




Check you are using the correct **varicella containing** vaccines

National Immunisation Program vaccine recommendations
July 2025

Vaccine brand	Packaging
<p>Varilrix® Varicella -zoster (chickenpox)</p> <p>NIP – age recommendation</p> <p>Catch-up</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> From 19 months From 14 years to < 20 years Refugees and asylum seekers from 12 months <p>Notes</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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 	
<p>Shingrix® Herpes-zoster(shingles)</p> <p>Age recommendation</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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. <p>Notes</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Syringe of diluent + vial with powder Two dose course: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 2-6 months apart (immunocompetent person) 1-2 months apart (immunocompromised person) 	

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<p>Priorix-Tetra® MMRV (measles-mumps-rubella-varicella)</p> <p>Age recommendation</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 18 months <p>Catch-up</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 19 months to < 14 years - catch-up <p>Notes</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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 	

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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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