

# The Australian Childhood Immunisation Register

The Australian Childhood Immunisation Register has been designed to benefit you and your children.

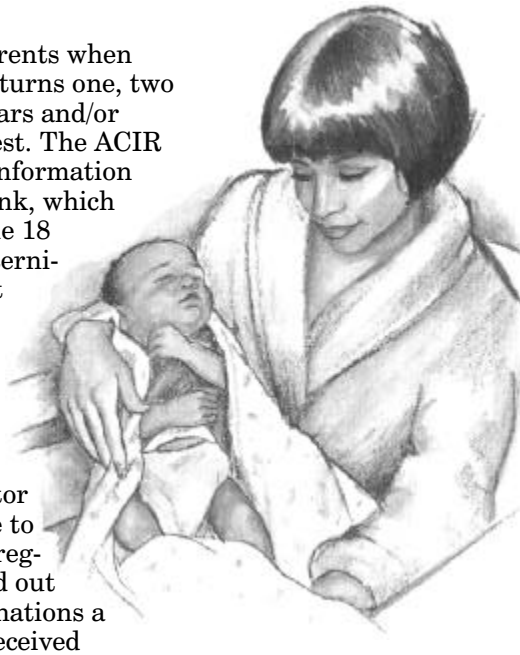
When your children start school or preschool, you will need a record of the vaccinations they have received.

The register records immunisations of children from birth to seven years of age. It is administered by the Health Insurance Commission. Children enrolled with Medicare will automatically be included on the register.

The ACIR provides a childhood history state-

ment to parents when their child turns one, two and five years and/or upon request. The ACIR also links information to Centrelink, which provides the 18 month maternity payment and childcare assistance payments.

Parents and their child's doctor will be able to phone the register to find out what vaccinations a child has received already, if they are not



sure (freecall 1800 653 809).

The register will also make it easier for some parents to get information for school entry immunisation certificates. Although immunisation is not compulsory, only those children with completed certificates will be allowed to attend school during an outbreak of certain vaccine preventable diseases.

The recommended vaccination schedule is shown in the table opposite. The register will make parents' task of remembering the schedule a lot easier.

Immunising your children is one of the most important things you can do for them. It protects children (and adults) against harmful infections before they come into contact with them in the community. It uses the body's natural defences to build resistance to specific infections.

If you delay having your children immunised, they may be placed at serious risk. Studies show that immunising on time helps reduce the chance of children getting infections.

Providing the right immunisations at the right time protects our children.

*For more information about immunising your child, phone your local Public Health Unit or talk to your family doctor.*



**Recommended Childhood Vaccination Schedule**

Age	Immunisation
<b>Birth</b>	Hepatitis B
<b>2 months</b>	Diphtheria/tetanus/pertussis(whooping cough) Hepatitis B Polio Hib Pneumococcal
<b>4 months</b>	Diphtheria/tetanus/pertussis Hepatitis B Polio Hib Pneumococcal
<b>6 months</b>	Diphtheria/tetanus/pertussis Hepatitis B Polio Hib Pneumococcal
<b>12 months</b>	Hib Measles/mumps/rubella Meningococcal C
<b>18 months</b>	Chicken pox
<b>4 years</b>	Diphtheria/tetanus/pertussis Measles/mumps/rubella Polio
<b>12 years</b>	Hepatitis B (school based)*
* For children born before 1 May 2000.	Chicken pox (for those not already vaccinated and those who have not had the disease.)
<b>15-17 years</b>	Diphtheria/tetanus/pertussis (school based)