

IMMUNISATIONS AND VACCINATIONS

HEPATITIS B

For your own safety and safety of your clients you are required to demonstrate non-susceptibility to vaccine preventable diseases by the designated closing date to be eligible for your WIL placement. Students who are not fully immunised put themselves, clients, and WIL placement providers at risk through potential contamination or spreading of infection and diseases.

REQUIREMENT

Vaccination Evidence - You are required to provide evidence of a completed age-appropriate course of Hepatitis B vaccination in accordance with the [Australian Immunisation Handbook](#).

Serology Evidence - You must also complete serological testing (Blood Test) to provide evidence of Immunity. Your serology results must indicate immunity. This is recorded on your serology report as Anti-HBs $\geq 10\text{mIU/mL}$. Serological evidence must be a **minimum** of 4 weeks after the completion of Hepatitis B vaccination.

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.

VALID: Once only requirement

WHAT TO SUBMIT IN SONIA

Vaccination Evidence - Evidence of an age appropriate schedule of Hepatitis B vaccination detailed on your Australian Immunisation Register (AIR) [Immunisation History Statement](#) or Patient Immunisation Summary from your medical practitioner showing dates and batch numbers.

AND

Serology Evidence: Pathology result indicating **immunity**. The pathology result should specifically show Hepatitis B surface antibody (anti-HBs) as a numerical result measured in IU/L; or written confirmation of this from your Medical Practitioner signed and dated, with the practice stamp.

TEMPORARY COMPLIANCE

Hepatitis B evidence may take up to seven months to complete. New students and students attending their first placement may be granted temporary compliance if they have submitted evidence of the first two doses of Hepatitis B vaccination and completed the [Hepatitis B Evidence Form](#) in consultation with their doctor (if all submitted evidence meets evidence requirements.)

Important: if you are unable to submit all Hepatitis B evidence (completed vaccination schedule and serological evidence of immunity), please download and print this [form](#) and consult with your doctor, prior to submitting your evidence to Sonia. Please upload this completed form to the Hepatitis B serology mandatory check tab.



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FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

What do I do if I have never had any Hepatitis B vaccinations?

Please make an appointment with your doctor. Please download and print this [form](#) and complete the form in consultation with your doctor. Please submit the completed form once you have completed your first two doses of Hepatitis B vaccination.

What do I do if I have an incomplete schedule of Hepatitis B vaccination?

Please make an appointment with your doctor. Please download and print this [form](#) and complete the form in consultation with your doctor. Take any evidence you have with you to your doctor's appointment.

What do I do if I have evidence of vaccination, but I do not have evidence of immunity to submit?

Please make an appointment with your doctor to arrange a serology test for Hepatitis B immunity. If your results indicate immunity, upload evidence of your Hepatitis B vaccinations and serology evidence.

Please download and print this [form](#) and take this form with you when you receive your serology results from your doctor. If your serology results show you are not immune, please complete this form in consultation with your doctor.

What do I do if I have evidence of serology indicating immunity, but I have no evidence of vaccination?

Please make an appointment with your doctor. Please download and print this [form](#) and complete the form in consultation with your doctor. Take any evidence you have with you to your doctor's appointment. **Please note:** NSW Students also must complete the [NSW Health vaccination declaration form](#) in consultation with your doctor.

What do I do if I have completed my vaccination schedule and I am not immune to Hepatitis B?

Please make an appointment with your doctor. Please download and print this [form](#) and complete the form in consultation with your doctor. Take any evidence you have with you to your doctor's appointment. **Please Note:** Persistent non-responders to Hepatitis B, must have repeated non-immunity.

What do I do if I only have evidence of two doses of Hepatitis B vaccination?

Please check you were between the ages of 11-15 when you completed your two doses of Hepatitis B vaccination. If so, you are not required to provide evidence of a third dose. Please upload your vaccination evidence and your evidence of immunity to Sonia.

If you were not between the ages of 11-15 when you completed two doses of Hepatitis B, please see

[What do I do if I have an incomplete schedule of Hepatitis B vaccination?](#)

What do I do if my vaccination schedule is an accelerated Hepatitis B schedule?

An accelerated schedule will typically have three doses completed between 21 days and two months. If you have an accelerated Hepatitis B schedule, please check if you have a fourth dose of Hepatitis B vaccination 12 months after your first dose. If so, please upload your vaccination evidence and evidence of serology.

If you only have evidence of three doses, please make an appointment with your doctor. Please download and print this [form](#) and complete the form in consultation with your doctor. Take any evidence you have with you to your doctor's appointment.

What do I do if I have an active case of Hepatitis B, or I am positive for Hepatitis B?

Please download and print this [form](#) and complete the form in consultation with your doctor. Take any evidence you have with you to your doctor's appointment.



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WHAT YOU SHOULD KNOW

Collecting evidence of Hepatitis B vaccination plus serological testing may take up to seven months to complete. In addition, students may not convert to immunity after they complete their primary schedule of Hepatitis B vaccination. Students who do not convert to immunity after their primary schedule of Hepatitis B vaccination, are required to complete additional doses of vaccination and serology, in consultation with their doctor.

Collecting evidence for Hepatitis B may be delayed if a student is required to undertake additional vaccinations and/or serology testing in consultation with their doctor. Students should read the FAQs in this document and follow the instructions to prevent delays in clearance for Hepatitis B mandatory checks.

Please Note: Students should **not** commence an accelerated schedule of Hepatitis B vaccination to complete vaccination before the mandatory check closing date. Students may be granted temporary compliance by providing the additional evidence, as detailed in the [Temporary Compliance](#) section of this WIL Article.

Students may need to complete additional training with their Placement Academic and/or complete additional forms for their Placement Site, if the student is attending placement with a status of non-immune to Hepatitis B. The student's Work Integrated Learning Placement Officer will advise of any additional requirements for placement.

NSW Health: Students required to complete pre-placement mandatory checks for placement in a NSW Health facility, should read this WIL Article in conjunction with [WIL Article – Health Authority Compliance \(All States\)](#) and also complete all Hepatitis B related forms for NSW Health compliance.

RELATED WIL ARTICLES

Find out more about MANDATORY CHECK CLOSING DATES and SONIA in the related MyCQU articles.

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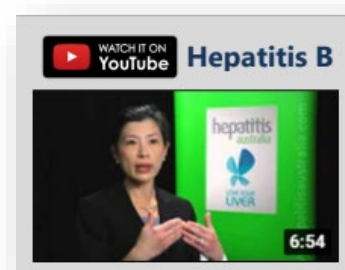
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