

Immunisation enrolment toolkit
for early childhood education and care services

No Jab No Play Information Session



The law

New provisions in the *Public Health and Wellbeing Act 2008*

From 1 January 2016, an early childhood education and care service cannot confirm enrolment of a child unless the parent/carer has provided documentation that shows the child:

- is fully vaccinated for their age; or
- is on a recognised catch-up schedule and is on track with the catch up schedule; or
- has a medical reason not to be vaccinated

The law – Services Impacted

	The law applies to:	The law does not apply to:	
Services operating under the National Quality Framework	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Long day care services ✓ Family day care services ✓ Preschool/Kindergarten services 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> x Outside school hours care (after school care, before school care, vacation care) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> x School children enrolled in any service
Services operating under the <i>Children's Services Act 1996</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Standard licence services ✓ Occasional care services with a limited hours type 2 licence ✓ Short term type 1 services 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> x School holiday care services x Occasional care services with a limited hours type 1 licence x Short term type 2 services 	

Enrolment

Enrolment processes will vary from service to service

The law applies to **new enrolments** from 1 January 2016

New enrolments include:

- New families or new children
- Where a child's place at the service has not been guaranteed or confirmed (eg where a place in 3 year old kindergarten does not guarantee a place in 4 year old kindergarten at the same service)

New enrolments do not include:

- Updating enrolment details
- Re-confirming existing enrolments



Documentation for Enrolment

A child's immunisations must be up-to-date for their age to be able to confirm enrolment in an early childhood service.

Parents must provide an Immunisation Status Certificate to show that their child(s):

- immunisations are up to date for their age
- is on a recognised catch-up schedule; or
- has a medical reason not to be vaccinated

Some children, whose immunisations are not up-to-date, or who do not provide appropriate documentation may be able to enrol under the grace period provision.

Conscientious objection will not be a valid exemption.

Immunisation Status Certificate

- ACIR – Immunisation history statement (the most common form, encourage parents to provide this form)
- A document from an immunisation provider that contains the same information as the ACIR statement

Immunisation Status Certificate: ACIR – Immunisation History Statement



Immunisation history statement

As at: 27 November 2015
 For: ARMANDO D BOWERS
 Date of birth: 01 August 2012
 Immunisation status: up to date

Schedule	Immunisation	Date given	Brand name given	Provider type
Birth	Hepatitis B	01 Aug 2012	Engerix-B	GP
2 months	Diphtheria Tetanus Pertussis Hepatitis B	01 Oct 2012	Inferrix Hexa	GP
	Polio Hib		Prevenar 13	
	Pneumococcal Rotavirus		RotaTeq	
4 months	Diphtheria Tetanus Pertussis Hepatitis B	01 Dec 2012	Inferrix Hexa	GP
	Polio Hib		Prevenar 13	
	Pneumococcal Rotavirus		RotaTeq	
6 months	Diphtheria Tetanus Pertussis Hepatitis B	01 Feb 2013	Inferrix Hexa	GP
	Polio Hib		Prevenar 13	
	Pneumococcal Diphtheria Tetanus Pertussis		Inferrix	
12 months	Measles Mumps Rubella	01 Aug 2013	MMR II	GP
	Meningococcal C Hib		Menitorix	
18 months	Measles Mumps Rubella Varicella	01 Apr 2014	Priorix-Tetra	GP
Next immunisation/s due Diphtheria Tetanus Pertussis				Date due 01 Aug 2016



Next immunisation/s due	Date due
Polio/Hib	01 Aug 2016

Date of next due immunisation



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Immunisation Status Certificate: ACIR – Immunisation History Statement



Immunisation history statement

As at: 27 November 2015
 For: ARMANDO D BOWERS
 Date of birth: 01 August 2012
 Immunisation status: not up to date

Next immunisation/s due	Date due
Polio/myelitis	01 Aug 2016

Schedule	Immunisation	Date given	Brand name given	Provider type
Birth	Hepatitis B	01 Aug 2012	Engerix-B	GP
2 months	Diphtheria Tetanus Pertussis Hepatitis B Polio Hib Pneumococcal Rotavirus	01 Oct 2012	Infranix Hexa Prevenar 13 RotaTeq	GP
4 months	Diphtheria Tetanus Pertussis Hepatitis B Polio Hib Pneumococcal Rotavirus	01 Dec 2012	Infranix Hexa Prevenar 13 RotaTeq	GP
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	Diphtheria Tetanus Pertussis	01 Apr 2014	Infranix	
12 months	Measles Mumps Rubella Meningococcal C Hib	01 Aug 2013	MMR II Menitorix	GP

Date of next due immunisations. Note there are two dates listed, the earliest date will be the most relevant for assessing enrolment eligibility.

Next immunisation/s due	Date due
Measles Mumps Rubella	01 Feb 2014
Varicella	01 Feb 2014
Diphtheria Tetanus Pertussis	01 Aug 2016

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Immunisation Status Certificate: ACIR – Immunisation History Statement



Immunisation history statement

As at: 16 December 2015
For: GENEVIEVE NARISSA
Date of birth: 20 February 2009
Immunisation status: up to date

Schedule	Immunisation	Date given	Brand name given	Provider type
2 months	Diphtheria Tetanus Pertussis Hib Hepatitis B Pneumococcal	20 Apr 2009	Triple Antigen COMVAX Prevenar 7	GP
4 months	Diphtheria Tetanus Pertussis Hib Hepatitis B Pneumococcal	20 Jun 2009	Triple Antigen COMVAX Prevenar 7	GP
6 months	Diphtheria Tetanus Pertussis Pneumococcal	20 Aug 2009	Triple Antigen Prevenar 7	GP
12 months	Hib Hepatitis B Measles Mumps Rubella Meningococcal C	20 Aug 2009 20 Oct 2009	COMVAX MMR II Meningitec	GP
18 months	Varicella	20 Feb 2010	Varilrix	GP
4 years	Measles Mumps Rubella Measles Mumps Rubella	20 Feb 2010 01 Oct 2012	MMR II Priorix	GP History Fom

Next immunisation/s due	Date due

Medical contraindication to Varilrix recorded on 01 Feb 2011

Medical contraindication to Poliacel recorded on 01 Apr 2011
Medical contraindication to Meningitec recorded on 01 Apr 2011

Note, there are no vaccinations listed under the Date Due. This child has received all vaccinations due.

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Immunisation Status Certificate:

Document from an immunisation provider

An immunisation provider can issue an Immunisation Status Certificate. For the purposes of enrolment this document will need to include:

- The child's details
- Immunisation providers details
- The vaccination history of the child (may be an attachment)
- Any medical contraindications
- **Date of the child's next due vaccine; or**
- **Statement saying the child has completed all their childhood vaccinations**
- Signed and dated by the immunisation provider

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Assessing documentation – 2 months prior to commencement

Key dates work form for immunisation and enrolment

CHILD NAME	KEY DATE 1	KEY DATE 2	KEY DATE 3	ENROL?
	First date child will attend service	Date two months prior to child first attending service	Date of next due immunisation	Is key Date 3 AFTER Key Date 2?
John Snow	21 Feb 2016	21 Dec 2015	10 Jan 2016	Yes – Confirm enrolment
Genevieve Narissa	12 April 2016	12 Feb 2016	20 Feb 2016	Yes – Confirm enrolment
Armando D Bowers	12 April 2016	12 Feb 2016	1 Feb 2014 1 Aug 2016	No – Do not confirm enrolment
Tom Riddell	5 Sep 2016	5 July 2016	15 June 2016	No – Do not confirm enrolment

Grace period

16 week grace period for families facing vulnerability and disadvantage

Eligible children can enrol without having provided an acceptable immunisation status certificate

Grace period

Children who meet any of the following criteria are eligible:

- Evacuated following an emergency (e.g. flood or bushfire)
- In emergency care (including emergency foster care)
- In the care of an adult who is not their parent due to exceptional circumstances (such as illness or incapacity)
- Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander
- Holders (or whose parents hold) a health care card, or whose parents hold a pension concession card, Veterans Affairs Gold or White card
- From a multiple birth of triplets or more
- Refugees or asylum seekers
- Known to child protection or displaced due to homelessness or family violence.

Grace period

Section 7: Templates and Resources – includes a grace period eligibility assessment form

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Grace period eligibility assessment form

Name of child:			
Name of parent:			
Date:			
Question		Yes	No
Is your child Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander? <i>(verbal response)</i> <i>[Note: if the answer to this question is yes, a Koori Education Support Officer can be engaged to support the family. See the Useful Contacts section of this Toolkit.]</i> <i>[Note: Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander families may be engaged with, or wish to engage with, their local Aboriginal Community Controlled Health Organisation (ACCHO), for the purposes of accessing immunisation. For contact details for ACCHOs see the Useful Contacts section of this Toolkit.]</i>			
Do you or your child hold a health care card? <i>(sight a copy of card)</i>			
Do you hold a pensioner concession card? <i>(sight a copy of card)</i>			
Do you hold a veterans affairs Gold or White card? <i>(sight a copy of card)</i>			
Is your child from a multiple birth of triplets or more? <i>(sight a copy of the child's birth certificate)</i>			
Are you and your child currently evacuated from your home due to an emergency such as a flood or bushfire? <i>(verbal response)</i>			
Is your child in the care of an adult who is not the child's parent due to an emergency or exceptional circumstances such as parental illness or incapacity? <i>(verbal response)</i>			
Did your child arrive in Australia as a refugee or asylum seeker? <i>(verbal response)</i>			
Is child protection involved with your family or have they been in the past? <i>(see note on previous page) (verbal response)</i>			
Is child eligible for the grace period		<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
If Yes			
Date child will first attend the service			
Date the grace period ends (16 weeks after date child first attends)			
Has acceptable immunisation documentation been provided at the end of the 16 weeks?		<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No



Grace period

Obligation on services:

- Taking reasonable steps (during 16 weeks)
- Maintaining documentation

Expiry of the grace period

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Supporting resources



Starting childcare or kindergarten?

Immunisation information for parents enrolling a child



Do we have the latest information about your child's immunisations?



Managing documents

Under the Education and Care Services National Law and the Children's Services Regulations, services are required to keep an enrolment record for each child. As part of this requirement services must keep a record of each child's immunisation status.

In 2016, changes to the National Law and Children's Services Regulations will require the enrolment record to include documents relevant to the No Jab No Play law. This will be a copy of :

- ACIR Immunisation History Statement; or
- Immunisation Status Certificate from an immunisation provider; or
- Completed Grace Period Eligibility Assessment Form

Monitoring and Enforcement

Aim of NJNP - increase rates of immunisation across Victoria.

Focus of the laws is on engagement with families, promoting immunisation, and facilitating access to immunisation services, **not on penalising early childhood services**

No penalties for parents, carers or guardians.

Penalties for breach of record keeping requirements under the National Law and Children's Services Act

DET authorised officers will monitor the No Jab No Play laws as part of their existing role.

Supporting Resources

Section 1: Immunisation and enrolment

Section 2: Documentation for enrolment

Section 3: Assessing documentation

Section 4: Managing documentation

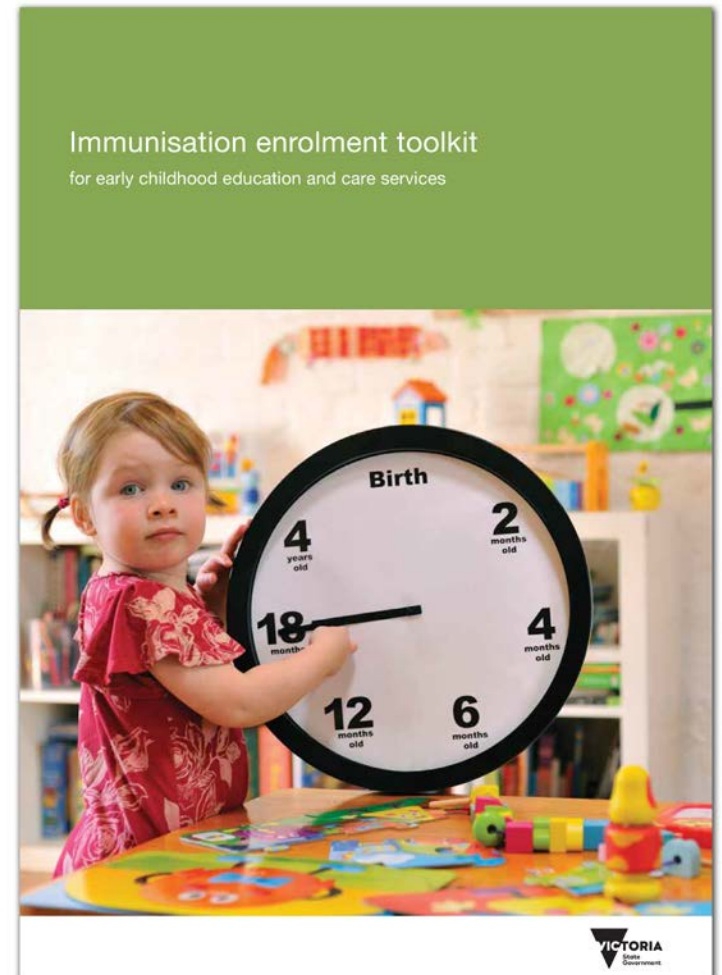
Section 5: Scenarios and responses

Section 6: Exclusion following a disease outbreak

Section 7: Templates and resources

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On line resources

No Jab No Play resources can be found online here:

<https://www2.health.vic.gov.au/public-health/immunisation/vaccination-children-adolescents/no-jab-no-play>

Workshop – scenarios

Overlooked or forgotten vaccination

Lost statement

Incorrect statement

Child was vaccinated overseas

Parents says child has a medical contraindication and can't be vaccinated

Parent objects to vaccination

Parent says child has received 'homeopathic immunisation'

Grace period expires and documentation not received

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