



Immunisation

Child Care Subsidy immunisation requirements

Immunisation is an important health measure for children and families. It is the simplest, safest and most effective way of protecting children against harmful diseases before they come into contact with them in the community. Immunisation not only protects children, but also others in the community, by reducing the spread of disease.

What are the immunisation requirements for Child Care Subsidy?

For a child to be eligible for Child Care Subsidy and other family payments they must:

- be immunised in accordance with the National Immunisation Program schedule or
- be on a recognised catch-up schedule according to the current Australian Immunisation Handbook or
- have a valid immunisation exemption recorded on the Australian Immunisation Register.

Parents can check what vaccinations their child needs at beta.health.gov.au/topics/immunisation or speak with their doctor as the vaccinations required are dependent on the age and vaccination status of the child.

What is the immunisation catch-up schedule?

If a child has not been fully vaccinated according to the schedule, funding may be available under the Australian Government's beta.health.gov.au/topics/immunisation for them to catch up. Catch-up arrangements are free for children under ten years of age.

For more details, read beta.health.gov.au/resources/publications/free-catch-up-vaccines-for-10-to-19-years-fact-sheet.

What are the exemptions to Child Care Subsidy immunisation requirements?

If there is a valid reason why a child is not fully immunised, their parents need to talk to an eligible doctor about an immunisation medical exemption.

Where can I get further information on the child care package?

- Visit the Department of Education and Training Child Care Package website at education.gov.au/eccc
- Visit the Department of Human Services Child Care Subsidy website humanservices.gov.au/childcaresubsidy