

# **Turks and Caicos Islands**

## **Migrants' Health Evaluation Programme**

### **Health Evaluation Procedures**

#### **Instructions to EP for conduct of Medical Examination**

*The following instructions apply to Examining Physicians (EP) residing overseas and locally.*

Migrants seeking immigrant visas / work permit for the purposes of study, employment or permanent residence must undergo a medical examination by a Licensed Physician to determine whether he or she is admissible for the stated purpose of entry. The purpose of the medical examination is to identify: (1) communicable diseases of public health significance; (2) lack of required vaccinations; (3) physical or mental disorders and behavior associated with the disorder that has posed, or may pose a threat to the property, safety, or welfare of the migrant or others; (4) the condition of being a drug abuser or addict; and (5) any major medical illness that will result in inability to function in the work environment or reduces productivity and presents and major financial liability.

#### **Completing the TCI-MHE-11 Form**

Personal identification information must be completed on all forms in the appropriate locations. EP must ensure that the person being examined is indeed the person to whom the application belongs. A copy of the bio data page of the applicant's passport must be attached to the TCI-MHE-11 form and submitted as part of the report.

Persons who are to be employed by the Turks and Caicos Islands Government will be issued an application number by the Office of Public Service Management (OPSM).

#### **Part A**

1. All questions in this section must be completed by EP for all applicants
2. A "yes" answer to any question in Part A must be explained in the space provided or on a separate sheet.

#### **Part B**

1. All questions in this section must be completed by EP for all applicants.
2. A "yes" answer to any question in Part B must be explained in the space provided or on a separate sheet.

#### **Part C**

1. **Chest X-Ray:**
  - a. Required for all persons 15 years and older
  - b. Required in children under 15 years only if clinically indicated

#### **Annex B**

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- c. Chest X-Ray reports must not be older than 6 months at the time of examination for persons undergoing the Migrant Health Evaluation for the first time.
  - d. Persons undergoing subsequent MHE will be required to have chest X-Rays every 3 years.
  - e. A pregnant woman may choose to take a tuberculin skin test in lieu of a chest X-ray
  - f. Official report (not radiograph) by a radiologist or an EP in the Turks and Caicos Islands is to be submitted with the MHE report.
- 2. Electrocardiogram:**
- a. Required for all persons over the age of 40 years
  - b. Required for all persons with significant cardiovascular history and risk.
  - c. ECG printout should be submitted along with the MHE report.
  - d. No cardiologist report on the ECG is required in the initial instance.
- 3. Urinalysis:**
- a. Urinalysis is required on all persons
  - b. Dipstick urinalysis is acceptable
- 4. Blood Tests:**
- a. All blood tests are to be performed by an approved / registered laboratory and official laboratory reports submitted along with the MHE report.
  - b. Turk and Caicos Islands EP must collect blood samples and code all samples for referral to the locally or Internationally approved laboratory of their choice.
  - c. Children under the age of 15 are not required to do serological test for HIV or Syphilis unless they are clinically indicated
  - d. Positive tests should be repeated with appropriate confirmation test.
- 5. Other Tests:**
- a. Mantoux test is to be performed only in children under 15 years or in persons 15 years and over if clinically indicated.
  - b. Drug screen is required only for persons seeking employment with the Turks and Caicos Islands Government.
  - c. Drug test is not required for persons under 15 years of age.

### Immunization

All applicants are to submit to the EP an up to date immunization record for submission with the Medical report. The EP will determine whether vaccinations are necessary at the time of the examination. Vaccinations currently required are as follows: (1) mumps; (2) measles; (3) rubella; (4) polio; (5) tetanus and diphtheria toxoids and (6) pertussis. If vaccinations are required, the EP can administer them or recommend a waiver stating valid reasons for such recommendation.

### Completed MHE Report

The complete MHE report should consist of the following:

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1. Duly completed and signed (EP and Applicant) TCI-MHE-11 form with bio-data page of passport
2. Chest X-Ray report (if required)
3. Laboratory report (if required)
4. ECG report (if required)
5. Immunization record

The complete MHE report **MUST** be placed in a sealed envelope and sent by courier to:

*Medical Advisor*

*National Health Insurance Board*

*Salt Mills Plaza*

*Grace Bay*

*Providenciales*

*Turks and Caicos Islands*

**Note: The examination will be null and void if the seal is broken and documents tampered with.**

In addition, to expedite the processing of the MHE report, the report can also be faxed via secure fax, e-fax to the attention of the Medical Advisor of the National Health Insurance Board at:

649-946 8263