

# STARTING PRIMARY SCHOOL?

## School entry immunisation status certificates



### DEAR PARENT,

The Australian Childhood Immunisation Register (ACIR) is a national database that keeps a record of your child's immunisations up to the age of 7 years.

Immunisation providers (doctor or council) report your child's immunisations to the ACIR. A history statement of all your child's immunisations is automatically posted out to you at 1, 2 and 5 years of age.

The Australian Childhood Immunisation Register now supplies a history statement that acts as a school entry immunisation status certificate. It is automatically posted out to you once your child has completed the 4-year-old immunisations and has completed all required childhood immunisations.\*

\*Make sure your history statement contains the statement at the bottom of the page: **"This child has received all vaccines required by 5 years of age"** otherwise it will not be accepted as a valid school entry immunisation status certificate.



### WHAT IS A SCHOOL ENTRY IMMUNISATION STATUS CERTIFICATE?

- ✓ It is a specific document which shows your child's record of immunisation.
- ✓ 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.
- ✓ School entry immunisation status certificates can only be obtained from:
  - the Australian Childhood Immunisation Register (ACIR)  
Telephone 1800 653 809  
Email [acir@medicareaustralia.gov.au](mailto:acir@medicareaustralia.gov.au)
  - online at [www.medicareaustralia.gov.au](http://www.medicareaustralia.gov.au)
  - Medicare Australia Office
  - your local council immunisation service.

To find out how to obtain a school entry immunisation status certificate see over for more details.



## HOW DO I OBTAIN A SCHOOL ENTRY IMMUNISATION STATUS CERTIFICATE?

- ✓ You will automatically receive a history statement from the Australian Childhood Immunisation Register (ACIR) after your child has completed the **4-year-old** vaccine schedule and has completed all childhood immunisations required.
- ✓ It should state at the bottom of the page **“This child has received all vaccines required by 5 years of age.”** If it does, this history statement becomes a 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 your usual immunisation provider – local council or doctor.
- ✓ If your child has never been vaccinated or was vaccinated overseas, then contact your 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 present it to your child's primary school on enrolment.
- ✓ If you have lost the school entry immunisation status certificate issued by the Australian Childhood Immunisation Register (ACIR) ring 1800 653 809 to obtain another copy.
- ✓ 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.

For further assistance on how to obtain a school entry immunisation status certificate contact:

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**or your local council immunisation service**  
(find your local council details at [www.health.vic.gov.au/immunisation](http://www.health.vic.gov.au/immunisation))

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