

COVID-19 Vaccine Rollout

Eligibility Declaration Form

I, _____ (name)
(Name and address of person receiving the vaccine) _____ (address)

confirm that I meet one or more of the below criteria:

1. currently employed on a paid basis in an eligible occupation in Phase 1A;
2. currently employed on a paid or unpaid (volunteer) basis in an eligible occupation in Phase 1B;
3. a resident of a residential aged care facility or living in a disability facility;
4. a household contact of a quarantine or border worker eligible under Phase 1A;
5. undergone or undergoing one or more of the specified treatments or procedures for Phase 1B;
6. diagnosed by a medical practitioner with one or more of the specified medical conditions for Phase 1B;
7. diagnosed with a disability or age-related condition and am attending centre-based services;
or
8. an essential carer of a person with a disability or elderly person eligible under Phase 1A or Phase 1B.

I confirm that the statement in this form is true.

Signature of person receiving the vaccine:

Date:

(OR, if the vaccine recipient is unable to sign:) I confirm that I am the patient's legal guardian or substitute decision-maker, and I confirm that the statement in this form is true.

Guardian/substitute decision-maker's name:

Guardian/substitute decision-maker's signature:

Date:

Eligibility Declaration Information

The Australian Government's [COVID-19 vaccine national roll-out strategy](#) sets out the phases of distribution for COVID-19 vaccines in Australia. This information is intended for use by individuals to determine whether they may be eligible for COVID-19 vaccination under Phase 1A or 1B and if eligible, what evidence of eligibility is required.

A person who meets the age requirements¹ for COVID-19 vaccination will be eligible to participate in Phase 1A or 1B if that person meets one or more of the following criteria:

- currently employed, either paid or unpaid (as specified), in one of the healthcare, critical and high risk worker occupations set out below,
- residents of aged care facilities or residential disability accommodation,
- has been diagnosed with a disability or age-related condition and attending centre-based services,
- is an essential carer of a person with a disability or elderly person eligible under Phase 1A or Phase 1B,
- is a household contact of a quarantine or border worker, or
- has either undergone or is undergoing one or more of the treatments or procedures, and / or has been diagnosed by a medical practitioner with one or more of the medical conditions, set out below.

Further details of eligibility are set out below under the heading “**People who are eligible under Phase 1A and Phase 1B of the rollout**”. Note: this document does not set out age and Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander People-related eligibility criteria.

If this applies to you, you may be eligible to receive the vaccine as part of Phase 1A or 1B.

Before you can receive the vaccine, the person giving you the vaccine needs to be able to satisfy themselves of your eligibility.

You will need to bring **one** of the following (as relevant to the criteria of eligibility that you meet) as **evidence** for the vaccine provider to confirm your eligibility:

1. a current work ID card showing employment at a relevant occupation for Phase 1A or 1B;
2. a letter from your employer confirming that you are currently employed in a priority occupation for Phase 1A or 1B;
3. documentation confirming you are a carer;
4. for household contacts of a quarantine / border worker, proof of occupation of the quarantine / border worker and evidence to demonstrate you live at the same residential address. For instance, this could include: bills or rates notices with both of your names and address, or separate documentary evidence that shows each of your names while showing the same address;
5. details to enable the vaccine provider to access your MyHealth Record, if you have one;

¹ Meaning 16 years or older for the Pfizer vaccine, or 18 years or older for the AstraZeneca vaccine.

6. a referral from your GP or treating specialist confirming that you have been diagnosed with one or more of the relevant medical conditions, or have undergone or are undergoing one or more of the procedures for Phase 1B;
7. proof in the form of an alternative medical record that is dated within the last 5 years which shows that you have received the relevant diagnosis for the medical condition or have undergone or are undergoing the procedure for Phase 1B. This includes:
 - a printout of your medical history as recorded in your clinical records – i.e. your patient medical summary as printed out from your GP's practice;
 - a printout of your chronic disease care plan from your GP;
 - a discharge summary from a hospital or other medical facility; or
 - a script in your name for a medication that you have been prescribed to treat one or more of the relevant medical conditions or one or more of the procedures in the form attached.
8. a condition-specific identifier that you have been issued with, such as a National Diabetes Services Scheme membership card; or
9. **if you cannot provide any of the above as evidence of your eligibility, you may use the Eligibility Declaration Form attached.**

Instructions to complete the Eligibility Declaration Form

To complete the Eligibility Declaration Form, you must:

- review the below information to confirm that you are included in Phase 1A or 1B.
- complete the details on the final page of this document. You can do this either on your computer, or other electronic device, or by hand.
- sign the form and bring it with you to your appointment to receive the vaccine.

If the person receiving the vaccine is not capable of completing and signing the form themselves, a legal guardian or substitute decision maker (e.g. someone acting under an enduring power of attorney) can complete the form on their behalf.

People who are eligible under Phase 1A and Phase 1B of the rollout

Phase 1A

1. People **currently** employed as frontline healthcare workers (not including unpaid or volunteer workers – see Phase 1B), being:

<i>Clinical staff, students and administrative staff in facilities and services such as hospital emergency departments, COVID-19 and respiratory wards, Intensive Care Units and High-dependency Units</i>	<i>Laboratory staff handling potentially infectious material</i>
<i>Ambulance and paramedics services</i>	<i>COVID-19 testing facility workers</i>
	<i>GP respiratory clinic workers</i>

2. People **currently** employed as quarantine and border workers, being:

<i>Staff at entry points to the country (such as sea ports and land borders)</i>	<i>Commonwealth employees (including Defence personnel) who are identified by their employer as having the potential to encounter returning travellers as part of their work</i>
<i>Staff working in quarantine facilities, including those employed under Commonwealth, State or private agreements</i>	

3. People **currently** residing or employed in residential aged care and disability care facilities, being;

<i>Residents of aged care facilities</i>	<i>Residential aged care workers</i>
<i>People with disability living in residential disability accommodation</i>	<i>Residential disability care workers</i>

Phase 1B

4. People **currently** employed **on a paid or unpaid (volunteer)** basis in one of the following occupations:

<i>healthcare worker, including doctors, nurses, midwives, allied health professionals, dental practitioners</i>	<i>disability or aged care support volunteer who provides support to people in their homes, respite care, educational, employment, leisure and/or residential settings, including those providing transport and advocacy services.</i>
<i>a public or private hospital staff member</i>	
<i>Healthcare worker in private practice</i>	<i>Emergency services personnel, including frontline police officers, fire and rescue personnel and corrective services officers</i>
<i>healthcare worker providing in-home and community disability and aged care, including centre-based care</i>	
<i>worker who regularly engages in person with those receiving aged care or those with a disability in phase 1A or 1B, including aged care assessment workforce, those conducting regulatory activities and advocacy services.</i>	
<i>healthcare worker in a clinical setting, including students on placement</i>	<i>active Australian Defence Force personnel</i>
<i>onsite administrative staff in healthcare settings</i>	<i>Rural Fire Service and State Emergency Service volunteers</i>
<i>cleaners, kitchen staff and other ancillary staff in healthcare settings</i>	<i>Australian government officials about to be deployed or currently deployed overseas on official government business</i>
<i>community pharmacy staff</i>	<i>workers at licensed meat processing businesses, including abattoir workers and attending veterinarians, workers in boning rooms, smallgoods manufacturers, cold chain transport workforce, and seafood processing (not including retail workers such as those at butcher shops or fishmongers, primary production workers including those fishing, and clerical workers at these workplaces)</i>
<i>workforce involved in manufacture of AstraZeneca COVID-19 vaccine and distribution/delivery of COVID-19 vaccines (for clarity, this also includes distribution/delivery of any COVID-19 vaccines that are not the AstraZeneca COVID-19 vaccine)</i>	

5. A household contact of a quarantine or border worker eligible under Phase 1A. 'Household contact' means that you currently live at the same primary address.

6. Carer (paid or unpaid) of a person with a disability or an elderly person eligible in Phase 1A or 1B. This includes if a family member is providing essential care to a person with a disability or an elderly person eligible in Phase 1A or 1B, but does not include family members who are not carers. This includes carers of children with underlying medical conditions who would be eligible in Phase 1b but cannot be vaccinated due to age restrictions on approved COVID-19 vaccinations. For clarity, the elderly person or person with a disability does not need to be residing in an aged care facility or residential disability accommodation.

7. People who have been diagnosed with a disability or with age-related conditions (e.g. early onset dementia)] attending centre-based services (e.g. day programs, respite care, supported employment).
8. People who have either undergone or are undergoing one or more of the following treatments or procedures:

<i>a solid organ transplant who are on immune suppressive therapy (recommend discussion with specialist regarding optimal timing of vaccination)</i>	<i>a bone marrow transplant or have received chimeric antigen receptor T-cell (CAR-T) therapy (recommend discussion with specialist regarding optimal timing of vaccination)</i>
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9. People who have been diagnosed by a medical practitioner with one or more of the following medical conditions (this eligibility criteria applies to people aged 69 years and under):

<i>haematological diseases or cancer including leukaemia, lymphoma or myeloma resulting in immunocompromise (recommend discussion with specialist regarding optimal timing of vaccination)</i>	<i>non-haematological cancer (diagnosed in the last 5 years or on chemotherapy, radiotherapy, immunotherapy or targeted anti-cancer therapy (active treatment or recently completed) or with advanced disease regardless of treatment)</i>
	<i>adult survivors of childhood cancers</i>
<i>graft versus host disease (recommend discussion with specialist regarding optimal timing of vaccination)</i>	<i>diabetes</i>
<i>primary or acquired immunodeficiency (which includes congenital causes of immunodeficiency and HIV / AIDs)</i>	<i>chronic inflammatory conditions requiring medical treatments including Systemic Lupus Erythematosus, Rheumatoid Arthritis, Crohn's disease, ulcerative colitis and similar who are being treated with Disease modifying anti-rheumatic drugs (DMARDs) or immune-suppressive or immunomodulatory therapies. Generally not inclusive of people living with osteoarthritis, fibromyalgia, myalgic encephalomyelitis / chronic fatigue syndrome or similar non-immunocompromising inflammatory conditions.</i>
<i>chronic neurological conditions (including stroke, dementia, Multiple Sclerosis, Motor Neuron Disease, Parkinson's disease, cerebral palsy and muscular dystrophy but generally not including migraine or cluster headaches)</i>	
<i>severe mental health conditions (including schizophrenia, bi-polar disorder affecting ability to adhere to public health measures)</i>	<i>chronic lung disease (including Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease, cystic fibrosis, and interstitial lung disease but does not include mild or moderate asthma)</i>
<i>chronic renal (kidney) failure with a eGFR <44mL/min (does not include mild-moderate chronic kidney disease)</i>	<i>poorly controlled blood pressure (which requires 2 or more pharmacologic agents for blood pressure control, regardless of recent readings)</i>
<i>severe obesity with a BMI ≥ 40 kg/m²</i>	<i>chronic liver disease</i>
<i>heart disease (including ischaemic heart disease, valvular heart disease, cardiomyopathies and pulmonary hypertension)</i>	<i>significant disability requiring frequent assistance with activities of daily living (including Down Syndrome, muscular dystrophy, traumatic brain and spinal cord injury, severe intellectual disability)</i>