

*Notes for applicants with special medical conditions:*

- United States Public Health Service regulations allow for an exemption of the chest x-ray requirement for **pregnant women**. If you are pregnant and do not wish to have the X-ray, a temporary exemption will be granted. To be granted the exemption, you must bring with you to your appointment written certification of your pregnancy signed by your personal physician or obstetrician.
- ~~If you had **syphilis** you must present the panel doctor with a written certificate, signed by a doctor or public health official, proving that you were adequately treated. If you have ever had a positive VDRL or other blood test for syphilis and were not treated, please bring a written explanation signed by your doctor.~~
- If you have ever had a positive skin test for **tuberculosis**, please bring a certificate from your doctor, outlining the circumstances surrounding the positive tests result and, indicating what, if any, treatment you were prescribed and for how many months you took the treatment. If you have ever been diagnosed as suffering from tuberculosis, you must present a written certification, signed by your doctor, to prove that you were adequately treated. The certificate must include dates and types of medications taken. If you have ever had an abnormal chest X-ray, please arrange to borrow the last X-ray films taken of you and bring them to the medical appointment. The actual films, not the typed reports, may be required to compare with the X-rays that will be taken at the medical appointment.
- Applicants treated or hospitalized for **psychiatric or mental illness or alcohol or drug abuse** must present written certification, which must include the diagnosis, duration of treatment rendered, and prognosis.
- Applicants with **mental retardation or learning disabilities** must present a report outlining their problems and any special requirements as far as education or supervision that may be required.
- If you have had any **history of harmful or violent behavior** resulting in injury to people or animals, or harm to inanimate objects, you must provide information that will allow the doctors to determine if your behavior was related to any psychiatric or medical problem, or to drug or alcohol use. Harmful behavior includes attempted suicide or harm to yourself, no matter how minor in nature.
- Applicants being treated for **chronic medical problems, or those taking medications on a regular basis**, should be familiar with the medical conditions that they are suffering from, and the names of the medications they are taking. If you are not sure of the diagnoses, please have your doctor prepare a certificate outlining your problems, the current treatment, and prognosis. Please bring a list of any medications that you may be taking.

**HIV NOTICE.** As part of your examination, a blood test for the antibody to Human Immunodeficiency Virus (HIV) is required. The results of a positive test must be reported to the consular officer and to the appropriate Canadian public health authorities.