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Tēnā koe A KS,

Thank you for your email of 3 April 2023 to the Ministry of Business, Innovation and Employment (MBIE) requesting, under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act), the following information:

Thanks a lot for providing information under the following request.

<https://aus01.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Ffyi.org.nz%2Frequest%2F21945-questions-regarding-the-operations-of-inz-health-assessment-process-and-medical-assessors&data=05%7C01%7CMinisterialServices%40mbie.govt.nz%7C679012cebcf447234efc08db34195920%7C78b2bd11e42b47eab0112e04c3af5ec1%7C0%7C0%7C638161056617762547%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWljiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzliLCJBTiI6Ikl1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C3000%7C%7C%7C&sdata=FdxC83nq%2FsXHSbCv2hRDWKpKjJh55XNt1iotrRDmyJo%3D&reserved=0>

Appendix one document (Section E) mentions the following on Page 29.

<https://aus01.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Ffyi.org.nz%2Frequest%2F21945%2FResponse%2F83650%2Fattach%2F3%2FAPPENDIX%2520Part1.pdf&data=05%7C01%7CMinisterialService%40mbie.govt.nz%7C679012cebcf447234efc08db34195920%7C78b2bd11e42b47eab0112e04c3af5ec1%7C0%7C0%7C638161056617762547%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWljiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzliLCJBTiI6Ikl1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C3000%7C%7C%7C&sdata=TV4OHulxD2ZLjmUWb1C1VK4F%2BIbKLUF3eCyAASAD25c%3D&reserved=0>

Guidelines have been developed for Medical Assessors to use when assessing some of these health conditions including:

- Cardiovascular diseases
- Cochlear implants
- Diabetes
- Haemophilia
- Hepatitis B
- Hepatitis C
- HIV
- Non Tuberculous Mycobacterium
- Renal failure and dialysis treatment
- Syphilis, and
- TB.

There are also guidelines to help with assessing:

- an applicant who may have special education needs
- an applicant who may need full-time care
- urinalysis results
- blood test results, and
- chest X-rays.

Requesting the guidelines

Medical Assessors can request the guidelines in PDF format by emailing: INZHealthSupport@mbie.govt.nz.

Question 1:-

For this OIA request, please provide the guidelines in PDF format for the following.

- Cardiovascular diseases
- Diabetes
- Hepatitis B
- Hepatitis C
- Renal failure and dialysis treatment
- urinalysis results
- blood test results, and

As mentioned above, your response to other EOI hints about the existence of such guidelines, which assessors can easily request; it would be great if you could share those guidelines but only for the conditions mentioned above. Please share the latest guidelines only.

Question 2:-

Appendix 1 mentions the following at several places "Please refer to FIR 10.0".

However, in both appendix 1 and 2, I cannot find FIR 10.0.

I found that FIR is a further information request but is FIR 10.0 referring to a specific template numbered 10.0? Could you share the particular document having info for FIR 10.0 and explain more about it?

Our response

Question 1 - Please refer to **Appendix A** for the guidelines you have sought. Please note that other than the guidelines for blood test results, the documents which fall within the scope of your request are currently being rewritten. These documents are more than five years old and do not necessarily reflect medical advancements or changes to immigration instructions that have been made in the interim. For example, the increase in the threshold from \$41,000 to \$81,000, which determines whether an applicant's medical condition is likely to impose significant costs on New Zealand's health services, is not reflected in these documents.

Question 2 – Please refer to **Appendix B** for the information you have sought. We note this information should have been released with the documents released to you under DOIA 2223 – 1919. The Ministry apologises for this oversight.

Please note some information has been withheld under the relevant sections of the Act. Where information has been withheld from a document, the grounds are also noted in the document itself.

Throughout the whole of this request, where section 9 applies, we have considered whether the need to withhold that information is outweighed by other considerations which render it desirable, in the public interest, to make that information available, in accordance with section 9(1) of the Act, however it is our opinion that it is not.

Appendix A

Released with some information:

- Withheld under section 9(2)(b)(ii) of the Act
- Withheld under section 9(2)(g)(ii) of the Act

Appendix B

Released in full

You have the right to seek an investigation and review by the Ombudsman of the Ministry's response to your request, in accordance with section 28(3) of the Act. Information about how to make a complaint is available at www.ombudsman.parliament.nz or freephone 0800 802 602.

If you wish to discuss any aspect of your request or this response, please contact INZOIAs@mbie.govt.nz

Ngā mihi

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Karen Bishop', written in a cursive style.

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