

# Starting primary school?

## School entry immunisation status certificates

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## Your child must have a school entry immunisation status certificate

### What is a school entry immunisation status certificate?

- It is a current record of your child's immunisations.
- It is a legal requirement to provide a school entry immunisation status certificate on enrolment to primary school in Victoria.
- It will assist health authorities in protecting children in the event of a vaccine preventable disease occurrence in school. An unvaccinated child may be excluded from school for a period of time.
- Homeopathic immunisation is not a recognised form of immunisation and is not acceptable under the legislation, therefore cannot be listed on an immunisation status certificate.

### How do I obtain a school entry immunisation status certificate?

- School entry immunisation status certificates can be obtained from:
  - the Australian Childhood Immunisation Register (ACIR)  
Telephone 1800 653 809  
Email [acir@medicareaustralia.gov.au](mailto:acir@medicareaustralia.gov.au)
  - visit your local Medicare Office or online at [www.medicareaustralia.gov.au/online](http://www.medicareaustralia.gov.au/online)
  - your GP
  - your local council immunisation service.

- You will automatically receive a history statement from ACIR after your child has completed the four-year-old vaccine. This history statement is used as the school entry immunisation status certificate.
- If your child has completed all immunisations but you have not received a history statement call ACIR on 1800 653 809 to find out why.
- If for some reason your child's immunisation records are incomplete or missing contact ACIR, your GP or local council immunisation service.
- If your child has never been vaccinated or was vaccinated overseas, then contact your GP or local council immunisation service who will be able to assist you in obtaining a school entry immunisation status certificate.

### Who do I give the school entry immunisation status certificate to?

- Once you have obtained your school entry immunisation status certificate you will need to give it to your child's primary school on enrolment.
- If you have lost the school entry immunisation status certificate issued by the ACIR ring 1800 653 809 to obtain another copy. Alternatively contact your GP or your local council immunisation service.
- It is important that the ACIR has your current address details to make sure you receive your school entry immunisation status certificate.
- If you are moving, or have recently moved, contact ACIR on 1800 653 809 or email [acir@medicareaustralia.gov.au](mailto:acir@medicareaustralia.gov.au) to update your contact details.

[www.health.vic.gov.au/immunisation](http://www.health.vic.gov.au/immunisation)

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