



ShipMed
Medical Services

United Kingdom TB Screening exam

ShipMed does the UK TB Screening on behalf of the International Organisation of Migration (IOM).

For a summary of information regarding your UK medical exam, please read the below instructions carefully. For more detailed information please visit:

<https://www.gov.uk/tb-test-visa>

International Organisation of Migration Website: <https://southafrica.iom.int/uk-tb-testing>

Contacts for Appointments

- Email uktb@shipmed.co.za
- Telephone Call ShipMed on +27 (0) 31 2618291, select "UKTB Screening"

When your appointment is confirmed, you will receive an email with:

- a unique Reference Number (this must be used as a reference on your payment)
- an information pack with everything you need to know about your appointment.



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Pricing:

- Under 11 years old - Medical Check, no x-ray - R1500 per applicant
- 11 years and older - X-ray only - R3000 per applicant

(Pricing as per 2023)

Payment Details (payment is strictly via EFT ONLY)

Payment is made to the IOM and not ShipMed

Bank: First National Bank

Account Holder: Int Org of Mig

Account Number: 62165532724

Branch: Brooklyn

Branch code: 251345

Reference No: E.g. DBN123

AT your UK TB Screening Appointment Bring all the following:

- **Original, valid passport**
- Printed out Proof of Payment reflecting your Reference Number
- Any UK Address and contact details (this does not have to be a place where you will stay but the address of anyone you know in the UK)



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Process at ShipMed:

This process can take up to SIX hours to complete, but you can get your certificate on the same day.

Each applicant's details will be captured. A photo will be taken Applicants under 11 years old will be examined by the doctor (Panel Physician).

You will present to Lake, Smit & Partners (Entabeni Hospital) for your xray. The radiologist will then send their report to ShipMed for review.

If you have no features to suggest TB infection or TB disease in the lungs, then your certificate will be generated.

Certificate Collection:

- All applicants 18 and over must be present to sign on their certificate at the time of collection.
- All applicants under 18 can have their parents sign their certificates and do not need to be present at collection.
- Please bring your passport to ensure that details on the certificate are 100% correct as ShipMed cannot be responsible for errors once the applicant has signed on the certificate.

What if my x-ray is not normal? If there is any suspicion of TB infection or TB disease on your x-ray:

- You will be called in to see the doctor who will examine you. You will be required by IOM to provide sputum samples for laboratory testing to exclude TB.



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Sputum Collection and Testing Process (if necessary)

Three different sputum samples (respiratory tract secretions) will be required. One sample must be taken at ShipMed each day, for three consecutive days.

Each sample is tested for:

- Acid Fast Bacilli (results available within 24 hours)
- Microscopy, Culture and Sensitivity (results take 8 weeks)

If all three sputa are clear then you will get a certificate. If your sputum shows TB you will need to begin six months of TB treatment either at your local clinic or a private specialist (you will get your certificate once your treatment is complete and your TB repeat tests are clear).

Payment Options

- EFT Only (Proof of Payment copy must be provided at the appointment)

IMPORTANT – once you have your certificate:

- Do not fold it
- Do not laminate it
- Do not write on it
- Do carry it, safely, in your hand luggage when you travel.

