

# Free vaccine Victoria – criteria for eligibility

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A person must reside in Australia and meet at least one of the following criteria to be eligible for free Victorian government supplied vaccine.

- Hold a Medicare card or be eligible to hold a Medicare card (if a person attends without their Medicare card vaccines can still be administered).
- Hold Australian citizenship.
- Hold a permanent visa or have applied for a permanent visa.
- **All asylum seekers regardless of whether they hold a Medicare card are eligible for funded vaccine as per the following table.**

Age appropriate free catch-up vaccines are supplied for vulnerable citizens who meet the criteria above. A vulnerable citizen is considered one who has experienced socioeconomic disadvantage, which compromised their equitable access to the vaccine during their period of eligibility. Vulnerable citizens can receive free catch-up vaccines based on an individual assessment by an immunisation provider. Vaccines should be administered according to age appropriate catch-up guidelines in the current edition of *The Australian Immunisation Handbook*.

Vaccines are not supplied for travel purposes.

Refer to the current Australian immunisation handbook for schedule and medical recommendations.

Vaccine brand ®	Criteria for eligibility of free vaccine in Victoria
ADT Booster	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• 50 to 59 years of age (inclusive) a single booster dose</li><li>• Used from 10 years of age and over as part of a catch-up of the primary course</li></ul>
Boostrix	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Years 7-10 in the secondary school program or 12 to 16 years of age outside of school</li><li>• 10 years of age and over, as a single dose, as part of the 3 dose dT primary course</li><li>• pregnant women from 28 weeks gestation during every pregnancy</li><li>• partners of women who are at least 28 weeks pregnant if the partner has not received a pertussis booster in the last ten years</li><li>• parents/guardians of babies born on or after 1 June 2015, if their baby is under six months of age and they have not received a pertussis booster in the last ten years</li></ul>
Engerix-B (paediatric and adult formulations)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Household contacts or sexual partners of people living with hepatitis B infection</li><li>• People who inject drugs or are on opioid substitution therapy</li><li>• People living with hepatitis C</li><li>• Men who have sex with men</li><li>• People living with HIV</li><li>• Prisoners and remandees</li><li>• People no longer in a custodial setting but who commenced but did not complete the vaccine course while in custody</li></ul>
Gardasil	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Year 7 in the secondary school program or 12 to 13 years of age outside of school</li><li>• Adolescent boys less than 16 years old until 31 December 2015 outside of school</li></ul>
H-B-Vax II Paediatric	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Infant at birth and within 7 days of birth</li><li>• 12 months of age booster dose if born less than 32-weeks gestation or less than 2000 g birth weight</li><li>• Catch-up to 9 years of age (inclusive)</li></ul>

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Infanrix hexa	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 2, 4 and 6 months of age (from 6 weeks of age)</li> <li>• Catch-up to 9 years of age (inclusive)</li> </ul>
Infanrix IPV	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 4 years of age (from 3 years and 6 months of age)</li> <li>• Catch-up single dose from 4 years and 1 month to 9 years of age (inclusive)</li> </ul>
Influenza vaccine (annually)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 6 months of age and over with conditions predisposing to severe illness following influenza infection</li> <li>• 6 months to 4 years of age inclusive and 15 years of age and over for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people</li> <li>• All pregnant women during any stage of pregnancy</li> <li>• 65 years of age and older</li> </ul>
IPOL	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• From 10 years of age for a primary course</li> </ul>
M-M-R II / Priorix	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 12 months and 4 years of age</li> <li>• Catch-up from 13 months to 9 years of age (inclusive)</li> <li>• Woman planning pregnancy and post partum with low or negative rubella antibody</li> </ul>
Menitorix	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 12 months of age</li> <li>• Catch-up single dose from 13 months to 9 years of age (inclusive)</li> </ul>
Merieux inactivated Rabies/Verorab	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Volunteer handler of Australian bats in Victoria for the primary course</li> <li>• Post exposure prophylaxis</li> </ul>
Pneumovax 23	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 4 to 5 years of age with underlying medical risk factors includes born less than 28-weeks gestation</li> <li>• 15 to 49 years of age for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people with underlying medical risk factors</li> <li>• 50 years of age and over for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people</li> <li>• 65 years of age and over</li> </ul>
Prevenar 13	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 2, 4 and 6 months of age (from 6 weeks of age)</li> <li>• 12 months of age booster dose is given with underlying medical risk factors includes born less than 28-weeks gestation</li> <li>• Catch-up if less than 5 years of age</li> </ul>
Priorix-Tetra / ProQuad	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 18 months of age</li> <li>• Catch-up single dose from 19 months to 9 years of age (inclusive)</li> </ul>
RotaTeq	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 2, 4 and 6 months of age (from 6 weeks of age)</li> <li>• Age 12 weeks and 6 days, cut-off for 1st dose to be given (do not give any dose in course)</li> <li>• Age 32 weeks and 6 days, cut-off for the last dose (either the 2nd or 3rd dose) to be given</li> </ul>
Varilrix / Varivax	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Year 7 in the secondary school or 12 to 13 years of age outside of school</li> <li>• Catch-up single dose to 9 years of age (inclusive)</li> </ul>