



# HOW DO I FIND VACCINATION EVIDENCE?

**WHAT CAN I USE AS EVIDENCE?** Acceptable documentation of protection against the specific infectious diseases for assessment ([listed at end of this document](#)), are:

- An Australian Immunisation Register (AIR) Certificate/Immunisation history statement
- NSW Health Vaccination Record Card – A written record of vaccination signed, dated, and stamped by a medical practitioner/nurse immuniser or pharmacist vaccinator (for authorised vaccines only)
- Serology report (blood test results) - Pathology report with serological confirmation of protection

**HOW DO I FIND EVIDENCE?** One of the easiest methods is to download your immunisation evidence from [Medicare](#):

Log in to the Medicare App and click on "Proof of vaccinations"

Click on "View immunisation history statement"

Click on "View history" and you can download your statement as a PDF file

**Immunisation history statement**

As at: 12 September 2021  
 For: Jill Citizen  
 Date of birth: 29 July 2017  
 Individual Healthcare Identifier (IHI): 8003 60 XX XXXX XXXX  
 NIP immunisation status: up to date

Schedule	Date given	Immunisation	Brand name given
Birth	30 Jul 2017	Hepatitis B	Engerix-B
2 months	30 Sep 2017	Diphtheria Tetanus Pertussis Hib Hepatitis B Poliomyelitis Pneumococcal Rotavirus	Hexaxim Prevenar 13 Rotarix
4 months	30 Nov 2017	Diphtheria Tetanus Pertussis Hib Hepatitis B Poliomyelitis Pneumococcal	Hexaxim Prevenar 13

If you download your vaccination history prior to 9 December 2022, you **MUST remove or redact** your Individual Healthcare Identifier (IHI) before sending your evidence.

Visit [Student Compliance Resources](#) > Redacting your Individual Healthcare identifier (IHI), for further information.

## WHAT IF MY IMMUNISATION RECORDS AREN'T ON THE MEDICARE APP?

International Students > Locate any immunisation records/history you have prior to leaving your home country. Ensure they are in English or translated into English by an accredited translator. When you arrive in Australia, apply for an Individual Healthcare Identifier (IHI). Read [IHI flyer](#) for details.

Domestic Students > make sure you have your Medicare card and locate any immunisation records you may have.

**Need HELP?**

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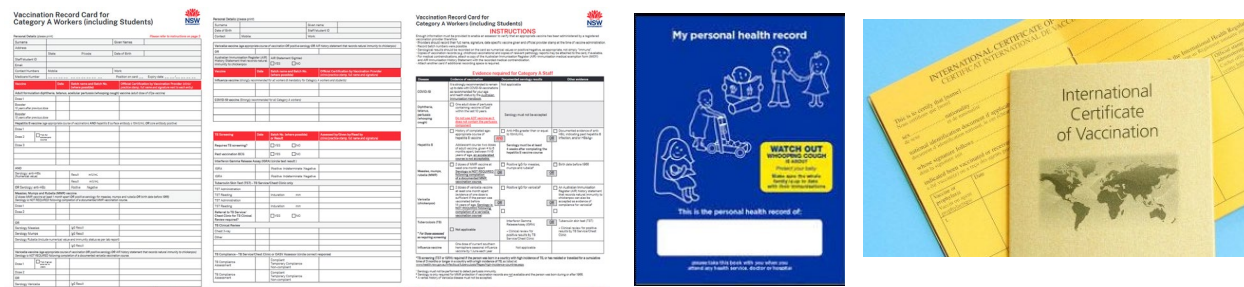
## WHERE CAN I GET A VACCINATION RECORD CARD?

You can download and print a [Vaccination Record Card for Category A Workers and Students](#). The final page has instructions on how to complete the card.

This card must be completed correctly by a doctor or medical practitioner correctly - signed, dated, and stamped by a medical practitioner/nurse immuniser or pharmacist vaccinator (for authorised vaccines only). Please refer to the [example vaccination card](#) to see what a correctly completed card looks like or take it to your doctor as a guide.

1. Visit with a General Practitioner (GP) to discuss your health records. Take the card along with all other supporting vaccination documents you have (e.g., Medicare Immunisation History Statement, baby records, serology reports) for reference.
2. Request your GP update your Medicare Immunisation records with all vaccinations you have had, and request copies of serology reports.
3. Scan/save a copy of your vaccination card, Medicare Immunisation record and any serology reports you have, ready to submit for assessment.

Below are some other types you may have access to, that can be added to your Medicare records:



- ✓ State or National baby records
- ✓ Defence Force immunisation record
- ✓ Medical Centre Immunisation List
- ✓ School Vaccination Record cards
- ✓ NSW Health Staff Clinic record
- ✓ Serology reports (blood test results)
- ✓ Chest clinic reports - only if you already have these; do not get chest x-rays unless advised by your doctor, or as directed by NSW Health staff in your written compliance assessment outcome.

If you remember having vaccinations at school in Australia but can't find the record:

- call the Public Health Unit on 1300 066 055 to request your Public Health records (note that charges apply)
- call Medicare on 1800 853 809

## WHAT TO DO IF YOU CAN'T FIND EVIDENCE OF ALL IMMUNISATIONS

If you have a clear memory of receiving vaccines but can't find any documented evidence, please ensure that you have tried all options listed above.

If you still can't find evidence for all the specified infectious diseases, provide evidence for what you have had so far. NSW Health staff will assess the available documents and provide you with advice on what you need to do next. Apart from advice from your GP or Immunisation Nurse, do NOT get vaccinations if you cannot find documented evidence of having them in the past.

**WHAT DISEASES DO I NEED EVIDENCE OF PROTECTION FOR?**

The [NSW Health Policy](#) outlines the immunisation requirements for all people entering NSW Health facilities, including students on placement. Students on placement are considered as Category A students.

**Evidence required for Category A Staff**

Disease	Evidence of vaccination	Documented serology results	Other evidence
COVID-19	It is strongly recommended to remain up to date with COVID-19 vaccinations as recommended for your age and health status by the <a href="#">Australian Immunisation Handbook</a> .	Not applicable	
Diphtheria, tetanus, pertussis (whooping cough)	<input type="checkbox"/> One adult dose of pertussis containing vaccine (dTpa) <sup>1</sup> within the last 10 years.  <b>Do not use ADT vaccine as it does not contain the pertussis component</b>	Serology must not be accepted	
Hepatitis B	<input type="checkbox"/> History of completed age-appropriate course of hepatitis B vaccine  Adolescent course: two doses of adult vaccine, given 4 to 6 months apart, between 11-15 years of age, <b>an accelerated course is not acceptable.</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> Anti-HBs greater than or equal to 10mIU/mL  Serology must be at least 4 weeks after completing the hepatitis B vaccine course	<input type="checkbox"/> Documented evidence of anti-HBc, indicating past hepatitis B infection, and/or HBsAg+
Measles, mumps, rubella (MMR)	<input type="checkbox"/> 2 doses of MMR vaccine at least one month apart <b>Serology is NOT REQUIRED following completion of a documented MMR vaccination course.</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> Positive IgG for measles, mumps and rubella <sup>2</sup>	<input type="checkbox"/> Birth date before 1966
Varicella (chickenpox)	<input type="checkbox"/> 2 doses of varicella vaccine at least one month apart (evidence of one dose is sufficient if the person was vaccinated before 14 years of age. <b>Serology is NOT REQUIRED following completion of a varicella vaccination course</b> )	<input type="checkbox"/> Positive IgG for varicella <sup>2</sup>  <input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> An Australian Immunisation Register (AIR) history statement that records natural immunity to chickenpox can also be accepted as evidence of compliance for varicella <sup>2</sup>  <input type="checkbox"/>
Tuberculosis (TB)  * For those assessed as requiring screening	<input type="checkbox"/> Not applicable	Interferon Gamma Release Assay (IGRA)  + Clinical review for positive results by TB Service/Chest Clinic	<input type="checkbox"/> Tuberculin skin test (TST)  + Clinical review for positive results by TB Service/Chest Clinic
Influenza vaccine	One dose of current southern hemisphere seasonal influenza vaccine by 1 June each year	Not applicable	

\*TB screening (TST or IGRA) required if the person was born in a country with high incidence of TB, or has resided or travelled for a cumulative time of 3 months or longer in a country with a high incidence of TB, as listed at: [www.health.nsw.gov.au/infectious/tuberculosis/Pages/high-incidence-countries.aspx](http://www.health.nsw.gov.au/infectious/tuberculosis/Pages/high-incidence-countries.aspx)

<sup>1</sup> Serology must not be performed to detect pertussis immunity.

<sup>2</sup> Serology is only required for MMR protection if vaccination records are not available and the person was born during or after 1966.

<sup>3</sup> A verbal history of Varicella disease must not be accepted.