

MEDICAL EXAMINATION IN LATVIA

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Every immigrant visa applicant regardless of age, including “K” category visa applicants, must undergo a medical examination before their visa interviews and present the medical examination results to the Consular Section of the Embassy Riga. Medical examinations and laboratory tests for immigration purposes should be conducted by a medical doctor designated by the embassy. In Latvia, there is one panel physician authorized to conduct medical examinations for U.S. immigrant visa applicants:

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Medical examinations from any other physicians or clinics are not accepted.

Scheduling appointment: Visa applicants should contact the panel physician directly to schedule the appointment and request guidance on the medical examination requirements.

Fees for medical examination and tests in Latvia:

- For applicants under 15 years of age, the examination fee will not exceed EUR 128.00 per person;
- For applicants 15 years of age and older, the examination fee will not exceed EUR 156.00 per person.

An extra fee will be charged for individual vaccines and their administration, the cost for chest radiograph and radiology counseling, and for examination of sputum when needed.

Submission of the examination results: The panel physician will provide you with the examination results in a sealed envelope. You have to submit this envelope to the embassy along with other documents on the day of your visa interview. **NOTE:** The envelope may be open only by embassy’s representative.

Validity of the examination results: The results are valid for submission to the embassy within six months. In some cases, the panel physician is required to limit the validity of medical exam to three months. If approved, the immigrant visa validity will be the same as the medical exam validity.

Vaccination requirements: U.S. immigration law requires immigrant visa applicants to obtain the vaccinations listed below prior to the issuance of a visa. The vaccination report by panel physician will be a part of the medical examination results.

Non-immigrant K category visa applicants are not subject to the vaccination requirement. However, the U.S. Department of State strongly encourages K visa applicants to meet the vaccination requirements before admission to the United States. K visa applicants will need to have a full vaccination report completed before their adjustment to legal immigrant status in the U.S.

Panel physicians who conduct medical examinations on behalf of visa applicants are required to verify that visa applicants meet the vaccination requirement, or that it is medically inappropriate to receive one or more of the listed vaccinations as a number of vaccines have age-appropriate guidelines. Vaccinations currently required are as follows:

- (1) Mumps;
- (2) Measles;
- (3) Rubella;
- (4) Polio;
- (5) Tetanus;
- (6) Diphtheria;
- (7) Pertussis;
- (8) Haemophilus influenzae Type B
- (9) Rotavirus;
- (10) Hepatitis A;
- (11) Hepatitis B;
- (12) Meningococcal disease;
- (13) Varicella;
- (14) Pneumococcal;
- (15) Influenza.

To assist the panel physician, and to avoid processing delays, all visa applicants should have their vaccination records available for the physician's review at the

time of the medical examination. Visa applicants should consult with their regular health care provider to obtain a copy of their immunization record, if one is available. If you do not have a vaccination record, the panel physician will work with you to determine which vaccinations you may need to meet the requirement. Only the panel physician can determine which of the listed vaccinations are medically appropriate for you, given your age, medical history and current medical condition.