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Tēnā koe Wendy,

I refer to your request(s) under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act) received on 17 January 2025 requesting the following information from the Ministry of Business, Innovation and Employment (Ministry):

"I would like to request the medical assessor guidelines for all categories of medical conditions, with a distinction made between temporary applicants and residence applicants. Specifically, I am particularly interested in detailed information regarding the conditions listed under "A4.10.1 Medical conditions deemed to impose significant costs and/or demands on New Zealand's health and/or education services."

Our Response

The *Immigration New Zealand Guidelines for Medical Assessors (INZ 1378)* are attached in Appendix 1. Within these guidelines, reference is made to supplementary guidelines for some medical conditions. The Immigration Health Team has yet to update a number of the supplementary guidelines referred to in the *Immigration New Zealand Guidelines for Medical Assessors (INZ 1378)*. Therefore, the guidelines being provided to you listed in the table below and attached in Appendix 2 are a mix of current supplementary guidelines and guidelines dated 2017 and 2018 which will be replaced. The guidelines which are dated 2017 and 2018 have been released to you as extracts from a document called *Management of Common Medical Conditions (version 2, December 2018)*. This document is no longer in circulation amongst the Medical Assessors and has been replaced by the *Immigration New Zealand Guidelines for Medical Assessors (INZ 1378)*.

Cardiovascular diseases	Guidelines for Medical Assessors: Cardiovascular conditions (version 27 June 2024)
Cochlear Implants	Cochlear Implants Information for INZ Medical Assessors (version 1 October 2017)
Diabetes	Diabetes (version 1, December 2018)
Haemophilia	Guidelines for Medical Assessors: Haemophilia (version 1 June 2023)
Hepatitis B	Hepatitis B Guidelines HAT Update (version September 2018)
Hepatitis C	Hepatitis C Guidelines for Immigration New Zealand Medical Assessors (version 2, October 2017)
HIV	Guidelines for Medical Assessors: HIV (version 1 June 2023) and associated Appendix
Non Tuberculous Mycobacterium	Guidelines for Medical Assessors: Non Tuberculosis Mycobacterium (version 1 June 2023)
Renal failure and dialysis treatment	Renal failure (version 2, December 2018)



Syphilis	Guidelines for Medical Assessors: Syphilis Screening (version 1 June 2023)
TB	Immigration New Zealand Medical Assessor Management of Active TB (version 4, December 2018)
Applicants who may have special education needs	Guidelines for Medical Assessors: Special education needs and Ongoing Resourcing Scheme (ORS) funding (version 1 June 2023)
Applicants who may need full time care	Full Time Care Extract (version December 2018)
Urinalysis	Guidelines for Medical Assessors: Urinalysis (version 1 June 2023)
Blood test results	Guidelines for Medical Assessors: Blood test results (version 3 October 2022)
Chest x-rays	General advice on Chest X-Rays Extract (version December 2018)

Please note that the documents being released which pre-date 2022 do not necessarily reflect medical advancements, current costs of medication, or changes to immigration instructions that have been made in the interim. For example, the current financial threshold of \$81,000, which determines whether an applicant's medical condition is likely to impose significant costs on New Zealand's health services, may not be reflected in these documents.

You have asked that distinction be made between guidelines for temporary entry and residence applicants. The documents will in some cases be applicable to both temporary entry and residence applicants or may only be applicable to one or the other. The guidelines should generally note whether the advice pertains to a temporary entry or residence application.

You have the right to seek an investigation and review by the Ombudsman of this decision. Information about how to make a complaint is available at www.ombudsman.parliament.nz or freephone 0800 802 602.

If you wish to discuss any aspect of your request or this response, please contact inzoias@mbie.govt.nz.

Nāku noa, nā

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