

## Migration Health Assessments for United Kingdom-Bound Migrants

All applicants who are planning to stay in the United Kingdom for 6 months or longer, and who are living in or have travelled to a country with high TB burden within the last six months, are required to undergo a migration health assessment to screen for tuberculosis (TB) as part of their visa application process for the United Kingdom. In this document, you will find important information related to your upcoming migration health assessment at IOM's Migration Health Assessment Centre (MHAC) in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia.

### IOM Addis Ababa MHAC Contact Information

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**Online appointment system:** [https://mymedical.iom.int/apps/omas/#\\_frmHome](https://mymedical.iom.int/apps/omas/#_frmHome)

**Website:** [IOM Ethiopia](#)

### What Should I Expect at my Appointment?

The scope of the migration health assessment varies depending on factors such as your age, gender and current health status. The list below shows some of the procedures that you or your family (if they are applying to migrate with you to the United Kingdom) might receive:

- Registration.
- Counselling to explain the health assessment process (at the end of the counselling you will sign an informed consent form).
- Medical examination, which may include the following:
  - A review of your medical history and current symptoms.
  - A physical examination, where clinically indicated.
  - A chest X-ray.
- Clearance certificate (if all tests are normal, the Certificate will be issued the same day).

### Breakdown of Migration Health Assessment Procedures, by Age of Applicant:

Below the Age of 11 Years*	11 Years and Above
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Medical history and current symptoms</li> <li>- Physical examination, if clinically indicated</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Medical history and current symptoms</li> <li>- Physical examination, if clinically indicated</li> <li>- Chest X-ray</li> </ul>

*All basic requirements are done on the same day for clients with appointments before 12:30 PM EAT (GMT+3)*

*\*Children under the age of 11 years may be requested to undergo chest X-ray, if clinically indicated*

## Important Notes

### Minors:

Applicants under the age of 17 must be accompanied by a **parent or guardian** who can provide consent and make decisions on their behalf.

### Pregnancy:

Women of child-bearing age may be requested to provide a urine sample to test for pregnancy before undergoing a chest X-ray. If you are pregnant and undergoing a migration health assessment, you may choose to:

- Proceed with the chest X-ray with a double leaded shielding to protect you and your unborn baby; or
- Opt for sputum testing, where you will be requested to provide a sputum sample on 3 consecutive days; or
- Wait to proceed with the migration health assessment until after giving birth.

If you choose to proceed with the chest X-ray, you will be requested to sign an additional consent form.

### Tuberculosis:

TB is a contagious bacterial infection that is spread from person to person through tiny droplets in the air. TB can be either:

- (1) **Latent TB:** when you have the bacteria in your body, but you don't have any clinical manifestations. In order to diagnose latent TB, active TB should be ruled out.
- (2) **Active TB:** when you have the bacteria and have clinical, radiological or laboratory manifestations.

**You might be asked to undergo further testing if the doctor suspects you have active TB.** In such an event, you will be provided with additional counselling and more information during your appointment.

You will be requested to provide three (3) sputum samples over 3 consecutive days. These samples are then tested in a laboratory; **it can take up to 8-10 weeks to obtain a result.**

If you are required to complete this test, your health assessment certificate will be put on hold until the results are received. If you are found to have TB, you will need to successfully complete treatment before resuming the immigration process.

Good news! **TB is treatable** and most people can be cured at home with a few months of oral antibiotics.

## What Do I Need to Bring to My Appointment?

### Identification:

- Valid Passport (original) OR National photo ID / UNHCR registration documents
- Birth certificate, if under the age of 18.
- Two (2) recently taken passport size colour photos.( 3cm X 4cm size photo (not older than 6 months at the time of examination)

### Medical Records:

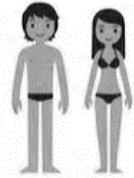
- Any medical reports with previous chest X-rays, if available. This is especially important if you were diagnosed with and treated for tuberculosis at any point in life.

**Other:**

- ▶ Permanent and current address in the country of origin
- ▶ Full address in the United Kingdom, complete with phone number and postal code

**Advice for the Migration Health Assessment**

- ▶ For your physical examination, you will be asked to remove your clothes and will be provided with a medical gown, but **please keep your underwear on (see image at right)**.
- ▶ You **may request a chaperone** to be present at your physical examination.
- ▶ **Please do not conceal any medical conditions**; deliberate attempts to hide them will be reported to the UK immigration authorities.
- ▶ **Please do not conceal your pregnancy**; being pregnant will have no impact on your immigration prospects.
- ▶ **Please postpone or re-schedule your appointment if you or your child are ill** with a fever; unexplained bleeding or have a rash. If you experience unexplained bleeding, please urgently consult your doctor.
- ▶ There is **no need to fast** prior to your appointment.
- ▶ An IOM medical certificate will be issued after the examination is completed, usually on the same day of examination.
  - ▶ However, for abnormal results additional diagnostic procedures (sputum smears and cultures) may apply in case of abnormal findings and will take up to three additional days after the initial examination for sputum smears, and up to eight (8) weeks for cultures, to obtain result.
  - ▶ Your completed health assessment file will be submitted electronically within a maximum of 2 -5 days after completing your health assessment.
  - ▶ For other enquiry or questions concerning your medical results and reports, please call (011)6393887 or send an email to [iometmedicalappointment@iom.int](mailto:iometmedicalappointment@iom.int) cc [SLOAddisAbabaMHUReception@iom.int](mailto:SLOAddisAbabaMHUReception@iom.int)



**!!PLEASE NOTE THAT PARKING FACILITY WILL NOT BE PROVIDED INSIDE THE CLINIC.** Consequently, arrange beforehand to be dropped off at the Applicant’s Entrance to the MHAC Addis Ababa facility and/or park nearby parking areas.

**Migration Health Assessment Fees and Payment Information**

**Fees, by Age of Applicant:**

	Below the Age of 11 Years	11 Years and Above
Fee in USD	60 USD	130 USD

*Additional fees may apply if other investigations are requested.*

*Please be aware that appointments are free of charge and agents are not required to make an appointment*

**Please note:** All payments can be made in USD or ETB. For payments made in ETB, we use the UN monthly exchange rate.

**How to Pay for the Migration Health Assessment:**

- ▶ Payments should be made in Ethiopian Birr or in USD at the IOM MHAC on the day of the migration health assessment at the cashier guichet.
- ▶ Payment should be made in Ethiopian Birr at the United Nations (UN) equivalent exchange rate for the month.

- Above exchange rate in Ethiopian Birr is updated every month.
- Kindly obtain a proof of payment/cash receipt from the IOM cashier.
- Mobile payments, bank transfers and cash payments are accepted.