

Check you are using the correct DTPa and dTpa containing vaccines

National Immunisation Program age recommendations

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)
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DTPa containing vaccine - Childhood formulation – under 10 years of age

Infanrix hexa® or Vaxelis®

Diphtheria-tetanus-acellular pertussis-poliomyelitis-hepatitis B-Hib



Age recommendation

- 2 months (from 6 weeks)
- 4 months
- 6 months
- Children <10 years for catch-up

Notes

- Infanrix hexa® - Prefilled syringe of diluent contains Diphtheria-tetanus-acellular pertussis-poliomyelitis-hepatitis B to be mixed with vial containing *Haemophilus influenzae* type b
- Vaxelis® - Prefilled syringe

Infanrix® or Tripacel®

Diphtheria-tetanus-acellular pertussis



Age recommendation

- 18 months
- Children <10 years for catch-up

Notes

- Infanrix® – Prefilled syringe
- Tripacel® – Vial

Infanrix IPV® or Quadracel®

Diphtheria-tetanus-pertussis-poliomyelitis



Age recommendation

- 4 years
- Children <10 years for catch-up

Notes

- Infanrix-IPV® - Prefilled syringe
- Quadracel® - Vial

dTpa containing vaccine - Adolescent/Adult formulation – 10 years of age and older

Adacel® or Boostrix®

Tetanus toxoid and reduced amount of diphtheria toxoid and acellular pertussis vaccine



Age recommendation

- Year 7 of secondary school or 12 – 13 years
- 10 to <20 years for catch-up
- Pregnant woman from 20 weeks' gestation
- Refugee / asylum seeker person ≥10 years
- Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander person ≥10 years.

Notes

- Prefilled syringe
- Adults can receive 1 dose of dTpa vaccine at least 4 weeks after a dose of dT vaccine for pertussis protection. Studies show short intervals between doses are not associated with increased injection site reactions.

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