

Up to the age of 7 years, each time your child is immunised by a doctor or nurse they are required to advise ACIR so that the national immunisation record can be updated.

An ACIR History Statement which is a record of your child's immunisation to date will be posted to you when your child is 18 months old and again when they turn 5 years of age (or after they complete their 4 year old immunisations, whichever comes first). Prior to enrolling your child, particularly if your child is entering secondary school, please obtain an up to date copy of your Child's ACIR History Statement to provide to the school.

How do I obtain an ACIR History Statement for my child?

You can request a statement at any time by:

- telephoning ACIR on 1800 653 809
- emailing: acir@humanservices.gov.au
- visiting your local Department of Human Services Service Centre (Medicare) and requesting an ACIR history statement in person
- registering with the Department of Human Services Online Services at humanservices.gov.au/online-services

My ACIR History Statement is incorrect. How do I get it updated?

- If you believe data is missing from the history statement you may.
- If possible contact your Immunisation Provider (GP or child health clinic) and ask them to update the ACIR records.
- If this is not possible, contact ACIR directly. They will contact the provider to get the most updated record.
- Once the ACIR record has been updated, an updated history statement will be posted to you.
- Please provide the updated statement to your school.
- If you require further assistance, please contact the Central Immunisation Clinic on (08) 9321 1312.

For further assistance on how to obtain a history statement as proof of immunisation for school enrolment contact:

The Australian Childhood Immunisation Register (ACIR)

1800 653 809 free call from landline only or online

www.humanservices.gov.au

This document can be made available in alternative formats on request for a person with a disability.



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Starting school? Moving to a new school?

Inform the school of your child's
immunisation history



Why is immunisation important?

- Vaccine preventable diseases can have serious health consequences for school aged children and others in the community. You can help protect your child by ensuring their vaccinations are up to date.
- Children who are not fully immunised for their age may be excluded from school during outbreaks of some vaccine preventable diseases such as measles.

Why do I need to share my child's immunisation history with the school?

- Whenever a child is enrolled at a new school, parents are required by *The School Education Act (1999)* to present their child's immunisation records, for example the ACIR History Statement.
- If you have chosen not to immunise your child for medical or other reasons you are still required to provide the school with an immunisation record such as an ACIR certificate indicating that no vaccinations have been administered.
- If you have signed the conscientious objector form provided by Medicare, please present the letter they sent you to the school. If you haven't signed the form please advise the school that you do not want your child immunised and arrange to sign the conscientious objector form from Medicare when you next see your GP.

What immunisation records do I need to provide to the school?

- If your child was born in Australia, they will be registered on the **Australian Childhood Immunisation Register (ACIR)**. You are requested to provide the school with a copy of your child's (ACIR) History Statement as indicated in the table below. Alternative vaccination records can be difficult to interpret and will not be accepted by the school if your child is registered with ACIR.

Point of Enrolment	Immunisation record required by the school
School entry – K/PP/primary school	ACIR Immunisation History Statement
School entry – secondary school	ACIR Immunisation History Statement
Transfer between schools (primary and secondary)	ACIR Immunisation History Statement

What do I do if my child is not registered on ACIR?

If your child is not registered on ACIR, for example they were born overseas, you should provide the school with any immunisation records that you have. The school will take a copy of your current immunisation records and the community/school nurse may follow-up with you to verify your child's vaccination status.

Why do I have to provide an ACIR History Statement when enrolling my child at secondary school as it only records immunisation up until the age of seven years?

Secondary schools need to know which children have not received their early childhood immunisations for vaccine preventable diseases such as measles so that these students can be excluded during an outbreak.

What is an Australian Childhood Immunisation Register (ACIR) History Statement?

The Australian Childhood Immunisation Register (ACIR) is a national database which, since 1996 has kept a record of all immunisations administered in Australia to children from birth to seven years of age.