

REQUIREMENT FOR TUBERCULOSIS TESTING FOR VISA APPLICANTS VISITING THE UNITED KINGDOM FOR LONGER THAN 6 MONTHS

All applicants in Cambodia wishing to come to the United Kingdom for a period longer than six months will need to obtain a certificate confirming that they are free from infectious tuberculosis (TB) before submitting their visa application. The categories of applicant that will be affected by this new requirement include long-term students, work permit holders, other employment and domestic workers, volunteer workers (plus all dependants of the aforementioned), and all settlement and marriage cases.

Please note that those failing to submit a certificate at the time of application will be refused and the visa fee not refunded.

The following will be exempt from the TB testing requirement:

- All diplomatic passport holders;
- All children aged under 11 years.

Testing and certification is managed by the International Organisation for Migration (IOM) applicants who require a TB test should contact IOM at the address below to arrange for testing.

No. 31, Street 71,
Sangkat Boeung Keng Kang I,
Khan Cham Car Morn,
Phnom Penh
Kingdom of Cambodia
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Attendance is by appointment only and the full test fee of US\$50 must be paid in advance on the day of the chest X-ray examination. Only spouses and children applying under Family Reunion provisions do not need to pay the fee at IOM. Those who believe that they fall into this category should check with the British Embassy Phnom Penh.

When making the appointment at the IOM office applicants are required to bring with them their passport and 3 passport sized photographs.

Only certificates issued by the IOM clinic will be acceptable. At the IOM clinic, applicants will be tested for pulmonary TB by chest X-ray and, as necessary, sputum smears. If free from infectious TB, the applicant will be issued with a certificate (valid for six months) and the applicant can then submit their visa application in the normal way. Those found to be suffering from infectious TB will be asked to seek further treatment and will not normally be allowed to apply for a visa until after they have been successfully treated and are certified free of infection.

Applicants from Cambodia seeking entry clearance to the UK for a period in excess of six months may if they wish make their application directly in person to BE Bangkok. However, you are advised that you will still be required to meet the TB testing requirement. Details of how the TB registration and testing process are carried out in Bangkok by the IOM office there can be found on the website of the British Embassy Bangkok at www.britishembassy.gov.uk/thailand.