



INDIVIDUAL HEALTHCARE IDENTIFIER (IHI)

WHAT IS AN IHI NUMBER?

An Individual Healthcare Identifier (IHI) is a unique 16-digit number that identifies Australian residents for healthcare purposes.

WHO NEEDS AN IHI?

International students require an IHI if they need to provide an Immunisation History Statement (AIR) for NSW Health Student Compliance assessment, for the purpose of providing acceptable documented evidence for COVID-19 vaccinations. Especially if they were vaccinated outside of Australia.

WHO SHOULD I SHARE MY IHI NUMBER WITH?

You should only share your individual healthcare identifier (IHI) number with health professionals.

HOW DO I APPLY?

The IHI is not mandatory. However, it is useful to have an IHI once you are onshore in Australia. It will help to manage your vaccination evidence. Follow the [‘How to get an IHI’](#) link for further information.

I HAVE AN IHI NUMBER, WHAT NEXT?

Once you have an IHI number, gather all your vaccination evidence (MUST be in English), then visit with any General Practitioner/Doctor (GP) to request they add all your evidence to the Australian Immunisation Register (AIR).

WHAT IF MY DOCUMENTS AREN'T IN ENGLISH?

Vaccination records recorded in a foreign language may be translated using the Free Translating Service [website](#) provided by the Department of Home Affairs or using a local translation service.

IMPORTANT NOTE

Be aware that the vaccination for COVID-19 must be documented on the Australian Immunisation Register (AIR) list or Australian COVID-19 certificate. An IHI may be your only option.