

MANDATORY COVID-19 VACCINATIONS

WESTERN AUSTRALIAN GOVERNMENT DIRECTIONS

FAQS

WHO NEEDS TO BE VACCINATED?

The WA Government requires the following workers in WA to be vaccinated against COVID-19 to attend their workplaces:

- health care and health support workers;
- primary health care workers;
- workers in residential aged care facilities; and
- disability support accommodation workers.

The State Government's [mandatory vaccination information](#) contains all of the detail of these requirements.

Curtin has prepared guidance about the workers listed above. It can be found on the [COVID-19 resources section](#) of the Staff Portal. Students should be informed by their supervisors or course coordinators where their Curtin activities will mean they are one of the workers required to be vaccinated.

WHAT ARE THE DEADLINES FOR VACCINATION UNDER THE STATE DIRECTIONS?

The deadlines under the State Directions have passed. All workers mandated under State Directions are required to have had at least two doses of a vaccine approved by the Therapeutic Goods Administration, as well as a third or booster dose within one calendar month of becoming eligible.

DO I NEED TO GET A BOOSTER VACCINATION?

Yes, if you fall within the worker mandates. The WA State Government has expanded its vaccination requirements to include booster doses. This applies to any facility already covered by the State vaccination mandate.

People covered by the previous vaccination mandates must receive their booster vaccination within one calendar month of becoming eligible for a booster vaccination.

People are currently eligible for boosters 3 months after they received their second dose, so must receive a booster within 4 months of their second dose.

I AM WORKING OR STUDYING IN RESEARCH, DO I NEED TO BE VACCINATED?

Research institutes where patients attend the premises for research purposes are primary health care facilities, so workers at the institute who provide health services to patients or other goods and services, and students attending placements at the institute, all need to be vaccinated to enter the institute.

The definitions the relevant workers are wide enough to cover researchers and research support staff (whether paid or unpaid). If you are conducting research or doing related work:

- in a hospital or in a hospital building;
- in a COVID-19 clinic or vaccination clinic;
- in a residential aged care facility; or

- in premises occupied by the Department of Health or any health service provider (including for example PathWest or one of the Metropolitan Health Services),

you will be required to be vaccinated to enter those facilities.

You may also be required to be vaccinated to do any clinical research involving patients under a contract with the Department of Health or a health service provider.

ARE THERE ANY EXCEPTIONS?

The State Directions specify ways in which a person will be an 'exempt person', meaning that they will not be classified as a relevant worker requiring vaccination.

Some exemptions include if you:

- have a [medical exemption](#) recorded on the Australian Immunisation Register (these are limited exemptions);
- have a temporary exemption, for example, you may be eligible for a temporary exemption if you have been vaccinated overseas with a vaccine that has not been approved by the Therapeutic Goods Administration, or if you are in an area where vaccine availability is limited and you have made every effort to obtain the vaccine.

The State has published [Exemption Guidelines](#) applicable to the relevant Directions.

I GOT VACCINATED OVERSEAS, DOES THAT COUNT?

The State Directions require vaccination with a COVID-19 vaccine [registered](#) by the Therapeutic Goods Administration.

The State Directions also have provision for a temporary exemption from the mandatory vaccination requirement, which may be available if you have been vaccinated against COVID-19 outside Australia with a vaccine that is not registered by the TGA. You will need to apply for a temporary exemption well in advance of the date you need to enter the relevant facility. More information can be found in the applicable [Exemption Guidelines](#).

HOW DO I GET VACCINATED?

In WA, vaccinations are available from the [Curtin Medical Centre](#) (9266 7345), as well as from vaccination community clinics, general practitioners, and pharmacies. The [Roll up for WA website](#) has details.

Curtin recommends that vaccination be undertaken on the advice of an accredited health practitioner (including health practitioners at a COVID-19 vaccination centre).

WHERE DO I SEND MY VACCINATION STATUS RECORD?

Be aware that downloading your COVID-19 digital vaccination certificate to a device with cloud backup enabled may mean that your certificate is stored on servers overseas and may have privacy implications with the handling of your information.

Services Australia has published guidance on [approaches to accessing your digital certificates](#).

If you manage an area and need information on how to request and then access vaccination records for your staff, students and contractors, please see the process on the [COVID-19 resources section](#) of the Staff Portal.

Staff members

You can enter your vaccination record in the Employee Kiosk (Employee Kiosk > Personal Information > Vaccination Details). [SupportU](#) has detailed instructions on how to enter a vaccination record.

Students

You can enter your vaccination record in OASIS, or via eStudent. Ensure you have your vaccination dates and/or evidence ready to upload to the form. Your vaccination certificate must contain all COVID-19 vaccinations you have received, and for this reason screenshots of the ServiceWA app certificate will not be accepted.

I'M NOT BASED IN WESTERN AUSTRALIA, WHAT ARE MY VACCINATION REQUIREMENTS?

Vaccination requirements will be different in different states and countries, and you will need to follow the applicable local requirements. If you are a student attending a placement, the placement provider will notify you or Curtin of the requirements before your placement.

Staff members working in external facilities should also be informed of their requirements by their supervisor or the facility manager. If you are a staff member at Curtin and need advice on the vaccination requirements applicable to you, please contact CIMT@curtin.edu.au.