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Medical inadmissibility could prevent many people from moving to Canada. Of course, the purpose of medical inadmissibility is to protect the health and safety of Canadians. Therefore, immigration officers ask a large group of applicants to undergo medical exams. However, you may sometimes do an upfront medical exam. In those situations, you do not wait for an officer to issue an Immigration Medical Exam (IME) letter. Table of contents The following applicants need to do an upfront medical exam. Nevertheless, this list is neither inclusive nor exclusive. Thus, consult with a professional for official advice: Note: If your immigration or visa program does not qualify for an upfront medical exam, you must wait for an official IME letter (IMM 1017). IRCC's webpage includes a list of all countries and territories for IME. When you look up a county from that list, you must do a medical exam if there is a "Yes" under the IME column and you meet the following criteria: You intend to remain in Canada for more than six months, and You have lived or visited these countries for six months or more within the past 12 months. Since the list of designated countries is subject to change, visit the IRCC webpage for more information. However, a screenshot shows how easily you can find the necessary information. If you are applying for a work permit and intend to work in the following jobs, you must submit an upfront medical exam. This requirement is for temporary residents (e.g., foreign workers) and is independent of your nationality or where you have resided in the past 12 months. health sciences worker clinical laboratory worker patient attendant in nursing or geriatric homes medical student admitted to Canada to attend university medical elective and physician on a short-term assignment teacher of primary or secondary schools or other teachers of small children domestics worker, someone who gives in-home care to children, the elderly and the disabled day nursery worker If you intend to do an upfront medical exam, take the following steps. Locate a panel physician who is close to you. Of course, you must refer to the IRCC website for the official list. Call them and book an appointment. Let the panel physician know you will do an upfront medical exam. Therefore, you do not have an IME form (i.e., no IMM 1017). Take the following and any other documents the physician requires: Passport or another official ID card Lenses or eyeglasses (if you wear them) A list of your medications Any evidence of your medical history Four immigration photographs (or as advised by the panel physician) If you are an Express Entry applicant, the ITA letter Besides a physical exam, you may also need to go through lab tests, x-rays, etc. Regardless, the physician will later pass the following documents to you: IMM 1017B Upfront Medical Report form and information printout sheet. If you are applying online, you need to upload both documents. However, if you apply at a port of entry or on paper, you must present the hard copies. If you do not do the upfront medical exams, any of the following scenarios could occur: The officer will issue the IMM 1017 form and ask you to take the exam. Of course, this will delay the processing. They wave you from the exam (unlikely, though). They refuse your application (extremely unlikely). Scenario #3 is improbable (especially during the COVID-19 pandemic). However, it is in your best interest to do the exam and avoid potential disappointment. If you have submitted your application, you may still do the medical exam and upload the documents via the IRCC web form. Nonetheless, the IRCC website is silent on this practice. When you are applying for immigration to Canada, all your dependent family members must also undergo a medical examination. Therefore, if an upfront medical exam applies to the principal applicant, it also applies to the rest of the dependent family members. This requirement is regardless of whether they accompany the principal applicant or not. However, the situation changes if the application is temporary (e.g., TRV, work permit, study permit, or TRP). In those situations, only applicants must undergo a medical examination. Of course, they must do it if the requirement applies. 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The text that was sent to the applicants was— As of July 7, 2022, if you receive an invitation to apply (ITA), an upfront Immigration Medical Examination (IME) is required as part of your application, whether you are in Canada or outside of Canada. Your family members, must also have their IME results, even if they aren't coming with you. This change applies to-Principal applicantsDependent spouses – accompanying or non-accompanyingAny dependent children – accompanying or non-accompanying So, before the email, only those applicants under the Express Entry, who were living in Canada had to do an Upfront Immigration Medical Examination. However, this is not the case now. We can say previously it was an option to do upfront medical exam, but now it seems that IME is mandatory to submit complete application after ITA. Anyhow, it is also advisable to submit upfront medical exam after receiving the ITA and biometric fee to avoid delays in processing. What Is An Immigration Medical Exam If you want to move to Canada you need to have an Immigration Medical Examination (IME). This is to make sure that you are not inadmissible to Canada for health reasons. An IME is conducted by a panel of physicians who are IRCC-licensed doctors. There are two types of Immigration Medical Exams in Canada. One is the regular IME and other is an Upfront Immigration Medical Exam. An upfront medical exam is for people who do not have an application in the eMedical system. Generally, you get an IME letter and then go to a panel physician for medical exam. However, sometimes, panel physicians can do an exam without an IME letter. Thus, this is basically what an upfront medical examination is. How to book an Upfront Medical Exam? To book an upfront medical exam you can get in touch with a panel physician directly. So, you will need to contact a panel physician for immigration medical exam. Also, you have to do the same tests- physical examination, x-rays and bloodwork. However, the only difference is that you will not receive the IMM 1017 Medical Report form from IRCC. The upfront medical exam is also valid for only 12 months. And, if you do not come to Canada, within that time, you need to do another exam. If you are planning to immigrate to Canada (especially under the Express Entry Program), you can apply for the upfront medical exam to help you in your Immigration process. Unquestionably, the results from your upfront medical exam will certify if you are medically fit to immigrate to Canada for any reason. That is why, in this article, we have stated all the necessary information you need on the upfront medical exam and how to go about your medical results. So don't miss out on a section! What is the IRCC medical examination report? IRCC medical examination report is a report of medical fitness that is required by immigrants anywhere in the world before the authorization of their immigration to Canada. You will need to take an upfront medical exam and get a medical examination report if you are planning to visit Canada for a period that is more than six months if you plan to work in healthcare, or if in your application for permanent residence. Taking an upfront medical exam is essential for your immigration process because it exposes your health status and prevents the spread of diseases. However, you might not need to take the upfront medical exam if you are visiting for less than six months. Uses of medical exams in visa application Without a doubt, the purpose of the medical examination is to expose applicants that are having some inadmissible health conditions to the immigration services and the department of state. The health-related issues that will prevent admission into Canada are infections with a communicable disease that is of public health significance. Likewise, a mental or physical disorder with associated harmful behavior or drug use, i.e., drug abuse. If you fail to present documentation of vaccination against preventable diseases, you might not be admissible to Canada. The following are the communicable diseases that are of significance to public health and may prevent applicants from migrating to Canada. Syphilis Hansen's disease or leprosy Gonorrhea Tuberculosis However, quarantinable diseases include: Diphtheria Cholera Measles Infectious tuberculosis Smallpox, plague Viral hemorrhagic fever (such as Marburg, Lassa, and ebola) Smallpox Yellow fever Influenza Severe acute respiratory syndrome (such as the Middle East respiratory syndrome, Covid-19, and SARS) As part of the medical examination for immigration, you are advised to get vaccinated (depending on your age) against the following diseases that can be prevented with vaccine: Polio, mumps, tetanus, diphtheria toxoids, COVID-19, measles, Haemophilus influenza type B, pertussis, rotavirus, meningococcal disease, hepatitis A, hepatitis B, rubella, varicella, pneumococcal pneumonia, and influenza. However, if you are in the United States and want to adjust your status for permanent residency, you are required to vaccinate against the aforementioned vaccine-preventable diseases. How to obtain an upfront medical exam Without a doubt, Canada is a medical-report-required country. So, if you are to submit a medical report, you will have to take an upfront medical exam to prove your health status. Take the following steps if you intend to do an upfront medical exam. Firstly, you should contact the IRCC website for the official list to locate the panel physician who is close to you. Secondly, call and book an appointment. Ensure that you inform your panel physician that you are going to do an upfront medical exam. Hence, you do not have an RMA form. Afterward, take the following documents and some other required documents that the physician will require the following:- Any evidence of your medical history Passport or another official ID card A list of your medications Lenses or eyeglasses (if you wear them) Four immigration photographs in exceptional situations Note that you may need to go through X-rays, lab tests, and some other tests besides the physical exams. 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Significantly, it would help if you did not open the envelope, no matter the condition. You must apply to adjust your status and medical exam along with form I-485. But if you already filled out the adjustment of the Status application, you can submit the envelope at the USCIS green card interview. Upfront medical exam appointments To book an appointment for the upfront medical exam, you will have to contact a doctor who is approved by the outsourcing and can do the immigration medical exam. The doctor is often called a panel physician. Note that there are many panel physicians all over the world, so you can find and choose the one closest to you. Importantly, you cannot use your family doctor if they are not on the list of approved panel physicians. You can choose any physician from anywhere in the world, even if they are in the country where you live, but you must pay for the medical exam. The costs differ with each doctor so you must fix it! After booking an appointment with your medical panel physician, you must find out what you need to bring along for the upfront medical exam. What is the validity period for upfront medical results? Without a doubt, your upfront medical exam results for your immigration are generally valid for one year. It is noteworthy that form I-693 is valid when a civil surgeon signs it within 60 days before the date you apply for the underlying immigration benefits. Also, the l USCIS adjudicates the application 12 months after the date the civil surgeon signs. Upfront medical exam requirements Interestingly, there are upfront medical exam requirements for temporary residents and permanent residents. Requirements for temporary residents If you are a temporary resident, i.e., either visitor, student, or worker, you can check for your medical requirements below. Students As a student who intends to study in Canada for less than six months, you don't need to pass the medical examination. However, if you are studying for more than six months, you will need to pass the medical exams. Visitors As a visitor, you don't need to pass the medical exam. However, if you apply for a Super visa, then you will need to pass the medical exam. Workers If your occupation is related to public health, where public health has to be protected, you will need to pass the upfront medical exam. However, if you want to work in any job that is not related to public health for less than six months, you need not pass the medical exam. But you must pass the medical exam if working for six months or above. Requirements for permanent residents Without a doubt, if you plan to reside permanently in Canada, you must pass the medical exam. Also, if you have your family members, dependents, or spouse coming with you, they must have the medical examination results. Before applying, the upfront medical exam is an examination that you undergo before IRCC asks you to. However, in partner/spouse sponsoring applications, you cannot do upfront medical exams anymore. Applicants and their dependents will have to wait for instruction from the IRCC before doing the medical exam. Who needs to do an upfront medical exam? Unquestionably, the following Canadian applicant has to do an upfront medical exam. However, this list is neither exclusive nor inclusive. So, you might have to consult a professional for official advice. 1. Express Entry applicants Express Entry applicants have to do an upfront medical exam. Note that if you're in Canada or your family members are outside of Canada, you will wait for the immigration authorities to issue the IMM 1017 form. Also, you need to upload a letter of explanation to your profile. 2. TR to PR pathway And yes! some applicants may be exempted from the medical exams. But people who intend to remain in Canada for six months or more and have visited or lived in certain countries for six months before moving to Canada must undergo an upfront medical exam. 3. Work permit applicants Likewise, work permit applicants in any occupation are subjected to a medical exam. However, if your visa program or immigration does not qualify you for an upfront medical exam, you can then wait for an official IME letter (IMM 1017). See Also: 10 Student-Friendly Countries with Post-Study Work Visa How can you fail the upfront medical exam? You will fail the upfront medical exam if you certify the following The communicable disease of public health significance. Failure to show proof of required vaccinations. Mental or physical disorder with associated harmful behavior. Addiction or drug abuse How long will it take to process TR to PR? It will take between four to five weeks to process your TR to PR. Conclusion The upfront medical exam is undeniably required for your immigration and visas to Canada, especially if you're going on a permanent residence. However, getting and certifying your medical report is better to ensure your application is a success. As of October 1st, you no longer need to get an upfront medical examination before you submit your application for permanent residence through Express Entry. Get a Free Express Entry Assessment An immigrant medical exam (IME) from a panel physician is a requirement for permanent residence. If you have never completed an IME, you may now upload a blank document in the upload field of the Express Entry profile Builder when submitting your application. Immigration, Refugees and Citizenship Canada (IRCC) will then send you further instructions on when to get your medical exam. 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IRCC will not approve a permanent residence application if your health is a danger to Canada's public health or safety or if it would cause too much demand on health or social services in Canada. When you go to your appointment for the medical exam, you must bring: Proper identification Eyeglasses or contact lenses, if you wear them Any medical reports or test results that you have for any previous or existing medical conditions A list of your current medications The Medical Report form, if you do not get an upfront medical exam 4 recent photographs, if the panel physician does not use eMedical The medical exam will likely consist of a medical history questionnaire, which will ask about any previous and existing medical conditions. You'll also undergo a physical exam. Depending on your age, you may be asked to do chest x-rays and other laboratory tests. You must pay for all the fees related to the medical exam when you are there. 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