

Immunisation providers are required to advise the Australian Childhood Immunisation Register (ACIR) each time your child is immunised until they turn seven. This is to ensure their immunisation record is updated.

An ACIR history statement will be posted to you when your child is 18 months and again when they turn five. The WA Department of Health recommends that you obtain an up-to-date copy of your child's ACIR history statement to provide to the school upon enrolment.

### How do I obtain an ACIR history statement for my child?

You can request a statement at any time by:

- telephoning ACIR on 1800 653 809
- emailing: [acir@humanservices.gov.au](mailto:acir@humanservices.gov.au)
- visiting your local Department of Human Services Service Centre (Medicare) and requesting an ACIR history statement in person
- registering with the Department of Human Services at:  
[www.humanservices.gov.au/onlineservices](http://www.humanservices.gov.au/onlineservices)

### My ACIR history statement is incorrect. How do I get it updated?

If you believe data is missing from the history statement you may:

- If possible contact your immunisation provider (GP or child health clinic) and ask them to update your child's ACIR records.
- If this is not possible, contact ACIR directly. They will contact the provider to get the most updated information.
- Once the ACIR record has been updated, a new history statement will be posted to you.
- Please provide the updated statement to your school.
- If you require further assistance, please contact the Central Immunisation Clinic on (08) 9321 1312.

### For further assistance on how to obtain a history statement as proof of immunisation for school enrolment contact:

The Australian Childhood Immunisation Register (ACIR) on

**1800 653 809** free call from landline only or online [www.humanservices.gov.au](http://www.humanservices.gov.au)

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Department of Health

# Starting school?



## Moving to a new school?

Inform the school of your child's immunisation history

[healthywa.wa.gov.au](http://healthywa.wa.gov.au)

## Why is immunisation important?

- Vaccine-preventable diseases can have serious health consequences for school aged children and others in the community. You can help protect your child by ensuring their vaccinations are up-to-date.
- Children who are not fully immunised for their age may be excluded from school during outbreaks of some vaccine-preventable diseases such as measles.

## Why do I need to share my child's immunisation history with the school?

- Whenever a child is enrolled at a new school, parents are required by *The School Education Act (1999)* to present their child's immunisation records.

## What immunisation records do I need to provide to the school?

- If your child was born in Australia, their vaccinations will be registered on the **Australian Childhood Immunisation Register (ACIR)**.

You must provide the school with a copy of your child's ACIR history statement as indicated in the table. Alternative vaccination records can be difficult to interpret and will not be accepted by the school.

If you have chosen not to immunise your child for any reason, you are required to provide the school with the following documents:

- An ACIR history statement indicating that no/some vaccines have been administered.
- A conscientious objector letter from Medicare. You can obtain this letter through your GP.

Immunisation record required by the school	Point of enrolment
ACIR immunisation history statement	School entry – K/PP/primary school
ACIR immunisation history statement	School entry – secondary school
ACIR immunisation history statement	Transfer between schools (primary and secondary)

## What do I do if my child is not registered on ACIR?

If your child is not registered on ACIR, for example if they were born overseas, you should provide their immunisation records to ACIR. Immunisation records sent to ACIR need to be in English. Immunisation records in other languages need to be translated into English before being sent to ACIR.

## Why do I have to provide an ACIR history statement when enrolling my child at secondary school as it only records immunisation up until the age of seven years?

Secondary schools need to know which children have not received their early childhood immunisations for vaccine-preventable diseases such as measles so that these students can be excluded during an outbreak.

## What is an Australian Childhood Immunisation Register (ACIR) history statement?

The Australian Childhood Immunisation Register (ACIR) is a national database which, since 1996, has kept a record of all immunisations administered in Australia to children from birth to seven years of age.

