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| Check you are using the correct varicella containing vaccines  |  |
| National Immunisation Program vaccine recommendationsJuly 2025 |
| Vaccine brand | Packaging |
| **Varilrix®**Varicella -zoster (chickenpox)**NIP – age recommendation****Catch-up*** From 19 months
* From 14 years to < 20 years
* Refugees and asylum seekers from 12 months

**Notes*** Syringe of diluent + vial with pellet
* 14 years and older - 2 dose course, a minimum of 4 weeks apart
* **Live attenuated virus vaccine**
* **Contraindicated in immunocompromised individuals**
 | Varilrix® product packaging |
| **Shingrix®** Herpes-zoster(shingles)**Age recommendation*** People aged 65 years and older
* Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people aged 50 years and older
* Immunocompromised people aged 18 years or older with certain medical risk conditions.

**Notes*** Syringe of diluent + vial with powder
* Two dose course:
	+ 2-6 months apart (immunocompetent person)
	+ 1-2 months apart (immunocompromised person)
 | Shingrix®  product packaging |
| Vaccine brand | Packaging |
| **Priorix-Tetra®** MMRV (measles-mumps-rubella-varicella)**Age recommendation*** 18 months

**Catch-up*** 19 months to < 14 years - catch-up

**Notes*** Syringe of diluent + vial with pellet
* **Live attenuated virus vaccine**
* **Contraindicated in immunocompromised individuals**
* Must be administered as the 2nd MMR dose for children <4 years of age due to the risk of febrile seizure if MMRV is given as a 1st dose
 | PriorixTetra® packaging |

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Always check that vaccines are prepared and administered appropriately in accordance with product instructions and recommendations in [the Australian Immunisation Handbook](https://immunisationhandbook.health.gov.au/) <https://immunisationhandbook.health.gov.au>.

Use this resource in conjunction with the [Immunisation schedule Victoria and vaccine eligibility criteria](https://www.health.vic.gov.au/immunisation/immunisation-schedule-victoria-and-vaccine-eligibility-criteria) <https://www.health.vic.gov.au/immunisation/immunisation-schedule-victoria-and-vaccine-eligibility-criteria>.

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