









# Immunisation

To get a family payment for a child under 20 years of age, you need to make sure their immunisations are up to date.

## What payments are affected?

- Child Care Benefit
- Child Care Rebate, and
- Family Tax Benefit Part A supplement

These changes will also affect customers who claim Grandparent Child Care Benefit, Special Child Care Benefit or Jobs, Education and Training Child Care Fee Assistance.

## Why immunise?

Immunisation keeps you and your children healthy and safe from harmful diseases. It's simple, safe and effective.

## What do I need to do?

To meet the immunisation requirements, your child needs to:

- be up to date with their early childhood immunisations, or
- have a medical exemption.

We'll check your child's immunisation details on the Australian Immunisation Register using their Medicare details.

Children who aren't eligible to enrol in Medicare will be added to the Immunisation Register when a vaccination provider (including a general practitioner) sends the details of a vaccination to the Australian Immunisation Register.

Talk to your general practitioner if there's a medical reason why your child can't be vaccinated.

## How do I know if my child is up to date with their immunisations?

You can check your child's immunisation history statement using:

- your Medicare online account through myGov. If you don't have a myGov account, create one and link it to your Medicare online account
- the Express Plus Medicare mobile app. If you don't have the app, download it from the App Store, Google Play™ and selected Windows 10 mobile devices and desktops.



Individuals 14 years of age or older can access their immunisation history statement:

- using or creating their own Medicare online account through myGov
- using the Express Plus Medicare mobile app or
- calling **1800 653 809**.

If there's information missing from your child's immunisation history statement, ask your vaccination provider to send it to the Australian Immunisation Register.

## Overseas vaccinations

If your child received vaccinations overseas, take proof of these to your Australian vaccination provider. They'll check your child has been given the correct vaccinations to meet the Australian National Immunisation Program Schedule.

If your child has met the National Immunisation Program Schedule, your Australian vaccination provider will update the Australian Immunisation Register.

If your child doesn't meet the National Immunisation Program Schedule, the vaccination provider will recommend a catch up schedule of vaccinations.

If you've recently arrived in Australia and need your child's immunisation evidence translated, read more about the [Free Translating Service](#) on the Department of Social Services website.

## Australian Immunisation Register

The Australian Immunisation Register is a national register that records vaccinations given to people of all ages in Australia. The register records vaccinations given through general practices and community clinics.

We will automatically include children enrolled in Medicare on the Australian Immunisation Register.

We will add children who aren't eligible to enrol in Medicare to the Immunisation Register when a vaccination provider (including a general practitioner) sends the details of a vaccination to the Australian Immunisation Register.

## For more information

- go to [humanservices.gov.au/air](https://humanservices.gov.au/air) for more information in English
- go to [humanservices.gov.au/yourlanguage](https://humanservices.gov.au/yourlanguage) where you can read, listen to or watch videos with information in your language
- call **131 202** to speak with us in your language about Centrelink payments and services
- call the Translating and Interpreting Service (TIS National) on **131 450** to speak with us in your language about Medicare and Child Support payments and services
- visit a service centre.

Note: calls from your home phone to '13' numbers from anywhere in Australia are charged at a fixed rate. That rate may vary from the price of a local call and may also vary between telephone service providers. Calls to '1800' numbers from your home phone are free. Calls from public and mobile phones may be timed and charged at a higher rate.

## **Disclaimer**

The information contained in this publication is intended only as a guide to payments and services. It's your responsibility to decide if you wish to apply for a payment and to make an application with regard to your particular circumstances.