

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 Bangkok, Thailand.

You will also be able to download this document at the end of the appointment-making process.

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How to Book an Appointment:

Please book an appointment in advance through our online system: <http://register-uktb.iom.int/uktbdp-register> or <https://mymedical.iom.int>

What Should I Expect at my Appointment?

The scope of the migration health assessment varies depending on factors such on your visa category, 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).
- The whole process takes around 1-2 hours.

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

Below the Age of 11 Years*	11 Years and Above
- Medical history and current symptoms	- Medical history and current symptoms
- Physical examination, if clinically indicated	- Physical examination, if clinically indicated
	- Chest X-ray

All basic requirements are done on the same day, during the same appointment.

*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 18 must be accompanied by a **parent or legal 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 (not recommended for the first trimester of pregnancy); or
- Opt for sputum testing, where you will be requested to provide a sputum sample on 3 consecutive days and wait for at least 8 weeks to obtain a result; 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 within 7 days after the chest X-ray. 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 sputum culture results are received. If you are found to have TB, you will need to successfully complete treatment and obtain clearance from your treating physician 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:

For Applicant

- Passport (valid original).

For Person Accompanying Children under 18 Years Old:

- Passport or ID card (valid original).
- Power of attorney, if the accompanying person is not a parent or legal guardian.

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.
- Antenatal care book for pregnant women.

Other:

- If you pre-paid for your migration health assessment, **please bring a hard copy of the proof of payment.**
- Full address in the United Kingdom, complete with phone number and postal code, if available (written or printed)
- Original TB certificate for old applicants whose certificate is still valid.

Advice for the Migration Health Assessment

- 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 or have a rash.
- There is **no need to fast** prior to your appointment.

Migration Health Assessment Fees and Payment Information

Fees, by Age of Applicant:

Below the Age of 11 Years	11 Years and Above
- THB 500 per person - THB 3,800 per person, if further evaluation required	- THB 3,800 per person

Spouses and children of refugees or those with humanitarian protection applying under the Family Reunion visa category do not need to pay the fee at IOM. Please contact the UK immigration directly for more information.

How to Pay for the Migration Health Assessment:

1. Cash or QR code payment

▸ Cash payment or QR code payment should be made at the IOM MHAC on the day of the migration health assessment in Thai Baht (THB). Credit card payment is not accepted.

2. Pre-payment – Available for online pre-registration applicants only

▸ The applicant must book an appointment through the online system and receive a reference ID first (example of reference ID: THBKK01000xxxxx).

▸ Pre-payment should be made at the latest 3 days before your appointment to the account below through a bank transfer.

Bank Details for the IOM MHAC in Bangkok, Thailand:

Name of Bank:	Siam Commercial Bank (SCB)
Account Name:	The International Organization for Migration (IOM)
Account Number:	101-3-01471-9
Ref.1:	The applicant's reference ID: THBKK01000xxxxx (use only the last 10 digits)
Ref.2:	The applicant's national ID card number (13 digits)

**Please bring a hard copy of the proof of payment to the IOM office on your appointment.*

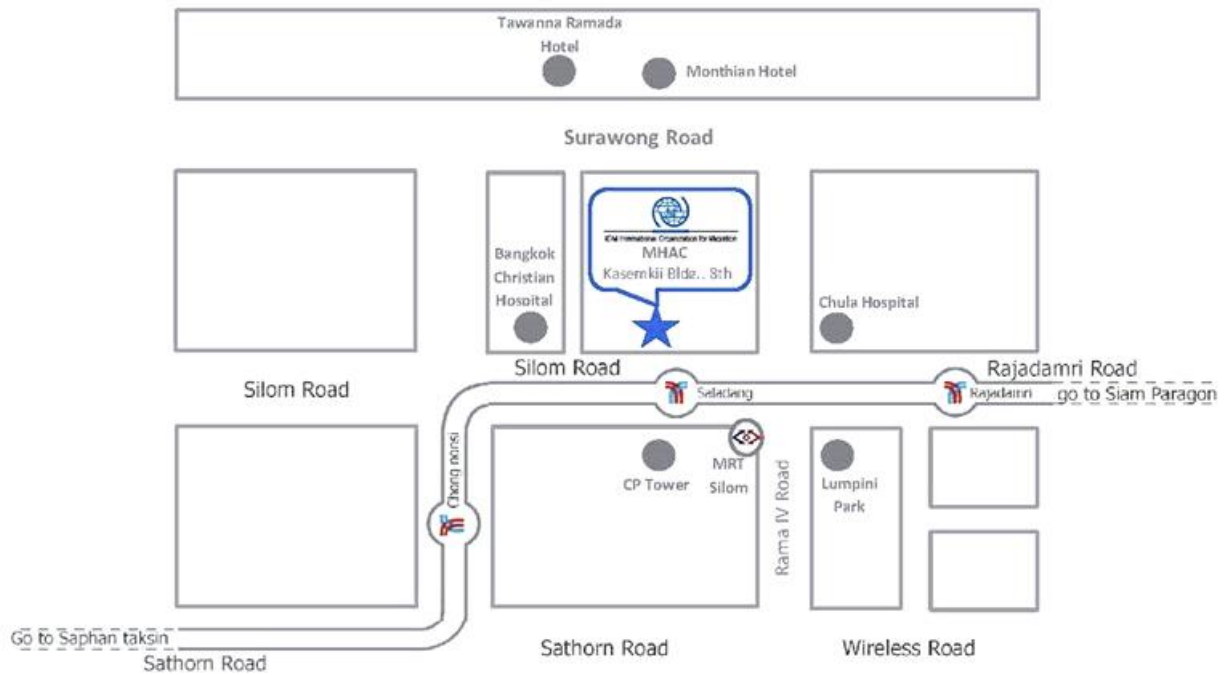
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