

Health Requirements for Foreign Language Teaching Assistants

IMMUNIZATION REQUIREMENTS

Host institutions require that teaching assistants provide proof of immunizations before registering for classes for the first time and beginning teaching assistantship duties. Typically you will be asked to complete a medical form which includes emergency contacts, health history, physical exam, and immunizations. Proof of the following immunizations is required:

MMR --- measles, mumps, rubella (2 doses after the age of 12 months)

TD/DT – tetanus and diphtheria (within the last 10 years) and

TB skin test for tuberculosis (within 6 months of arrival)

Prior to your arrival you should contact your faculty advisor regarding the immunization requirements of your host institution. Please remember to bring proof of your immunizations.

MANDATORY HEALTH INSURANCE COVERAGE

As part of your teaching assistantship you are responsible for purchasing health insurance coverage if your host institution does not provide it as a benefit of your terms of award (or if you are a NON-FULBRIGHT FLTA). In the event that you need to purchase health insurance coverage please be sure to review the Mandatory Coverage form sent to you to familiarize yourself with the requirements established by the United States Department of State for J-1 visa holders.

FAILURE TO OBTAIN NECESSARY HEALTH INSURANCE COVERAGE IS A VIOLATION OF YOUR EXCHANGE VISITOR IMMIGRATION STATUS AND MAY LEAD TO GRANT TERMINATION.

If you should have any questions you should feel free to contact IIE directly:

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