

Fragomen Australia Newsflash – Update to Health Requirements for Temporary Visa Applicants in Australia

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In October 2022, the Department of Home Affairs implemented interim measures to exempt certain temporary visa applicants in Australia from having to complete health examinations. This post-COVID-19 pandemic initiative was introduced by the Department of Home Affairs to assist in clearing the backlog of visa applications.

When will the concession come to an end?

The health examination concession will come to an end on 31 October 2023.

From 1 November 2023, the Department of Home Affairs will revert to pre-pandemic health examination policy settings.

Any visa applicants lodging applications on or after 1 November 2023 may be required to complete health examinations depending on:

- the visa subclass being applied for;
- length of proposed stay in Australia;
- planned activities in Australia;
- the country the applicant is from; and
- any special circumstances and/or any significant medical conditions.

How will in-progress applications be impacted?

Applications lodged but undecided prior to 1 November 2023 will be afforded the health examination concession if it applies to their circumstances.

If you have any questions, please contact the immigration professional with whom you work at Fragomen or send an email to fragomenclientcorrespondence@fragomen.com.

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