any prescription **spectacles** or **contact lenses** that you may wear.
- Where you have a known medical condition, any **existing specialist reports**.

Identification

A valid passport is the mandatory identification document.

However, in circumstances such as:

- you are unable to obtain a passport without a visa due to laws in your country of origin;
- your passport is at the department for processing of your visa application;
- your passport is at the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR) or the International Organization for Migration (IOM) for processing in relation to a refugee application or other Australian visa;
- you are unable to obtain a passport due to political or other circumstances in your country of origin; or
- your passport is not suitable for identification purposes (eg. passport photograph is of a baby and with passage of time the photograph is no longer satisfactory);

the following may be acceptable:

- **a verified copy of the front page of the passport endorsed by the Australian Consulate or Embassy;**
- **national identity document** (incorporating a photograph, name, date of birth and signature);
- **alternative identification documents** – other identification documentation requested by the department or the department's contracted service provider.

If you do not bring acceptable identification documentation to the medical examination the processing of your visa application may be delayed.

Note: If you are a refugee, humanitarian or protection visa applicant special arrangements regarding identification may apply.

What tests may be required

Permanent visas

All applicants for permanent visas to Australia 15 or more years of age are required to undergo Human Immunodeficiency Virus (HIV) testing. Applicants for permanent visas under 15 years of age must also undergo HIV testing if they are being adopted, have a history of blood transfusions, or have other clinical indications.

Note: These requirements also apply to applicants applying for a provisional visa that has a permanent visa pathway.

Temporary visas

Applicants for temporary visas to Australia are not normally required to undergo HIV testing except for certain groups, as advised in the department's Procedures Advice Manual, or if the doctor decides it is indicated.

Doctors, dentists, nurses and paramedics

Applicants for temporary visas intending to work as (or studying to be) a doctor, dentist, nurse or paramedic are required to undergo a chest x-ray and medical examination as well as HIV, Hepatitis B and C testing.

Overseas applicants

If a blood sample is required for Hepatitis B, C and/or HIV testing and the doctor does not have the facilities for taking blood, it will be necessary for you to attend a laboratory approved for this purpose.

What happens after the health examination?

You may be required to undergo further tests. The reports will be sent to the department by the doctor. However, if the doctor gives you the envelope containing the report please **do not open the envelope**. Contact your case officer to determine where to send the medical results.

Note: If envelopes or reports are tampered with you may be required to repeat tests at your own expense.

Medical information

Medical information such as a chest x-ray is used to assess an applicant's standard of health. After a decision has been made on the visa application it is usual for the department to retain the medical information. The medical information is retained by the department for use when assessing the applicant's health in the future and for panel doctor audits to ensure the quality of work undertaken by the panel doctor network.

Immunisation

Visa applicants are encouraged to be immunised against infectious diseases before travelling to Australia. Visa applicants who are unable to arrange their immunisation before departure from their home country are encouraged to seek advice on arrival in Australia. The Australian state and territory health authorities assist people to obtain general medical help and advice, including immunisation.

Parents are strongly encouraged to have their children immunised against hepatitis B, diphtheria, tetanus, pertussis (whooping cough), poliomyelitis, haemophilus influenzae type-b (Hib), pneumococcal and meningococcal infections, mumps, measles, rubella and varicella (chickenpox). Babies between the ages of 2 and 8 months of age (only) are also encouraged to be immunised against rotavirus.

Parents should bring any immunisation records for their children with them to Australia.

Rubella vaccinations are strongly encouraged for women of child-bearing age.

About the information you give

The department is authorised to collect information on this form under the *Migration Act 1958*. The information provided on this form, including tests for HIV, will be used to assess your health for an Australian visa. Your result(s) may be disclosed to the relevant Commonwealth, state and territory health agencies, settlement services providers and examining doctor(s).

The information provided might also be disclosed to agencies who are authorised to receive information relating to adoption, border control, business skills, citizenship, education, health assessment, health insurance, health services, law enforcement, payment of pensions and benefits, taxation, superannuation, review of decisions, child protection and registration of migration agents.

The department is authorised under the Migration Act, in certain circumstances, to collect a range of personal identifiers including a facial image, fingerprints and a signature, from non-citizens, including from visa applicants. The department requires personal identifiers to assist in assessing your identity. The department is authorised to disclose your personal identifiers and information relating to your name and other relevant biographical data to a number of agencies including law enforcement and health agencies and to other agencies which may need to check your identity with this department. Where the department obtains personal identifiers they will become part of your official record with the department.

The department is involved in international information exchanges with a number of countries, including the United Kingdom, the United States of America, Canada and New Zealand. These international information exchanges may involve the sharing of personal identifiers, including facial images and fingerprint data, collected by immigration agencies such as this department. If, as a result of this sharing between countries, there is a match with your personal identifiers, the department will disclose your biographical data, copies of travel and other identity documents or information from such documents, your immigration status and immigration history (which may include any immigration abuse and offences) and any criminal history information relevant to immigration purposes. The purpose of such disclosure would be to help confirm your identity and determine if you have presented to the department and the other agency under the same identity and with similar claims.

If you are making an offshore humanitarian or protection visa application, the department will only disclose this information if none of these countries is a country of claimed persecution and only if the department is reasonably satisfied that this information will not be disclosed to your country of claimed persecution.

For more detailed information you should read forms 993i *Safeguarding your personal information* and 1243i *Your personal identifying information*, which are available from the department's website www.immi.gov.au/allforms/ or from any office of the department or Australian mission overseas.

Please keep these information pages for your reference

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How to complete this form

- Applicant**
- Complete **Part A and Part B** before attending the medical examination.
 - Complete **Part C** in the presence of the examining doctor.
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- Examining doctor**
- Certify in writing across the **top** of the photograph and on the form (without obliterating the image) that it is a true likeness of the examinee. Date to be included.
 - Sight valid passport/national identity document (if provided) and record passport/national identity document number below.
 - You must ensure the applicant has provided answers to all the questions in **Part A** and **Part B** before the applicant signs the declaration at **Part C**.
 - Complete **Part D**.
 - If you are an Approved Medical Practitioner in Australia you cannot conduct a medical examination of a protection visa applicant.
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- Person taking blood**
- Certify in writing across the **bottom** of the photograph and on the form (without obliterating the image) that it is a true likeness of the examinee. Date to be included.

YOUR PHOTOGRAPH

In Australia

If you need to bring a photo(s) to the medical appointment at Medibank Health Solutions, they will advise you at the time you make your appointment.

Outside Australia

Please firmly attach a recent passport size photograph of yourself to the form by staples or other means. Another copy of the same photo should be used for form 160 (if required).

To be completed by EXAMINING DOCTOR (or staff)

Valid passport sighted?

Yes **▶** Passport number
 Country of passport

Passport and photograph verified?

No Yes

Please attach a copy of the bio-data page of the passport sighted to identify the applicant. The copy should be certified by the examining doctor.

No **▶** Reason not presented

Please attach a copy of the national identity document sighted to identify the applicant, if applicable. The copy should be certified by the examining doctor.

Details of identity card or identity number issued to the applicant by his/her government (if applicable) eg. National identity card.

Note: If the applicant is the holder of multiple identity numbers because he/she is a citizen of more than one country, you need to enter the identity number on the card from the country that the applicant lives in.

Identity number
 Country of issue

Applicant's full name (as it appears in passport or national identity document)

Family name
 Given names

Date of birth DAY MONTH YEAR
 / /

Sex Male Female

Office use only

File number/PRID/CID

Date of application / /

Visa class

Name and address of office processing the application

Part A – Applicant’s details

To be completed by the applicant **before** attending the medical examination. Please use a pen and write neatly in English using **BLOCK LETTERS**.

1 Your full name (as it appears in your passport or national identity document)

Family name

Given names

2 Date of birth

DAY	MONTH	YEAR
/	/	

3 Sex Male Female

4 Your telephone numbers

Office hours

COUNTRY CODE	AREA CODE	NUMBER
()	()	

After hours

COUNTRY CODE	AREA CODE	NUMBER
()	()	

5 Your residential address

POSTCODE

6 Intended occupation/activity in Australia

7 Countries in which you have lived in the last 5 years

8 How long do you intend staying in Australia?

Permanently

Temporarily For how long?

YEARS

MONTHS

9 If you are in Australia:

• how long have you been here?

YEARS

MONTHS

• what visa subclass do you currently hold?

:	:

10 What is the visa subclass number and the name of the visa that you are applying for?

For more information please refer to page 1 of this form.

11 Have you lodged a visa application?

No At which office do you intend to lodge an application?

Yes At which office?

12 Have you undertaken a medical examination for an Australian visa in the last 12 months?

No

Yes Give details

13 Are you:

(a) a protection visa applicant? No Yes

(b) an unaccompanied minor refugee child? No Yes

(c) a refugee who has lived or is living in a camp? No Yes

(d) a child for adoption by an Australian resident? No Yes

(e) an Australian State or Territory Welfare Supported child? No Yes

(f) a non-migrating family member of an applicant? No Yes

14 In Australia, will you be:

(a) attending or teaching classes? No Yes

(b) working in health care? No Yes

(c) working in childcare/creche? No Yes

Part D – Physical examination — to be completed by the examining doctor

Date of examination

DAY	MONTH	YEAR
/	/	

- Please answer ALL questions in English.
- For Hepatitis B, C and HIV testing, please ensure that pre and post-test counselling are carried out in accordance with local arrangements, including advice on vaccination for close contacts of those testing Hepatitis B surface antigen positive.
- Parents should be present when children are examined.

Was a chaperone offered? No Yes Was a chaperone present during the examination? No Yes Declined

1 Height and weight Centimetres Kilograms

2 Eyes (including fundoscopy) Normal Abnormal
 Best distance visual acuity (with or without correction) Right Left

3 Urinalysis

Complete for all persons 5 or more years of age, and those persons under 5 years of age where clinically indicated.

In women, where an abnormality occurs due to menstruation, please repeat and record urinalysis following completion of menstruation.

Blood <input type="text"/>	For a repeated test at a later date – Date repeated	Blood <input type="text"/>						
Protein <input type="text"/>	<table border="1" style="display: inline-table; vertical-align: middle;"><tr><td style="text-align: center; font-size: small;">DAY</td><td style="text-align: center; font-size: small;">MONTH</td><td style="text-align: center; font-size: small;">YEAR</td></tr><tr><td style="text-align: center;">/</td><td style="text-align: center;">/</td><td></td></tr></table>	DAY	MONTH	YEAR	/	/		Protein <input type="text"/>
DAY	MONTH	YEAR						
/	/							
Glucose <input type="text"/>		Glucose <input type="text"/>						

Note: If you notice any abnormalities in response to the following questions, you must provide details of the physical examination.

4 Blood pressure (required for all persons 11 or more years of age) Systolic Diastolic

Cardiovascular system Normal Abnormal

5 Respiratory system Normal Abnormal
 For current or previous tuberculosis, provide date and duration of treatment and names, strengths and dosages of drugs used.
 Please enclose old chest x-ray films.

6 Nervous system Normal Abnormal

7 Mental and cognitive status Normal Abnormal

8 Intelligence Normal Abnormal

9 Developmental milestones (if less than 5 years of age) Normal Abnormal
 Not applicable

10 Gastrointestinal system Normal Abnormal

11 Spine and limbs (including mobility for all persons 60 or more years of age) Normal Abnormal

12 Skin and lymph nodes Normal Abnormal

13 Evidence of drug taking (eg. venous puncture marks) Absent Present

14 Breast examination where clinically indicated Normal Abnormal
 Not applicable

15 Endocrine system Normal Abnormal

16 Ear/nose/throat/mouth Normal Abnormal

17 Hearing Normal Abnormal

▶▶ ALL VISA APPLICANTS

For ALL VISA APPLICANTS except protection visa applicants or Australian state or territory supported visa applicants in Australia

24 Recommendation

Please consider the information you have provided about this applicant. You must consider if there exists any significant finding in the history, on examination and/or the x-ray. 'Significant' means that a finding has a current or potential future health impact. Refer to the 'Instructions for medical and radiological examination of Australian visa applicants' for the definition of A and B recommendations.

Note: This is not a rating of whether the applicant will meet the health criteria.

A No significant history or abnormal findings present. []
For applicants 11 or more years of age, the chest x-ray must also be taken into account

B Significant history or abnormal findings present [] Please list significant history or abnormal findings
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[]
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For PROTECTION visa applicants or STATE OR TERRITORY WELFARE SUPPORTED CHILD visa applicants in Australia only

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B1 Significant history or abnormal findings present but I do not consider that the applicant has a disease or condition that is, or may result in the applicant being, a threat to public health in Australia or a danger to the Australian community [] Please list significant history or abnormal findings
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B2 Significant history or abnormal findings present that may indicate that the applicant has a disease or condition that is, or may result in the applicant being, a threat to public health in Australia or a danger to the Australian community. [] Please list significant history or abnormal findings
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[]
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[]
Note: Any relevant results and reports should be referred to a Medical Officer of the Commonwealth for opinion

26 Declaration

This declaration must be signed and dated by the doctor who personally performed the examination.

I declare that I have examined the applicant and that this is a true and correct record of my findings.

Place of examination []
Postal address []
[]
[] POSTCODE
Contact telephone number COUNTRY CODE AREA CODE NUMBER () ()
E-mail address []
Examining doctor's signature []
Date DAY MONTH YEAR / /
Full name (please print) []

Note: Australia requires any person over one year of age to hold an international yellow fever vaccination certificate if, within the 6 days prior to their arrival in Australia, they have stayed overnight or longer in a declared yellow fever infected country, in Africa or South America.

For visa applicants outside Australia — Do not give the form and report(s) to the applicant. You may, however, provide the applicant with a copy of your report(s) for their records. Place the form and report(s) inside a secured envelope and return it directly to the office of the department specified in the attached covering letter, the return address specified in the 'Office use only' section on page 5 of this form or in the 'Where to send Australian visa medicals' document.

For protection visa applicants — Forward the form and report(s) according to local arrangements with Medibank Health Solutions.