

Immunisation

Children of school age have the right to be admitted to their designated neighbourhood government school at the beginning of the school year unless an approved alternative placement has been arranged.

For admission, all applicants must be:

- an Australian citizen, or a student with relevant specified visas, see: [International Student Program](#)
- deemed eligible and approved for enrolment by the principal or relevant regional director.

Schools are required to:

Before admitting a student schools must:

- collect relevant admission information
- obtain a completed enrolment form
- collect and record an immunisation status certificate – primary students.
- request information from parents on the immunisation status of each child, i.e. primary student, prior to enrolment i.e. official immunisation status certificate. The immunisation status certificate can be obtained from the local municipal council, Australian Childhood Immunisation Register or General Practitioner.
- take a copy of the sighted document and record information on the immunisation status of each enrolled child.

Parents/Guardians are required to:

- Parents or guardians must provide an immunisation status certificate to the school regardless of whether the child is or is not immunised. Note: Homeopathic immunisation is not a recognised form of immunisation, and therefore cannot be listed on an immunisation status certificate.

Notes:

Prospective students will not be prevented from enrolling in primary school if they have not been immunised.

Collecting immunisation status certificates will assist health authorities in protecting students in the event of a vaccine-preventable disease occurrence at the school. An unvaccinated student may be excluded from school for a period of time.

Parents or guardians of secondary student applicants are not required to provide an immunisation status certificate.

For more information on:

- immunisation in primary and secondary schools, see: [Immunisation](#)
- maintaining and using immunisation records see: [Enrolment](#)
- the Department of Health's fact sheet, [Starting Primary School?](#)