

## INFORMATION SHEET 2. – Checklist: Evidence required from Category A applicants

### Evidence required to demonstrate protection against the specified infectious diseases

- Acceptable evidence of protection against specified infectious diseases includes:
  - a written record of vaccination signed by the medical practitioner, and/or
  - serological confirmation of protection, and/or
  - other evidence, as specified in the table below.
  - NB:** the health facility may require further evidence of protection, eg serology, if the vaccination record does not contain vaccine brand and batch or official certification from vaccination provider (eg clinic/practice stamp)
- TST screening is required if the person was born in a country with a high incidence of TB, or has resided for a cumulative time of 3 months or longer in a country with a high incidence of TB, as listed at:**  
<http://www.health.nsw.gov.au/publichealth/Infectious/a-z.asp#T>.
- In certain specialised clinical settings, for example, in transplant, oncology or neonatal wards, the health facility may require serological evidence of protection (in addition to evidence of vaccination or other evidence) to ensure that the risk to vulnerable patients is minimised.

Disease	Evidence of vaccination	Documented serology results	Other acceptable evidence
<i>Diphtheria, tetanus, pertussis (whooping cough)</i>	<input type="checkbox"/> One <u>adult</u> dose of diphtheria/ tetanus/ pertussis vaccine (dTpa). <b>Not ADT.</b>	Serology will not be accepted	Not applicable
<i>Hepatitis B</i>	<input type="checkbox"/> History of completed age-appropriate course of hepatitis B vaccine. <b>Not "accelerated" course.</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> Anti-HBs greater than or equal to 10mIU/mL	<input type="checkbox"/> Documented evidence of anti-HBc, indicating past hepatitis B infection
<i>Measles, mumps, rubella (MMR)</i>	<input type="checkbox"/> 2 doses of MMR vaccine at least one month apart	<input type="checkbox"/> Positive IgG for measles, mumps and rubella	<input type="checkbox"/> Birth date before 1966
<i>Varicella (chickenpox)</i>	<input type="checkbox"/> 2 doses of varicella vaccine at least one month apart (evidence of one dose is sufficient if the person was vaccinated before 14 years of age)	<input type="checkbox"/> Positive IgG for varicella	<input type="checkbox"/> History of chickenpox or physician-diagnosed shingles (serotest if uncertain)
<i>Tuberculosis (TB)</i>	Not applicable	Not applicable	<input type="checkbox"/> Tuberculin skin test (TST)
<i>See note 2 above for list of persons requiring TST screening</i>		Note: interferon-gamma release immunoassay (IGRA) is not generally accepted. In the event that an IGRA has been performed, screening by TST will be required if the IGRA result is negative or equivocal. Persons with positive TST/IGRA must be fully assessed by a TB service within 3 months of commencement of clinical duties or clinical placement and must be asymptomatic when commencing clinical duties or clinical placement.	
<i>Influenza</i>	<b>Annual influenza vaccination is not a requirement, but is strongly recommended</b>		

**FORM 2. – Tuberculosis (TB) assessment tool**

- A New Recruit/Student will require TST screening if he/she was born in a country with a high incidence of TB, or has resided for a cumulative time of 3 months or longer in a country with a high incidence of TB, as listed at: <http://www.health.nsw.gov.au/publichealth/Infectious/a-z.asp#T>.
- The **Health Service** will assess this form and decide whether clinical review/testing for TB is required. Indicate if you would prefer to provide this information in private consultation with a clinician.
- **New recruits** will not be permitted to commence duties if they have not submitted this *Form* and *Form 1: New Recruit Undertaking/Declaration* to the employing health facility. Failure to complete outstanding TB requirements within the appropriate timeframe(s) may affect the new recruit's employment status
- **Students** will not be permitted to attend clinical placements if they have not submitted this *Form* and the *Form 3: Student Undertaking/Declaration* to their educational institution's clinical placement coordinator as soon as possible after enrolment. Failure to complete outstanding TB requirements within the appropriate timeframe(s) will result in suspension from further clinical placements. **The educational institution** will forward the original or a copy of these forms to the health service for assessment.

**Clinical History**

Cough for longer than 2 weeks      Yes     No

*Please provide information below if you have any of the following symptoms:*

Haemoptysis (coughing blood)      Yes     No

Fevers / Chills / Temperatures      Yes     No

Night Sweats      Yes     No

Fatigue / Weakness      Yes     No

Anorexia (loss of appetite)      Yes     No

Unexplained Weight Loss      Yes     No

**Assessment of risk of TB infection**

Were you born outside Australia?      Yes     No

If yes, where were you born?  
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Have you lived or travelled overseas?      Yes     No

Country	Amount of time lived/ travelled in country
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***Have you ever had:***

**Contact with a person known to have TB?**  
If yes, provide details below      Yes     No

***Have you ever had:***

**TB Screening**      Yes     No   
If yes, provide details below and attach documentation

If you answered **YES** to any of the questions above, please provide details (attach extra pages if required).

**I declare that the information I have provided is correct**

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Phone or Email \_\_\_\_\_

Student ID (or date of birth) \_\_\_\_\_

Educational institution (student) \_\_\_\_\_

Health Service/Facility (new recruit) \_\_\_\_\_

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

