

Air Chathams Ltd

MEDICAL CLEARANCE

Section 2 To be completed by nominated DOCTOR	Section 2 of this form must be completed by a Doctor if the passenger has a serious or unstable medical condition - refer Medical Guidelines for Doctors The Doctor is requested to answer all questions		
PASSENGER'S NAME:	MALE <input type="checkbox"/> FEMALE <input type="checkbox"/>	DATE OF BIRTH	
DOCTOR NAME:		SPECIALITY:	
NAME OF HOSPITAL/CLINIC:			
MOBILE:		FAX:	EMAIL:
Note: You may be contacted by Air Chathams for further information to allow your patient to fly. Please provide all contact information requested			
NATURE of ILLNESS or INJURY			
Is the passenger free from Contagious and/or Communicable disease? YES / NO Comments:			
Would the physical and/or mental condition of the: passenger cause distress, discomfort or a safety risk to other passengers? YES / NO Comments:			
Can the passenger use a normal aircraft seat with seatback placed in the UPRIGHT position? YES / NO Comments:			
Does the passenger need supplementary Oxygen in flight? YES / NO Comments:			
Can the passenger take care of their own needs on board? - Including feeding, toileting, mobility etc. YES / NO Comments:			
Does the passenger need any Medication, other than self-administered? YES / NO Comments:			
Escort Required: Yes / No		TYPE: Companion / Nurse / Doctor	
Comments:			

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Medical Clearance - Part 2 (Continued)		
WHEELCHAIR REQUIRED? YES / NO	Cannot walk to aircraft, but can manage stairs <input type="checkbox"/> Cannot walk to aircraft, cannot manage stairs <input type="checkbox"/> Requires assistance to cabin seat <input type="checkbox"/>	
SPECIAL SERVICES REQUIRED? YES / NO	DETAILS:	
Other remarks or information in the interest of the passenger's smooth and comfortable travel.		
DOCTORS DECLARATION I understand the final decision for passenger acceptance for travel rests with Air Chathams alone. - I have read and understood the Air Chathams Medical Guidelines for Doctors. - In my opinion, this person is safe to undertake the proposed flights, is free from communicable disease, and is not likely to affect the safety or wellbeing of other passengers or crew. - I agree that the services requested above are appropriate in the circumstances. This passenger is able to take care of their own meals, transfers, personal hygiene, medication and other needs in flight (or is escorted by someone who can assist with all these needs). - Where an ESCORT is required, I believe they are qualified and have all necessary equipment to deal with the patient's needs and any likely complications during the journey.		
NAME:	SIGNATURE	DATE
MEDICAL COUNCIL NUMBER:		

Air Chathams accepts the passenger named on this form for travel	YES / NO	
Comments:		
NAME:	SIGNATURE:	DATE

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Medical Guidelines for Doctors completing Section two of a Medical Clearance form

When to submit a Medical Clearance form

Complete a Medical Clearance form if your patient has any of the following:

1. An injury, illness or medical condition that may cause significant problems for them or others in flight. (eg. Heart disease/angina, severe mobility problems, psychiatric problems, injury & unable to bend at the knee)
2. A medical condition that may be made worse by the flight itself. (eg. Significant lung disease, ear & sinus problems, recent surgery)
3. An infectious disease that could be contagious at the time of travel (eg. Chicken pox, TB, measles, mumps, influenza)
4. Late pregnancy (beyond 37 weeks for a single pregnancy or beyond 31 weeks if a multiple pregnancy)
5. Complicated pregnancy
6. A requirement for special medical equipment, (eg. Nebulisers, oxygen, syringe pumps, CPAP)

NOTE: A wheelchair to the aircraft door alone does not require a Medical Clearance.

Considerations when assessing fitness to fly

Civil Aviation Rules require all passengers to be able to use the aircraft seat with the seat back upright. Exit row seats are only to be occupied by able bodied passengers.

Aircraft cabins are pressurised, but not to sea level. The cabin pressure may be equivalent of up to 3,050 meters (10,000 feet). This results in;

- a) Less available oxygen (PaO₂ drops from 21% to 10-12%)
- b) Gas expansion in body cavities (approximately one third increase in volume) – particularly relevant to trapped gas in middle ear, sinuses & after surgery
- c) Air travel also results in low humidity, turbulence, immobility and increased stress for some passengers.

Consider completing a Medical Clearance for passengers with:

- a) an obvious medical condition that may cause difficulties or challenges during boarding (eg. New limb casts, resolving chicken pox, etc)
- b) continence & mobility problems

Also consider the comfort of the person & other travellers

Some of Air Chathams flights operate without cabin crew.

If operating with cabin crew they are NOT authorised to give special assistance to particular passengers, to the detriment of their service to other passengers. - Cabin crew often are required to handle food and are therefore UNABLE to assist with toileting needs. - They are trained in FIRST AID procedures only and are NOT PERMITTED to administer any injection, or give medication. - Please ensure the passenger has all the necessary help via their travel companion/escort – if required