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Health checks when arriving in Korea and starting work.

Know which examination to book — and avoid paying for the wrong one.

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THE ESSENTIALS

- Ask your employer for the exact examination name and required tests before booking.
- Confirm the clinic currently offers that examination before travelling there.
- Before paying, check four things: the correct examination, an accepted clinic, the required copies and the submission deadline.

Official routes: Your employer or school · The designated clinic's reception · Your Office of Education (teachers) · Immigration Contact Center: 1345.

WHO NEEDS WHAT

Is a health check required for everyone?

Requirements vary. The certificate you need depends on your visa, your role and the organisation receiving it.

E-2 English teachers

- Need an employment medical certificate for the relevant immigration process.
- It must be issued by a Ministry of Justice-designated medical institution.
- The E-2 examination includes drug screening.

F-series visa holders

- Ask your employer about employment and education-office requirements separately.
- Your visa alone does not tell you which paperwork the school needs.

Other visa categories

- Requirements differ by status and employer.
- Ask the employer which examination, if any, is required — and for whom the certificate is issued.

[Read Korea.net guidance →](#)

BOOKING

Book the correct examination

Explain whether your certificate is for immigration, employment or teacher registration. A routine health screening may not meet the requirements for an E-2 teacher examination.

채용신체검사

- [chaeyong sinche geomsa] [chaeyong sinche geomsa] Employment medical examination.

원어민 교사 채용신체검사

- [woneomin gyosa chaeyong sinche geomsa] [woneomin gyosa chaeyong sinche geomsa] Native-speaking teacher employment medical examination.

마약검사

- [mayak geomsa] [mayak geomsa] Drug screening.

건강검진

- [geongang geomjin] [geongang geomjin] Health screening — a broader term that may refer to a different service.

Show this at the clinic

Show reception your employer's written instructions rather than relying on the examination name alone.

[Check the current Ministry of Justice-designated clinic list on HiKorea →](#)

BEFORE YOUR APPOINTMENT

Prepare before you pay

For E-2 examinations, recruiter guidance gives an indicative cost of ₩70,000–₩130,000, with results in roughly three days to one week. Prices and turnaround times vary.

1. **Documents** — Confirm the required identification, photographs and any employer forms.
2. **Appointment** — Ask whether you need to book ahead.
3. **Fasting** — At least eight hours is commonly requested; check whether water is allowed and follow your clinic's instructions.
4. **Medication** — Ask how to manage prescribed medication. Do not stop it yourself.
5. **Cost and copies** — Confirm the total price, collection date and number of certificates.

[Read recruiter guidance on E-2 checks →](#)

NO RESIDENCE CARD YET

Waiting for your residence card?

Ask whether you can attend using your passport. Official guidance for incoming guest English teachers lists a passport, photographs and the examination fee among the items to bring.

Don't postpone by default

Confirm the clinic's identification requirements before delaying your appointment until the card arrives.

[See education-office guidance →](#)

RESULTS

Collecting and submitting your results

Check whether your employer needs the examination completed, or the certificate delivered, by its deadline. Allow time for processing and any follow-up the clinic requests.

Originals and copies

- Ask which organisations need an original copy.
- Where sealed results are required, leave the envelope unopened.
- Request a separate personal copy if you want to read your results.

Settle Seoul tip

Before paying, confirm four things: the correct examination, an accepted clinic, the required copies and the submission deadline. A quick check with your employer can save a second appointment.

SOURCES

Sources & verification · Health checks when arriving in Korea and starting work

Reviewed 15 October 2026. Check the official links before relying on dates, fees or rules.

- [Korea.net: E-2 teacher medical requirements](https://www.korea.net/)
<https://www.korea.net/>

- **Korvia: E-2 medical check guidance (recruiter)**
<https://www.korvia.com/>
- **Gyeongnam Office of Education: guest English teacher guidance**
<https://www.gne.go.kr/>
- **HiKorea: Ministry of Justice-designated clinics for health checks (list updated 12 October 2026, Korean)**
https://www.hikorea.go.kr/board/BoardNtcDetailR.pt?BBS_SEQ=1&BBS_GB_CD=BS10&NTCCTT_SEQ=365&page=1
- **Ministry of Justice (Korea Immigration Service): designated clinics notice (Korean, archived 2023 list — use HiKorea for the current list)**
<https://www.immigration.go.kr/bbs/immigration/211/572724/artclView.do>

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