IMMUNISATIONS AND VACCINATIONS

COVID-19

WHAT YOU SHOULD KNOW

Effective 25 September 2023, updates have been made to the COVID-19 vaccination mandate for Queensland Health sites and the Queensland Ambulance Service. While Queensland Health does not currently mandate evidence of COVID-19 vaccination, it's essential to recognise that other organisations may enforce their own vaccination specific criteria. This situation is similar across other states and territories, with the exception of Australian Capital Territory, New South Wales, Victoria, and South Australia, where COVID-19 vaccination is mandatory for all healthcare students.

Please Note: COVID-19 vaccination is mandatory for students attending placement in Australian Capital Territory, New South Wales, South Australia, and Victoria. Please contact the WIL Compliance Team on 07 4930 9124 (option 3) if you are unsure if COVID-19 vaccination applies to your placement.

REQUIREMENT

To be eligible to attend all placement sites, it is **recommended** that you provide evidence of completing the course of COVID-19 vaccination listed below. Please note that while this is not a mandatory requirement for some students, COVID-19 vaccination is still required in some States and Territories as detailed in 'What You Should Know' and in the table below:

Age given	Number of doses	Vaccine brand names
Not applicable	2 doses recommended	Queensland, Northern Territory, Western Australia, Tasmania.
		As listed in the <u>Australian Immunisation Handbook</u> as approved by the Therapeutic Goods Administration (TGA)
Not applicable	2 doses mandatory	Australian Capital Territory, New South Wales, South Australia, and Victoria.
		As listed in the <u>Australian Immunisation Handbook</u> as approved by the Therapeutic Goods Administration (TGA)

The approved form of evidence (what to submit in Sonia) is to be submitted before the closing date that is designated for the WIL placement unit.



WHAT TO SUBMIT IN SONIA

<u>Immunisation History Statement</u> that lists all vaccinations on the Australian Immunisation Register (AIR)

or

COVID-19 digital certificate

or

Patient Immunisation Summary from your medical practitioner showing dates and batch numbers.

MEDICAL EXEMPTIONS

For placements in States and Territories where COVID-19 vaccination is mandatory - At times there may be a medical reason that causes a delay in completing the COVID-19 vaccination schedule (where vaccination applies). For consideration of this and advice on how this may impact your course, students with a permanent medical contraindication must provide evidence from the Australian Immunisation Register (AIR), or for temporary conditions provide either AIR evidence or a letter from your Medical Practitioner confirming the duration of the delay. Circumstances impacting more than one placement will need to be assessed by the Head of Course for impact to course progression.

RELATED WIL ARTICLES

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