

Funded Initial Health Assessment for 2022 Ukraine Special Visa Holders

Purpose

This document provides an overview of the Ukraine Special Visa initiative, the background and context, and the health assessment pathway and details.

Introduction

In response to the war between Russia and Ukraine, the NZ Government announced a new Visa to enable Ukrainian-born NZ citizens and residents to apply to bring family members still in the Ukraine to NZ.

This special cohort of Ukrainian arrivals are likely to have complex needs. All health requirements for coming to NZ have been waived under the Visa.

All arrivals are granted either a temporary two-year visa or two-year student visa for those up to 19 years and will have full access to publicly funded health and disability services.

Note: this cohort is not included in the NZ refugee quota and therefore have not had the benefit of health and support services and the orientation programme refugees undertake. Therefore, it is expected that they will be unfamiliar with the health system in NZ and may have preventable public health and personal health risks that need follow up post arrival.

Equity

The key goal of the service is to improve health outcomes and equity for the Ukrainian arrivals under the Special Visa category. Removing the initial barriers to engaging with primary care, using appropriate interpreter services, and being informed of access to vaccinations for preventable diseases will ensure equity can start being delivered early and meaningfully.

Eligibility/ Business Rules

From 17 October 2022 people from Ukraine holding a 2022 Special Ukraine Visa are eligible for a one-off initial 45-minute health assessment and follow up that is fully funded by Te Whatu Ora.

- Patient(s) are Ukrainian who report they are in NZ under the 2022 Special Ukrainian Policy Visa
- Not required to show Visa or eligibility
- It is expected that standard enrolment rules apply if they chose to sign up as an enrolled patient
- The initial and follow-up consults are claimable for both enrolled and non-enrolled patients

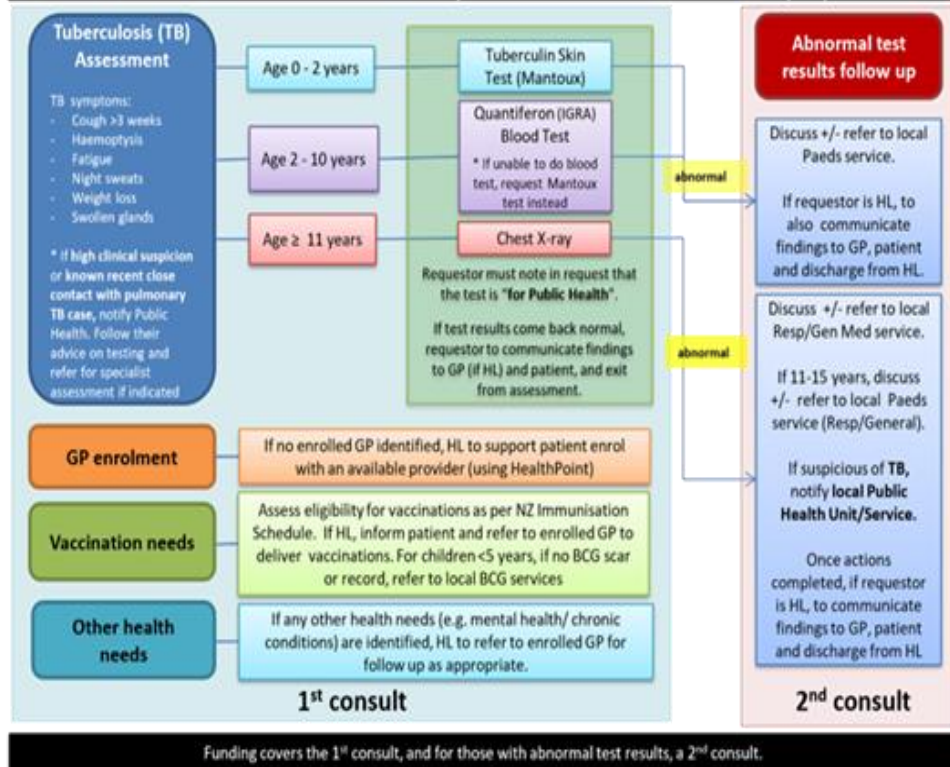
The funding for service expires on 30 June 2024.

Consultations

- Deliver at no cost to the patient
- Deliver services aligned with the health assessment pathway below

2022 Special Ukraine Policy Visa Holders 2022-2024

Initial Health Assessment by enrolled GP or HealthLine (HL)



Better view – click here [2022 Special Ukraine Policy Visa Holders 2022-2024.png](#)

Initial consultation requirements

Patients offered one initial fully funded 45-minute consultation that covers:

- TB assessment and referral for the appropriate TB test as per pathway
- Assessment of vaccination status as per current NZ National Immunisation Schedule
- Noting other medical concerns that may need future follow up
- Patients with normal test results can be informed of results by text/email/phone as appropriate and exited from the Service
- Patient returning a consequent abnormal test result offered a fully funded 45 minutes follow up consultation

Follow Up Consultations

Criteria for Exit

Responsibility under this initiative finishes when the patient:

- Has been notified of a normal TB screen result, or
- has an abnormal TB screen result (either TB or non-TB related) has been provided with a follow up consultation and referred to appropriate secondary services, if appropriate, and
- who is suspected of having TB on chest x-ray is notified to the local public health service and

- is not yet enrolled with a general practice is supported to enrol with that general practice
- Access and book interpreters in the chosen language via Connecting Now
- 0800 449 462 press 1 for pre-bookings and 2 on demand
- Pin number 15904

Interpreters

Funding

Pricing Schedule

Consult Type	Age	Rate (ex GST)
Initial consult	15+ years (adults)	\$355.94
	Under 15 years (children)	\$230.82
Follow-up consult	15+ years (adults)	\$187.50
	Under 15 years (children)	\$187.50

Claiming

Submit an invoice to Auckland PHO, with the following information with appropriate claim schedule as above:

- Initial consult
 - Age of patient
 - Notified to local public health with **suspected** TB at first consult
- Follow up consult
 - Age of patient
 - **Suspected or confirmed** TB

Other Health Concerns

Any other health concerns such as diabetes identified from the first consultation should be followed through future consultants at an enrolled general practice. These will be booked separately, and the usual practice charges will apply.

Further Information

Click link for **important** information from Te Whatu Ora regarding:

- Managing test results
- Notifying Public Health
- TB Assessment and Testing
- Mantoux test requests
- Normal test results
- Abnormal test results
- Vaccination needs
- Interpreters

[Health Pathways resource for 2022 Special Ukraine Visa Holders Final 13 Oct 2022.pdf](#)

Additional information

<http://mahiforukraine.com/special-ukraine-visa>

Note: clinical guidance on the health responsive will also be available on Auckland Regional HealthPathways in due course.

TB Testing

The suggested tests to be requested exclude latent TB. Follow local pathway and notify Public Health if clinical suspicion of active TB.

- Note: this information is included in the link:

[Health Pathways resource for 2022 Special Ukraine Visa Holders Final 13 Oct 2022.pdf](#) and is repeated here for quick reference.

Age	Type of Test	Considerations	Further Details
0 – 2 yrs	Tuberculin skin test - Mantoux	<p>Do not organise this test if known previous large Mantoux reaction or known history of TB. Discuss with local General Paediatric/Paeds ID service (likely will request an outpatient CXR and clinic follow-up). Mantoux tests can be done in children < six months but can be difficult to interpret. If positive, refer to local General Paediatric/Paeds ID service.</p> <p>If negative, and child asymptomatic, will not need further tests or follow up. Any child known to be a close contact (eg, household contact) of someone with TB must be referred to Public Health for follow up as a potential contact. This should be done at the first consult. Do not request this test unless asked to do so by Public Health</p>	Mantoux test can be organised via local laboratories. Must have 'For Public Health' on request or patient may be accidentally charged. Include BCG history under details (affects interpretation of test). Document Ukraine as country of origin. Direct patients to local lab contact details to book an appointment – will have to be placed and then read after three days.
2 – 10 yrs	Quantiferon (IGRA) Blood Test	<p>If child unable to do blood test (needle phobic or unable to get enough volume of blood), request Mantoux test instead. Any child known to be a close contact (eg, household contact) of someone with TB must be referred to Public Health for follow up as a potential contact.</p> <p>This should be done at the first consult.</p> <p>Do not request this test unless asked to do so by Public Health</p>	<p>Must have 'For Public Health' on request or patient may be accidentally charged.</p> <p>Document Ukraine as country of origin.</p> <p>Direct patients to local collection centre – no need to pre-book appointment</p>
Equal to or > than 11 years	Chest X-ray	<p>PA view sufficient.</p> <p>Any person known to be a close contact of someone with TB (eg, within the household) must be referred to Public Health for potential follow-up as a contact.</p> <p>This should be done at the first consult. Do not request this test unless asked to do so by Public Health.</p>	<p>Must have 'TB Screening: For Public Health' on request to allow for appropriate interpretation.</p> <p>Document any past history of TB and Ukraine as country of origin.</p>

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