



Self-evaluation form for tuberculosis screening for students of social services and healthcare

The Communicable Diseases Act (1227/2016, section 55) obligates employers to require employees working in units of social services or healthcare or who offer treatment for children under school age to provide a reliable account of not having a respiratory tuberculosis. The account is also required from trainees. Justified grounds for requiring this account include a long-term or repeated stay in a country in which tuberculosis is common or any other specific exposure to tuberculosis. Employees cannot work in the aforementioned positions until this account has been presented.

Before on-the-job training in social services and healthcare, students **within the target group** must provide their employer with a medical statement of lung imaging. This statement cannot be older than two years. If a student has a valid statement, the student must acquire it personally from the imaging location. Otherwise, the student must undergo imaging at the Hatanpää imaging unit in Tampere, after which the statement can be picked up from Tullinkulma student healthcare services on the next day.

You can evaluate the need for lung imaging using the questions below. If you respond “No” to all questions, no imaging will be needed. If you respond “Yes” to any of the questions, you will need to undergo lung imaging. Lung imaging is necessary if more than two years have passed from the previous imaging or you have been exposed to tuberculosis since the previous imaging exam.

If you are pregnant and respond “Yes” to any of the questions, book an appointment with a nurse of student healthcare services instead of undergoing lung imaging.

If you have any symptoms of tuberculosis, contact healthcare services.

More detailed instructions and lists of countries are available at <http://www.tampere.fi/tuberkuloosi>.

1. Were you born in a country in which the TB incidence is very high ($\geq 150/100,000/\text{year}$)?

YES NO

2. Have you stayed at least 12 months or worked/trained in healthcare services for at least 3 months in a country in which the TB incidence is very high ($\geq 150/100,000/\text{year}$)?

YES NO

3. Have you treated a TB patient?

YES NO

4. Have you been in close contact with an infectious TB patient?

YES NO

Note: If your tasks include giving treatment to newborn babies, the TB incidence limit for the country of birth or the country in which you have worked is lower ($\geq 50/100,000/\text{year}$).