

AP 7336 Certification of Freedom from Tuberculosis

Reference:

Education Code sections 87408, 87408.5, and 87408.6

The following is excerpted from statute.

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 or 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 intradermal 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 District.

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.

District Superintendent or his or her designee may exempt, for a period not to exceed 60 days following termination of the pregnancy, a pregnant employee from the requirement that a positive intradermal 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 *every 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.

The cost of either the intradermal tuberculosis skin test or X-ray examination of the lungs shall be borne by the District.

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 or 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 or her knowledge and belief he or 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 or she may be excluded from service until the *governing board* is satisfied that he or she is not so afflicted.

A person who transfers his or 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 or 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 or her that it has a certificate on file that contains that showing.

A person who transfers his or 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 Section 121525 of the Health and Safety Code that shows that he or 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 or her that it has the certificate on file.

See BP 7330 Communicable Disease