

# Request for Submission of Tuberculosis (TB) Clearance Certificate

## Why is this certificate required?

The Japanese government requires a TB Clearance Certificate to ensure the health and safety of our community and to comply with immigration regulations. This certificate is a mandatory part of your application for the Certificate of Eligibility (COE), particularly for applicants from countries with a high incidence of tuberculosis. The list of



designated countries currently includes, but is not limited to, the Philippines, Vietnam, China (excluding Hong Kong and Macau), Indonesia, Nepal, and Myanmar. Therefore, **we strongly advise all applicants to confirm with their local Japanese embassy, consulate, or a related official website whether this certificate is required.**

## When to submit:

**If a TB Clearance Certificate is required, please submit it as soon as possible after receiving your acceptance notification, ideally within one week.** We strongly recommend that you contact your local Japanese embassy or consulate well in advance to find the designated medical institution for this screening. Processing times can vary, and any delay in submitting this certificate will directly impact your COE application.

## What is the TB Clearance Certificate?

This certificate, also known as a "Tuberculosis Non-Development Certificate" or "結核非発病証明書" in Japanese, confirms that you do not have active tuberculosis. To obtain it, you will typically need to undergo a chest X-ray examination.

## Where to obtain the certificate:

You must get this certificate from a designated medical institution in your home country or current country of residence. If you are a citizen of one of the countries listed previously, you are required to use a facility specifically approved by the Japanese government for this screening. **For a list of these approved facilities, please consult the official website of your relevant Japanese embassy or consulate or contact them directly.**

## Important Notes:

- The certificate must be an original and issued within a specific validity period (e.g., 6 months, 90 days) before your planned arrival/enrollment. Be sure to check the exact validity period with the Japanese immigration authorities.
- The certificate must be in English. If the original is in another language, you must provide an official English translation.

- Failing to submit this certificate by the deadline can lead to significant delays in your COE and visa processing, or even the withdrawal of your application.

**The following outlines the VISA and Certificate of Eligibility (COE) application process for individuals required to undergo TB screening.**

All applicants should confirm with their local Japanese embassy or consulate whether a TB Clearance Certificate is required. This is especially important for applicants from the **Philippines, Vietnam, China, Indonesia, Nepal and Myanmar**.

Visit <https://jpets.mhlw.go.jp> for the details and the latest information.

