

# INFORMATION ON US VISA AND IMMIGRATION EXAMINATIONS ("MEDICAL")

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*Please read the following information carefully before making an appointment.*

## GENERAL INFORMATION

Anyone seeking to immigrate to the USA from Germany or another country or requiring a special visa must undertake the following steps:

1. You submit an application to the US consulate. If the requirements are met, you will receive a so-called "case number".
2. Use this case number to contact an authorised "panel physician" for the necessary medical examination.
3. During the examination you will also receive any necessary vaccinations from us (see p. 2). Please take note of the CDC's vaccination guidelines.
4. Your interview at the US consulate usually takes place after the examination report has been finalised.

Our GP practice is one of four practices in Germany authorised by the US Consulate as a panel physician.

We offer immigration examinations independent of your place of residence.

Our services as a panel physician are generally to be paid for by the patient. They are not covered by statutory or private health insurance. For more details, see price information on p. 3.

## PROCEDURE

The immigration examination consists of a total of four parts:

### *1. General examination*

An expert assessment is carried out, including questioning about previous illnesses, a detailed physical examination and an eye test. This examination is carried out directly at our practice.

A fee is payable for the medical examination, see price information on p. 3.

## 2. Vaccinations

Depending on your vaccination status, vaccinations may be required in accordance with the guidelines of the Centre for Disease Control (CDC). With the exception of Covid vaccinations, these should be carried out at our practice on the day of the examination. Otherwise, insufficient intervals might lead to delays.

The current vaccination guidelines of the CDC include, depending on age and season (information without warranty, the official [CDC documentation<sup>1</sup>](#)) is authoritative):

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| <input type="radio"/> Covid-19 (refresher)                       | <input type="radio"/> Pneumococci            |
| <input type="radio"/> Hepatitis A and B                          | <input type="radio"/> Pertussis              |
| <input type="radio"/> Influenza                                  | <input type="radio"/> Polio                  |
| <input type="radio"/> Haemophilus Influenzae (HIB, for children) | <input type="radio"/> Rotavirus              |
| <input type="radio"/> Measles, mumps, rubella                    | <input type="radio"/> Tetanus and diphtheria |
| <input type="radio"/> Meningococcus                              | <input type="radio"/> Varicella              |

You must provide proof of the following (please submit documents):

*Either* previous and current vaccinations

*or* immunity acquired by other means

*or* vaccination during the immigration examination

German statutory health insurance will cover the costs of most vaccinations if you have the appropriate insurance status. All other required vaccinations must be paid for additionally with us.

## 3. Laboratory tests

The necessary urine and blood tests will also be carried out during your appointment. You do *not* need to turn up on an empty stomach for this.

The laboratory results are usually available after 2 days and will be processed by us immediately. The results are then sent electronically to the consulate. This means that you do not have to come to us again to collect or hand in anything.

For special visas due to drug or alcohol offences, there may be additional costs for a liver sonography (approx. 25 euros) or a special laboratory test (49 to 128 euros).

The laboratory services are not included in the general examination fee. You will receive a separate invoice from the laboratory, calculated according to their current cost rates. This invoice must be paid directly to the laboratory.

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<sup>1</sup><https://travel.state.gov/content/travel/en/us-visas/immigrate/vaccinations.html>

#### 4. X-ray examination

An X-ray examination of the chest is mandatory for all adults and adolescents over the age of 15. This examination *must* be carried out in the radiology practice in Munich that co-operates with us and the US consulate:

- \* Gemeinschaftspraxis für Radiologie Dres Böheim und Vaitl, Sendlinger Str. 37, 80331 München, Tel.: +49.89.268295.

Special quotas are reserved in this practice for USA examinations. Please make an appointment there, which ideally should take place immediately before the examination at our practice. Please take into account for your planning that you will undergo *two* examinations at *two* locations (travel time max. 30 minutes).

Please note that x-rays from other practices or hospitals are not recognised by the consulate.

You will receive the images personally in a sealed envelope, which you are not permitted to open yourself and which you must carry with you when travelling to the USA and hand in to the authorities there.

The services of the radiology practice must be directly paid to them separately from our bill.

#### PRICE INFORMATION

The following rates for the examinations have been agreed with the US Consulate. With your written consent to the examination, you also agree to pay the costs incurred in accordance with this price information.

Our services as a panel physician are private services, with the exception of part of the vaccinations, if applicable.

The costs due in our practice – general examination fee and some vaccinations – are to be paid directly to us at the end of your appointment, in cash or by credit/debit card. We cannot process your report without payment of the fee.

Item	Where to pay	Costs	Comments
Medical examination	Practice Hansastraße	EUR 480	for adults and adolescents aged 15 and over
		EUR 320	for children under 15 years
Vaccinations	Practice Hansastraße	EUR 50 to 200	for self-payers
		EUR 0	with statutory health insurance in Germany, <i>excluding polio, varicella and hepatitis B if required</i>
Röntgen	Radiology Böheim / Vaitl	EUR 59.95	for all, per person
Labor	Laboratory (against invoice)	approx. EUR 15 to 150	according to laboratory rates

Table 1: Price overview. All prices include value added tax (19%)

We will promptly send the collected data to the US Consulate electronically. Please refrain from inquiring about the processing status.

## CONTACT

The immigration examination at our practice can only be carried out by prior appointment by email ([kontakt@praxis-dr-redlich](mailto:kontakt@praxis-dr-redlich)), via Doctolib or by telephone. The appointment is binding. Please cancel your appointment in good time if you are unable to attend.

Addresses and telephone numbers:

- \* Hausarztpraxis Hansastrasse, Dr. Karin Redlich, Hansastrasse 136, 81373 München, phone: +49.89.7601400 (Mon–Fri 8.00–12.00, Mon 14.00–17.00, Thu 15.00–18.00), <http://tinyurl.com/dr-redlich>
- \* Gemeinschaftspraxis für Radiologie Dres Böheim und Vaitl, Sendlinger Str. 37, 80331 München, phone: +49.89.268295, <http://tinyurl.com/vaitl>

## CHECKLIST

Please provide the following documents on the day of your examination:

- our data sheet (filled in and printed out by you): [download](#)
- valid passport in original and single photocopy
- 4 identical passport photos 3.5x4.5 cm
- your current health insurance card, if available
- all vaccination cards or proof of vaccination
- information on serious illnesses, certificate of disability, if applicable
- your address in Germany or another EU country (= billing address for laboratory, information is mandatory)
- your planned address in the USA (mandatory)
- phone number and email address
- case number and barcode number as provided by the consulate
- glasses or contact lenses for spectacle wearers
- x-ray images from the cooperating radiology practice (if already taken)
- sufficient cash in euros for cash payments, sufficient credit/limit for the costs to be settled directly for card payments