HIV Testing Requirements for Entry Into Foreign Countries

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Magic Johnson's recent refused entry into Indonesia for a basketball game because he is HIV positive prompted us to investigate other countries' HIV entry policies. We found that while many countries do not bar those who are HIV positive from admission, many are now instituting HIV-related entry requirements. The following list of country requirements is based on information available as of October 1993 and is subject to change. Before traveling abroad, check with the embassy of the country to be visited to learn entry requirements and specifically whether AIDS testing is a requirement. If the list indicates U.S. test results are acceptable "under certain conditions" in a particular country, prospective travelers should inquire at the embassy of that country for details (i.e. which laboratories in the United States may perform tests and where to have results certified and authenticated) before departing the United States.

COUNTRY	TEST REQUIRED FOR	U.S. TEST ACCEPTED
Antigua and Barbuda	University students, intending immigrants, those wishing to work and those suspected of having the HIV virus	Yes
Australia	All applicants for permanent residence age 15 and over. All other applicants who require medical examinations are tested if it is indicated on clinical grounds.	Yes*
Bahrain	Foreign workers in certain job categories, i.e. hotel staff, hair dressers, etc.	No, testing performed on arrival
Belize	All applicants for residency permits.	Yes*
Bolivia	Applicants for residency.	Yes, under certain conditions*
British Virgin Islands	Anyone staying more than 6 months and applicants for work permits.	Yes*
Bulgaria	May be required gfor any foreigner staying longer than one month for purposes of study or work and all intending immigrants.	No
China, People's Republic Of	Those staying more than six months.	Yes, under certain conditions*
Colombia	Anyone suspected of being HIV positive will not be admitted.	No
Cuba	All foreigners, excluding diplomats, staying 90 days or longer.	No
Cyprus	All foreigners working or studying.	No

Dominican Republic	Foreigners seeking residency.	No
Egypt	All foreigners staying more than 90 days.	Yes, under certain conditions
El Salvador	All applicants for permanent residency over 18 years.	No
Estonia	Foreigners seeking residency or work permits.	Yes, under certain conditions*
Germany, Federal Republic of (Bavaria only)	Applicants for residence permits staying over 180 days in Bavaria.	No
Greece	Students receiving Greek Government scholarships and performing artists working in Greece	No
India	All students over 18, anyone between the ages of 18 and 70 with a visa valid for one year or more and anyone extending a stay to a year or more, excluding accredited journalists and those working in foreign missions.	No
Iraq	Anyone staying over 5 days (failure to have the test done will result in a fine up to $1,600). (To avoid $330 fee have test done in the U.S. before departing)	Yes, under certain conditions*
Korea	Foreigners working as entertainers staying over 90 days and foreign athletes who are members of Korean teams.	Yes
Kuwait	Those planning to obtain residence permits.	No
Lebanon	Those planning to live or work.	No*
Libya	Those seeking residence permits, excluding official visitors.	Yes
Lithuania	Applicants for work or permanent residence permits.	Yes, under certain conditions*
Malaysia	Foreigners seeking work permits.	Yes, under certain conditions*
Marshall Islands, Republic of the	Temporary visitors staying more than 30 days and applicants for residence permits.	Yes, under certain conditions*
Mauritius	Foreigners planning to work or seek permanent residence.	Yes, under certain conditions*
Mexico	Applicants for permanent residence visas.	Yes, under certain conditions*
Micronesia (Federated States of)	Anyone staying over one year.	Yes
Mongolia	Students and anyone planning to stay longer than 3 months.	Yes
Montserrat	University students and applicants for work and residency.	Yes, under certain conditions*
Oman	Those newly-employed by private sector companies and upon renewal of work permit.	No
Pakistan	Those staying for over one year must certify that they are free of HIV.	Yes, under certain conditions*
Papua New Guinea	Anyone planning to work or seeking residency.	Yes
Paraguay	Applicants for temporary or permanent residence status.	Yes, under certain conditions*

Phillipines	Applicants for permanent residency visas.	Yes
Russia	Those staying 3 months or longer.	Yes, under certain conditions*
Saudi Arabia	Applicants for residency/work permits only.	No
St. Kitts and Nevis	Students, intending immigrants and those seekin employment.	Yes, under certain conditions*
Singapore	Workers who earn less than $345 per month.	No
Syria	Those seeing residency, planning to work or study, or marry a Syrian national in Syria.	No
Taiwan	Applicants for residence and work permits (may also be required for those extending visitor visas).	Yes, under certain conditions*
United Arab Emirates	Applicants for work or residence permits.	No, testing performed on arrival
Ukraine	Anyone staying longer than 3 months.	Yes, under certain conditions*
United Kingdom	Anyone staying more than 6 months and applicants for work permits.	Yes*

*Check with embassy or representative office in Washington, D.C. for detailed requirements.

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