



INFORMATION SHEET

# TB SPUTUM TEST FOR NEW ZEALAND VISA APPLICANTS

TB Sputum Test for the New Zealand visa applicants are conducted by the International Organization for Migration (IOM) at the Migration Health Assessment Center

**Working hours:** 08:00-17:00 Monday through Friday, except IOM holidays.

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## What to bring to the TB sputum test

1. Valid passport and 2 copies of the passport
2. Original ID and 2 copies of the ID card
3. The letter from referral hospital

## Service fees

Age group	Fees in THB
Diagnostic sputum tests for Tuberculosis, series of 3 specimens (smear, culture, identification, DST)	6,000
Follow up on TB treatment, series of 2 specimens*	4,000

\*Follow up on treatment requires, on average 3 to 4 series

Payment should be made at the IOM office by cash

## Laboratory testing

Sputum will be collected in the morning hours for three consecutive days. In addition to sputum smears sputum cultures will be done. The testing with sputum culture may takes up to 9(nine) weeks. In a very small proportion of cases, where the sputum culture becomes contaminated, this process may take longer.



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## Result

IOM will send the results of tests to the physician of referral hospital.

## Sputum collection Instructions

- Sputum MUST be given in the early morning
- DO NOT have breakfast or any drinks except clean water
- Show your original identification documents with photograph (Passport or National ID Card) to the laboratory staff
- Rinse your mouth with water and spit it out
- Take a tissue provided and cover your mouth
- Sit on the stool provided
- Cover your mouth with the tissue and hold the collection cup
- Take the top off the collection cup and hold it open
- Take four very deep breaths
- Cover your mouth with the tissue
- On the fourth deep breath, cough from deep in the chest
- Hold your arm around your stomach and cough deeply
- Collect the sputum in your mouth
- Gently spill the sputum into the collection cup
- Put the top on the cup and seal shut
- Give the collection cup to the Lab staff for checking
- Repeat these processes until lab staff tells you to stop

**It is very important for your health that you follow these instructions.**

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