

Authorisation guide for pharmacist and intern pharmacist vaccinators

Important notes

- Pharmacies must obtain a contract from Health New Zealand | Te Whatu Ora to administer funded National Immunisation Schedule (NIS) vaccines and have them listed on their Integrated Community Pharmacy Services Agreement (ICPSA). Not all NIS vaccines are available via pharmacy, however if within vaccinator scope they may be administered in other settings, e.g. outreach.
- Pharmacist and intern pharmacist vaccinators are permitted to administer certain vaccines (within their scope, as outlined below) without a prescription based on the medicine classification of those vaccines.
- Pharmacist vaccinators who feel confident to safely administer a NIS vaccine outside of their authorisation can do so **with a prescription** from 3yrs+ if clinically indicated.
- Pharmacist authorised vaccinators or pharmacist authorised vaccinators with conditions may administer all NIS vaccines including special group vaccinations without a prescription. **If the consumer does not meet eligibility requirements for special group vaccination** (i.e. it will not be funded), **then a prescription is required** (unless permitted by the medicine classification, or they have local authorisation with specific extended scope listed as part of their authorisation).
- **Registered pharmacists** do not require a Standing Order to supply or administer adrenaline as adrenaline is a pharmacist-only medicine. **Intern pharmacist vaccinators** are **not** authorised to administer adrenaline. In the event of anaphylaxis, the supervising pharmacist must prepare and administer the adrenaline.
- The vaccinator authorisation chart on the following page does not provide any funding eligibility information on NIS vaccines. Information on eligibility criteria can be found on the Pharmac website [here](#).

Please see the vaccinator authorisation chart on the following page

The following footnotes relate to [1] pharmacist authorised vaccinator with conditions, [2] MMR, [3] RSV vaccines, and [4] Shingrix overleaf:

[1] Provision to vaccinate from 6 weeks under 1:1 supervision of an authorised vaccinator with at least 6 months' experience vaccinating pēpē and young tamariki aged under 3 years.

[2] Immunity to measles is also assumed in people who lived in New Zealand prior to 1969. Other people who lived in countries and remote island nations with limited circulating measles prior to 1969 may not be immune to measles if not previously immunised with a measles-containing vaccine. Therefore, they can be considered for funded MMR vaccination, particularly in the case of a community outbreak. Those born prior to 1969 do not need to be recalled for MMR vaccination but may benefit from a clinical discussion about their risk.

[3] RSV is only available as a private purchase vaccine. It is not on the National Immunisation Schedule; the medicine classification allows it to be administered by pharmacist vaccinators without a prescription to those aged 60 years and over, or those aged 50-59 years at increased risk for RSV disease.

[4] Shingrix can only be administered by a pharmacist vaccinator to a person aged 50 years or over; or a person aged 18-49 years at increased risk of herpes zoster.

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Vaccine	Clinical age indication	Intern pharmacist vaccinator	Pharmacist vaccinator	Pharmacist authorised vaccinator with conditions (age restricted 3 years + with provision from 6 weeks + under 1:1 supervision) ¹	Pharmacist authorised vaccinator (all ages)
COVID-19 30mcg	12yrs +	Yes 12yrs + <i>Additional training required</i>	Yes 12yrs + <i>Additional training required</i>	Yes 12yrs + <i>Additional training required</i>	Yes 12yrs + <i>Additional training required</i>
COVID-19 10mcg	5-11yrs	Yes 5-11yrs <i>Additional training required</i>	Yes 5-11yrs <i>Additional training required</i>	Yes 5-11yrs <i>Additional training required</i>	Yes 5-11yrs <i>Additional training required</i>
COVID-19 3mcg	6mths-4yrs	Yes 3-4yrs <i>Additional training required</i>	Yes 3-4yrs <i>Additional training required</i>	Yes 3-4yrs <i>Additional training required</i>	Yes 6mths-4yrs <i>Additional training required</i>
HPV	9-45yrs	Yes 9-45yrs	Yes 9-45yrs	Yes 9-45yrs	Yes 9-45yrs
Influenza	6mths +	Yes 3yrs +	Yes 3yrs +	Yes 3yrs +	Yes 6mths +
MenACWY	6wks +	No	Yes 16yrs +	Yes 3yrs +	Yes 6wks +
MenB	8wks +	No	Yes 16yrs+	Yes 3yrs +	Yes 8wks +
MMR	12mths to people born from 1969 ²	Yes 3yrs +	Yes 3yrs +	Yes 3yrs +	Yes 12mths + <i>MMR0 (4-11mths) - Prescription required</i>
Tdap	From 10yrs	No	Yes 18yrs + (13yrs + if pregnant)	Yes 10yrs +	Yes 10yrs +
RSV ³	From 60 years 50-59 yrs at increased risk for RSV disease	No No	Yes Yes	Yes Yes	Yes Yes
Shingrix	From 50yrs Special groups 18yrs +	No	Yes 50yrs + 18-49yrs ⁴	Yes 18yrs +	Yes 18yrs +
DTaP-IPV	6wks-9yrs	No	No	Yes 3-9yrs	Yes 6wks-9yrs
DTaP-IPV-HepB/Hib	6wks-9yrs	No	No	Yes 3-9yrs	Yes 6wks-9yrs
HepA	From 12mths	No	No	Yes 3yrs +	Yes 12mths +
HepB	6wks + <i>From birth with HepB +ve mother</i>	No	No	Yes 3yrs +	Yes 6wks + <i>From birth with HepB +ve mother</i>
Hib	6wks +	No	No	Yes 3yrs +	Yes 6wks +
IPV	6wks +	No	No	Yes 3yrs +	Yes 6wks +
PCV13	6wks +	No	No	Yes 3yrs +	Yes 6wks +
23PPV	From 2yrs	No	No	Yes 3yrs +	Yes From 2yrs
RV	From 6-24wks (inclusive) <i>Dose 1 before 15wks Dose 2 before 25wks</i>	No	No	No	Yes 6wks-24wks (inclusive) <i>Dose 1 before 15wks Dose 2 before 25wks</i>
Varicella	12mths +	No	No	Yes 3yrs +	Yes 12mths +
BCG	From birth-5yrs	No	No	Yes 3-5yrs Additional training required; must be BCG endorsed	Yes From birth-5yrs Additional training required; must be BCG endorsed
MPV	18yrs +	No	No	Yes 18yrs + Additional training required	Yes 18yrs + Additional training required