

Human Resources

AP 7336 CERTIFICATION OF FREEDOM FROM TUBERCULOSIS

References:

Education Code Section 87408.6

Except as provided herein, no person shall be initially employed by the District in an academic or classified position unless the person has submitted to an examination within the past 60 days to determine that he/she is free of active tuberculosis, by a physician and surgeon licensed under the California Business and Professions Code. This examination shall consist of an X-ray of the lungs, or an approved intra-dermal tuberculin test, that, if positive, shall be followed by an X-ray of the lungs. This examination is a condition of initial employment and the expense shall be borne by the applicant.

The X-ray film may be taken by a competent and qualified X-ray technician if the X-ray film is subsequently interpreted by a physician and surgeon licensed under the Business and Professions Code.

The Chief Human Resources Officer may exempt, for a period not to exceed 60 days following termination of the pregnancy, a pregnant employee from the requirement that a positive intra-dermal tuberculin test be followed by an X-ray of the lungs.

Thereafter, employees who are skin test negative are required to undergo the foregoing examination at least once each four years upon recommendation of the local health officer for so long as the employee remains skin test negative. Once an employee has a documented positive skin test that has been followed by an X-ray, the foregoing examinations shall no longer be required and referral shall be made within 30 days of completion of the examination to the local health officer to determine the need for follow up care.

After the examination, each employee shall cause to be on file with the District a certificate from the examining physician and surgeon showing the employee was examined and found free from active tuberculosis.

This procedure shall not apply to any employee of the District who files an affidavit stating that he/she adheres to the faith or teachings of any well-recognized religious sect, denomination, or organization and in accordance with its creed, tenets, or principles depends for healing upon prayer in the practice of religion and that to the best of his/her knowledge and belief he/she is free from active tuberculosis. If at any time

there should be probable cause to believe that the applicant is afflicted with active tuberculosis, he/she may be excluded from service until the Chief Human Resources Officer is satisfied that he/she is not so afflicted.

A person who transfers his/her employment from another school or community college District shall be deemed to meet the requirements of this procedure if the person can produce a certificate that shows that he/she was examined within the past four years and was found to be free of communicable tuberculosis, or if it is verified by the college previously employing him/her that it has a certificate on file that contains that showing.

A person who transfers his/her employment from a private or parochial elementary school, secondary school, or nursery school to the District shall be deemed to meet the requirements of this procedure if the person can produce a certificate as provided for in Health and Safety Code Section 121525 that shows that he/she was examined within the past four years and was found to be free of communicable tuberculosis, or if it is verified by the school previously employing him/her that it has the certificate on file.

The chest X-ray test can be waived if a qualified health care provider certifies:

- 1) that the employee is at risk for excessive x-ray radiation,
- 2) will test positive to the Tuberculin Purified Protein Derivative (PPD) skin test, and
- 3) the employee is clinically negative for tuberculosis.

Date Adopted: August 18, 2015

(This is a new procedure recommended by the Policy and Procedure Service.)