



Health Declaration Questions for Major Event 12th International Aids Society Conference of HIV science – 23 to 26 July 2023

The intent of this guidance is to facilitate the genuine entry of visa applicants that are travelling to Australia for a short period of time to specifically participate in time limited Government endorsed events, high profile events or other large scale major world/regional events.

Given the specific nature of such major or high profile events, without an adjustment to the consideration of declared health conditions, some participants may be unnecessarily required to undergo Immigration Medical Examinations, which may lead to visa processing delays.

The Health Requirement

Most Australian visas are subject to the health requirement as a criterion for visa grant. The purpose of the health requirement is to protect the Australian community from public health and safety risks, contain public expenditure on health care and community services, and safeguard the access of Australian citizens and permanent residents to health care and community services in short supply.

The level of health assessment a visa applicant may be required to undergo to meet the health requirement will depend on:

- intended length of stay and activities in Australia;
- country's risk level in terms of tuberculosis; and
- medical history.

Based on the above factors, some visa applicants will need to complete health examinations (for example, a medical examination and a chest x-ray) and have their results assessed and cleared, before they can be granted a visa for Australia.

Temporary Visa Applicants

Generally temporary visa applicants who are visiting Australia for less than six months will not need to complete health examinations, unless there is special health significance and/or a declared existing medical condition.

To determine whether special health significance applies and/or a declared medical condition exists, visa applicants are required to complete Health Declaration questions as part of their visa application.

Health Declaration Questions

If a visa applicant answers 'yes' to any of the health declaration questions outlined below, health examinations may be required.

The below guidance on answering the Health Declaration questions will ensure that temporary visa applicants travelling to Australia to participate in the special event, **12th International Aids Society Conference of HIV science**, are not unnecessarily completing health examinations.

1. *In the last 5 years has the applicant visited, or lived, outside their country of passport for more than 3 consecutive months? Do not include time spent in Australia.*

For the purpose of the visa application, this question determines an applicant's country risk level, to identify whether a higher tuberculosis-risk level is applicable or not.

2. *Does the applicant intend to enter a hospital or a health care facility (including nursing homes) while in Australia?*

Applicants who do not intend to enter one of these facilities whilst in Australia should answer 'no' to this question. Applicants from a country with a higher tuberculosis-risk level that declare 'yes' to this question, may be required to complete health examinations.

3. *Does the applicant intend to work as, or study to be, a doctor, dentist, nurse or paramedic during their stay in Australia?*

Applicants applying for a visa to attend the special event [**12th International Aids Society Conference of HIV science**] should answer 'no' to this question, unless they intend to work or study in one of these occupations in an Australian health care environment, before or after the event.

Applicants applying for a visa as medical support staff should answer 'no' to this question, unless they intend to work or study in one of these occupations in an Australian health care environment, before or after the event.

4. *Does the applicant intend to work, or be a trainee, at a child care centre (including preschools and creches) while in Australia?*

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5. *Does the applicant intend to be in a classroom situation for more than 3 months (e.g. as a student, teacher, lecturer or observer)?*

Applicants should answer 'no' to this question.

6. *Has the applicant:*
 - *ever had, or do they currently have, tuberculosis?*
 - *been in close contact with a family member that has active tuberculosis? •*
ever had a chest x-ray which showed an abnormality?

If one of the above is applicable, applicants should answer 'yes' to this question.

7. *During their proposed visit to Australia, does the applicant expect to incur medical costs, or require treatment or medical follow up for:*
 - *blood disorder*

- cancer
- heart disease
- hepatitis B or C and/or liver disease
- HIV infection, including AIDS
- kidney disease, including dialysis
- mental illness
- pregnancy
- respiratory disease that has required hospital admission or oxygen therapy •
other

Applicants that do not expect to incur any medical costs, or require treatment or medical follow up whilst in Australia, should answer 'no' to this question.

8. *Does the applicant require assistance with mobility or care due to a medical condition?*

Applicants that have their own arrangements in place to assist with mobility or care for a medical condition, for the duration of their stay in Australia, and will not require assistance from an Australian health care or community service provider, should answer 'no' to this question.

9. *Do you have any other health information you would like to provide?*

Applicants should respond to this question using their own discretion.

If the visa applicant declares a health condition refer to the [Managing Declared Health Conditions tip sheet](#).

Note: Applicants should only include health information if they may require health services whilst in Australia. Applicants that have their own supply of medication and equipment for their period of stay in Australia do not need to declare this information.

For applicants applying for a visa to attend the special event [**12th International Aids Society Conference of HIV science**] it is appropriate for specific exceptions to the application of the [Managing Declared Health Conditions tip sheet](#). Therefore the following conditions listed on the [Managing Declared Health Conditions tip sheet](#) will not require the completion of a medical examination:

- Human Immunodeficiency virus (HIV)