



31 January 2023

Dan

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Ref: DOIA 2223-1305

Dear Dan,

Thank you for your email of 11 December 2022, to the Ministry of Health requesting, under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act), the following information:

Under the 2022 Special Ukraine Policy:

1 What health checks do Ukrainians entering New Zealand under this policy undergo before entering the country?

2 Specifically, given Ukraine has a high number of Tuberculosis cases than other countries in the world, what specific tests do Ukrainians take for this disease before entering New Zealand?

3 How are these health checks tracked / monitored to ensure those entering the country actually go ahead to undergo these tests, either before they arrive or on arrival?

Your request was transferred to the Ministry of Business, Innovation and Employment (the Ministry) on 13 December 2022 for a response under section 14(b)(ii) of the Act, as the request is more closely connect to the functions of the Ministry.

Our Response

Immigration New Zealand (INZ) has immigration health instructions that apply to applicants of all nationalities. Please refer to section A4 of the INZ Operational Manual which can be found at the below link:

- [Operational Manual - Immigration New Zealand. Issue Date: 24 January 2023](#)[Operational Manual - Immigration New Zealand. Issue Date: 22 August 2016](#)

2022 Special Ukraine visa applicants are not required to undergo health screening prior to traveling to New Zealand. Given the nature of the conflict in Ukraine, it was acknowledged in the creation of the 2022 Special Ukraine visa category that eligible applicants would be unlikely to access immigration medicals. On that basis, it was agreed to that the standard requirements be substituted by declarations by both the applicants and sponsors that all the applicants meet character and health requirements. They are requested to declare whether they have tuberculosis, or are likely to require renal dialysis, hospital care or residential care in their visa application. Please refer to immigration instructions H8 and A4.25(d)(vii) which can be found at the below link:

- [Operational Manual - Immigration New Zealand H8.](#)
- [Operational Manual - Immigration New Zealand A4.25](#)

Immigration New Zealand does not require any visa holder to undertake any health screening or tests once they arrive in New Zealand. However, to support early engagement with the New Zealand health system, 2022 Special Ukraine visa holders are eligible for a one-off fully funded health assessment. Any health screening or tests are voluntary. Please refer to the links below:

- [Free health checks for 2022 Special Ukraine Visa holders – Te Whatu Ora - Health New Zealand](#)

- [New temporary visa for family of Ukrainians in New Zealand | Immigration New Zealand](#)

I hope you find this information helpful.

You have the right to seek an investigation and review by the Ombudsman of the Ministry's response to your request, in accordance with section 28(3) of the Act. 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.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Michael Carley". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long, sweeping underline that extends to the right.

Michael Carley
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