

# National Immunisation Program Schedule

## Childhood vaccination

(also see vaccination for people with medical risk conditions)

Age	Diseases	Vaccine Brand	Notes
Birth	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Hepatitis B (usually offered in hospital)</li></ul>	Engerix B® Paediatric	Should be given to all infants as soon as practicable after birth. The greatest benefit is if given within 24 hours and must be given within 7 days.
2 months (can be given from 6 weeks of age)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Diphtheria, tetanus, pertussis (whooping cough), hepatitis B, polio, <i>Haemophilus influenzae</i> type b (Hib)</li><li>Rotavirus</li><li>Pneumococcal</li><li>Meningococcal B (Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children)</li></ul>	Infanrix® hexa or Vaxelis® Rotarix® Prevenar 20® Bexsero®	Rotavirus vaccine: First dose must be given by 14 weeks of age. Meningococcal B vaccine: Prophylactic paracetamol recommended.
4 months	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Diphtheria, tetanus, pertussis (whooping cough), hepatitis B, polio, <i>Haemophilus influenzae</i> type b (Hib)</li><li>Rotavirus</li><li>Pneumococcal</li><li>Meningococcal B (Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children)</li></ul>	Infanrix® hexa or Vaxelis® Rotarix® Prevenar 20® Bexsero®	Rotavirus vaccine: The second dose must be given by 24 weeks of age. Meningococcal B vaccine: Prophylactic paracetamol recommended.
6 months	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Diphtheria, tetanus, pertussis (whooping cough), hepatitis B, polio, <i>Haemophilus influenzae</i> type b (Hib)</li><li>Pneumococcal (Children with specified medical risk conditions)</li><li>Pneumococcal (Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children)</li><li>Meningococcal B (Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children with specified medical risk conditions)</li></ul>	Infanrix® hexa or Vaxelis® Prevenar 20® Prevenar 20® Bexsero®	Pneumococcal vaccine: An additional dose of 20vPCV is required for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children and all children with <a href="#">specified medical risk conditions</a> for pneumococcal disease. Refer to the Immunisation Handbook. Meningococcal B vaccine: Prophylactic paracetamol recommended.
6 months to <5 years (annually)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Influenza</li></ul>	Age appropriate	Administer annually. In children aged 6 months to less than 9 years of age in the first year of administration, give 2 doses a minimum of 4 weeks apart. One dose annually in subsequent years. Information on <a href="#">age appropriate vaccines</a> is available in the Immunisation Handbook or the annual ATAGI advice on seasonal influenza vaccines.
12 months	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Meningococcal ACWY</li><li>Measles, mumps, rubella</li><li>Pneumococcal</li><li>Meningococcal B (Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children)</li></ul>	Nimenrix® M-M-R® II or Priorix® Prevenar 20® Bexsero®	Meningococcal B vaccine: Prophylactic paracetamol recommended.
18 months	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li><i>Haemophilus influenzae</i> type b (Hib)</li><li>Measles, mumps, rubella, varicella (chickenpox)</li><li>Diphtheria, tetanus, pertussis (whooping cough)</li><li>Hepatitis A (Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children in WA, NT, SA, Qld)</li></ul>	ActHIB® Priorix-Tetra® or ProQuad® Infanrix® or Tripacel® Vaqta® Paediatric	Hepatitis A vaccine: First dose of the 2-dose hepatitis A vaccination schedule if not previously received a dose.
4 years	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Diphtheria, tetanus, pertussis (whooping cough), polio</li><li>Hepatitis A (Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children in WA, NT, SA, Qld)</li></ul>	Infanrix® IPV or Quadracel® Vaqta® Paediatric	Hepatitis A vaccine: Not required if previously received 2 doses (first dose at age ≥12 months) at least 6 months apart.  Pneumococcal vaccine: Catch-up doses are available for some children at 4 years. Refer to the Immunisation Handbook for <a href="#">catch-up schedules</a> .
≥5 years (annually)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Influenza (Children with specified medical risk conditions)</li><li>Influenza (Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children)</li></ul>	Age appropriate Age appropriate	Administer annually. In children aged 6 months to less than 9 years of age in the first year of administration, give 2 doses a minimum of 4 weeks apart. One dose annually in subsequent years. Information on <a href="#">age appropriate vaccines</a> is available in the Immunisation Handbook or the annual ATAGI advice on seasonal influenza vaccines.

## Adolescent vaccination

(also see vaccination for people with medical risk conditions)

Age	Diseases	Vaccine Brand	Notes
All ages	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Influenza (adolescents with specified medical risk conditions)</li><li>Influenza (Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander adolescents)</li><li>Pneumococcal (adolescents with specified medical risk conditions)</li></ul>	Age appropriate Age appropriate Prevenar 20®	Influenza vaccine: Administer annually. For information on an <a href="#">age appropriate vaccines</a> or <a href="#">specified medical risk conditions</a> refer to the Immunisation Handbook or the annual ATAGI advice on seasonal influenza vaccines. Pneumococcal vaccine: For adolescents with <a href="#">specified medical risk conditions</a> refer to the Immunisation Handbook.
12–13 years (Year 7 or age equivalent)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Human papillomavirus (HPV)</li><li>Diphtheria, tetanus, pertussis (whooping cough)</li></ul>	Gardasil®9 Boostrix® or Adacel®	HPV vaccine: Single dose recommended. Not required if previously received. If dose was missed and not previously received, a catch-up is available up to and including 25 years of age.
14–16 years (Year 10 or age equivalent)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Meningococcal ACWY</li></ul>	MenQuadfi®	

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## Adult vaccination

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Age	Diseases	Vaccine Brand	Notes
All ages	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Influenza (adults with specified medical risk conditions)</li><li>Influenza (Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander adults)</li><li>Pneumococcal (adults with specified medical risk conditions)</li><li>Shingles (herpes zoster) (adults with specified medical risk conditions)*</li></ul>	Age appropriate Age appropriate Prevenar 13® and Pneumovax 23® Shingrix®	Influenza vaccine: Administer annually. For information on <a href="#">age-appropriate vaccines</a> or <a href="#">specified medical risk conditions</a> refer to the Immunisation Handbook or the annual ATAGI advice on seasonal influenza vaccines.  Pneumococcal vaccine: For people with <a href="#">specified medical risk conditions</a> administer a dose of 13vPCV at diagnosis followed by 2 doses of 23vPPV. Refer to the Immunisation Handbook for dose intervals.  Shingles vaccine: For immunocompromised people aged 18 and older with specified medical risk conditions administer 2 doses. Refer to the Immunisation Handbook for <a href="#">dose intervals</a> .
50 years and over	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Pneumococcal (Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander adults)</li><li>Shingles (herpes zoster) (Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander adults)*</li></ul>	Prevenar 13® and Pneumovax 23® Shingrix®	Pneumococcal vaccine: Administer a dose of 13vPCV, followed by first dose of 23vPPV 12 months later (2–12 months acceptable), then second dose of 23vPPV at least 5 years later.  Shingles vaccine: For Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people 50 years and older administer 2 doses. Refer to the Immunisation Handbook for <a href="#">dose intervals</a> .
65 years and over	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Influenza (annually) (non-Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander adults)</li><li>Shingles (herpes zoster) (non-Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander adults)*</li></ul>	Age appropriate Shingrix®	Influenza vaccine: Administer annually. For information on <a href="#">age appropriate vaccines</a> refer to the Immunisation Handbook or the annual ATAGI advice on seasonal influenza vaccines.  Shingles vaccine: For people 65 years and older administer 2 doses. Refer to the Immunisation Handbook for <a href="#">dose intervals</a> .
70 years and over	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Pneumococcal (non-Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander adults)</li></ul>	Prevenar 13®	
Pregnant women	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Pertussis (whooping cough)</li><li>Influenza</li><li>Respiratory Syncytial Virus (RSV)</li></ul>	Boostrix® or Adacel® Age appropriate Abrysvo®	Pertussis vaccine: Single dose recommended each pregnancy, ideally between 20–32 weeks, but may be given up until delivery. Influenza vaccine: In each pregnancy, at any stage of pregnancy. Respiratory Syncytial Virus (RSV) vaccine: Single dose recommended between 28-36 weeks of pregnancy, but may be given after 36 weeks based on clinical advice.

## Additional vaccination for people with medical risk conditions

Age	Diseases	Vaccine Brand	Notes
All ages	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Meningococcal ACWY</li><li>Meningococcal B</li></ul>	Nimenrix® Bexsero®	For people with <a href="#">specified medical risk conditions</a> that increase their risk of meningococcal disease. Refer to the Immunisation <a href="#">Handbook for dosing schedule</a> . The number of doses required varies with age.
≥6 months (annually)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Influenza</li></ul>	Age appropriate	For people with <a href="#">specified medical risk conditions</a> that increase their risk of complications from influenza. Refer to the Immunisation Handbook for information on <a href="#">age-appropriate</a> vaccines.
≤12 months	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Pneumococcal</li></ul>	Prevenar 20®	For people with <a href="#">specified medical risk conditions</a> that increase their risk of pneumococcal disease, administer an additional dose of 20vPCV in infancy. Refer to the Immunisation Handbook for <a href="#">dose intervals</a> .
>12 months to <18 years	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Pneumococcal</li></ul>	Prevenar 20®	For people with <a href="#">specified medical risk conditions</a> that increase their risk of pneumococcal disease, administer a dose of 20vPCV at diagnosis. Refer to the Immunisation Handbook for <a href="#">dose intervals</a> .
≥5 years	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li><i>Haemophilus influenzae</i> type b (Hib)</li></ul>	Act-Hib®	For people with asplenia or hyposplenia, a single dose is required if the person was not vaccinated in infancy or incompletely vaccinated. (Note that all children aged <5 years are recommended to complete Hib vaccination regardless of asplenia or hyposplenia).
≥18 years	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Shingles</li><li>Pneumococcal</li></ul>	Shingrix®  Prevenar 13® and Pneumovax 23®	For people with <a href="#">specified medical risk conditions</a> that increase their risk of shingles disease. Refer to the Immunisation Handbook for information on eligibility requirements.  For people with <a href="#">specified medical risk conditions</a> that increase their risk of pneumococcal disease, administer a dose of 13vPCV at diagnosis followed by 2 doses of 23vPPV. Refer to the Immunisation Handbook for <a href="#">dose intervals</a> .

State and territory health departments may also fund additional vaccines. Check the immunisation schedule for your area.

State/Territory	Contact Information
Australian Capital Territory	(02) 5124 9800
New South Wales	1300 066 055
Northern Territory	(08) 8922 8044
Queensland	13 HEALTH (13 4325 84)
South Australia	1300 232 272
Tasmania	1800 671 738
Victoria	immunisation@health.vic.gov.au
Western Australia	(08) 9321 1312

- The National Immunisation Program (NIP) provides the above routine vaccinations free to infants, children, adolescents and adults who have, or are eligible for a Medicare card.
- All Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children aged 6 months to less than 2 years of age are eligible for meningococcal B vaccines if missed at the recommended schedule points. Refer to the Immunisation Handbook for timing of doses.
- For information on pneumococcal vaccine catch-up doses for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children in WA, NT, SA, Qld and children with specified medical risk conditions who have not received Prevenar 20® previously, refer to the catch-up tables in the [pneumococcal chapter](#) of the Immunisation Handbook.
- All people (including refugees and humanitarian entrants) less than 20 years of age are eligible for the NIP vaccines missed in childhood, except for HPV which is available free up to and including age 25. The number and range of vaccines and doses that are eligible for the NIP funded catch-up is different for people aged less than 10 years and those aged 10-19 years. Refer to the Immunisation Handbook for timing of doses.
- Refugees and humanitarian entrants aged 20 years and over are eligible for the following vaccines if they were missed: diphtheria-tetanus-pertussis, chickenpox, poliomyelitis, measles-mumps-rubella and hepatitis B, as well as HPV (up to and including age 25). Refer to the Immunisation Handbook for timing of doses.
- \*If individuals have received Zostavax® through the NIP, they will need to wait 5 years before accessing Shingrix® for free. If individuals have received Zostavax® privately, they are eligible for Shingrix®. An interval of 12 months is recommended from the date of Zostavax® vaccination.
- National Immunisation Program Schedule current from January 2026.

### MORE INFORMATION:

- [health.gov.au/immunisation](#)
- [Immunisationhandbook.health.gov.au](#)