

STATE AND TERRITORY MANDATORY VACCINATION REQUIREMENTS

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	Residential Aged Care Facilities (RACFs)	Public Health Service Facilities, including Public and Private Hospitals	Private Practices
ACT		<p>Health care workers in public health service facilities must meet the following COVID vaccination requirements:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • On or after 29 October 2021, but before 1 December 2021, have had least one dose of a COVID vaccine in order to attend work, or produce a medical exemption certificate. • On or after 1 December 2021, have had at least two doses of a COVID vaccine, or produce a medical exemption certificate. <p>A 'worker' is any person who provides health, medical, dental, nursing, pathology, pharmaceutical, social work or allied health services to a patient at the health care facility, including in a voluntary or unpaid capacity.</p> <p>A 'health care facility' means a hospital, including a day hospital; or a hospice; or all health care facilities operated by Canberra Health Services.</p> <p>Refer to Public Health Directions</p>	

<p>NSW</p>	<p>Workers who provide services for residential aged care facilities for one or more residents (whether or not they are engaged by the facility) must meet the following COVID vaccination requirements*:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> By 9am on Friday 17 September 2021, have had at least one dose of a COVID vaccine or produce a medical exemption certificate. <p>*This <u>does not</u> include contractors or service providers engaged directly by individual residents, nor does it include students.</p> <p>Health practitioners or students must meet the following COVID vaccination requirements:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> By 9am on Sunday 31 October 2021, have had at least one dose of a COVID vaccine or produce a medical exemption certificate. <p>Refer to information page</p>	<p>Health care workers in public health service facilities must meet the following COVID vaccination requirements:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> By Thursday 30 September 2021, have had least one dose of a COVID vaccine in order to attend work, or produce a medical exemption certificate. By Tuesday 30 November 2021, have had at least two doses of a COVID vaccine, or produce a medical exemption certificate. <p>A 'health care worker' is a person who does work for:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Public Health Organisations (Local Health Districts, Specialty Health Networks, Pillars and Affiliated Health Organisations) NSW Ministry of Health All staff working at a Private Health Facility (licensed under the Private Health Facilities Act) both private hospitals and day procedures Students in clinical placements in private facilities. <p>Refer to information page</p>	
<p>NT</p>	<p>Workers at residential aged care facilities must meet the following COVID vaccination requirements, if they are likely to come into contact with a vulnerable person, or a person or thing that poses a risk of infection:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> By 13 November 2021, have had a first dose of a COVID vaccine, or produce a medical exemption certificate. By 24 December 2021, have had a second dose of a COVID vaccine, or produce a medical exemption. <p>Refer to Public Health Directions</p>	<p>Workers at public health service facilities must meet the following COVID vaccination requirements, if they are likely to come into contact with a vulnerable person, or a person or thing that poses a risk of infection:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> By 13 November 2021, have had a first dose of a COVID vaccine, or produce a medical exemption certificate. By 24 December 2021, have had a second dose of a COVID vaccine, or produce a medical exemption. <p>Refer to Public Health Directions</p>	<p>Workers at private practices must meet the following COVID vaccination requirements, if they are likely to come into contact with a vulnerable person, or a person or thing that poses a risk of infection:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> By 13 November 2021, have had a first dose of a COVID vaccine, or produce a medical exemption certificate. By 24 December 2021, have had a second dose of a COVID vaccine, or produce a medical exemption. <p>Refer to Public Health Directions</p>

<p>QLD</p>	<p>Workers at residential aged care facilities must meet the following COVID vaccination requirements:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • By 16 September 2021, have received at least one dose of a COVID vaccine. • For a health service employee – by 31 October 2021, have received the prescribed number of doses of a COVID vaccine. • For a residential aged care worker other than a health service employee – by 31 October 2021, have received, or has evidence of a booking to receive, the prescribed number of doses of a COVID vaccine. <p>A ‘health service employee’ means an employee engaged under the <i>Hospital and Health Boards Act 2011</i> in Hospital and Health Services and the Department of Health.</p> <p>Refer to Residential Aged Care Direction (No. 9)</p>	<p>Workers in healthcare, including public health service facilities, must meet the following COVID vaccination requirements in order to enter, engage in work or duties, or provide services in a healthcare setting:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • By 15 December 2021, have received the prescribed number of doses of a COVID-19 vaccine; or • Where COVID-19 vaccination requirements in another public health direction or an employment direction also apply to the worker in healthcare, the worker must have received the prescribed number of doses of a COVID-19 vaccine by the date in those requirements; and • As soon as reasonably practicable after each dose of the COVID-19 vaccine, the worker in healthcare must provide evidence of complying with the COVID-19 vaccination requirements to their employer, where applicable, and to the responsible person for the healthcare setting. <p>A ‘worker in healthcare’ means a person who works, undertakes an educational placement, or volunteers in a healthcare setting, including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • a healthcare professional providing healthcare, except to the extent the person works entirely from their home or outside a healthcare setting, to deliver healthcare services that do not involve face to face contact with patients or clients; and 	<p>Workers in healthcare, including private practice, must meet the following COVID vaccination requirements in order to enter, engage in work or duties, or provide services in a healthcare setting:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • By 15 December 2021, have received the prescribed number of doses of a COVID-19 vaccine; or • Where COVID-19 vaccination requirements in another public health direction or an employment direction also apply to the worker in healthcare, the worker must have received the prescribed number of doses of a COVID-19 vaccine by the date in those requirements; and • As soon as reasonably practicable after each dose of the COVID-19 vaccine, the worker in healthcare must provide evidence of complying with the COVID-19 vaccination requirements to their employer, where applicable, and to the responsible person for the healthcare setting. <p>A ‘worker in healthcare’ means a person who works, undertakes an educational placement, or volunteers in a healthcare setting, including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • a healthcare professional providing healthcare, except to the extent the person works entirely from their home or outside a healthcare setting, to deliver healthcare services that do not involve face to face contact with patients or clients; and
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SA	<p>Workers at residential aged care facilities, including allied health professionals, students on placements and volunteers engaged by the facility must meet the following COVID vaccination requirements:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> From 17 September 2021, have received at least one dose of a COVID vaccine, and received, or have evidence of a booking to receive, a second dose of a COVID vaccine within the interval recommended by the Australian Technical Advisory Group (ATAGI) <p>Refer to information page</p>	<p>Workers in public health service facilities must meet the following COVID vaccination requirements:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> By 12:01am on 1 November 2021, have had received at least one dose of COVID vaccination, or produce a medical exemption certificate received or has evidence of a booking to receive a second dose of a COVID vaccine within one month of the first dose provided the operator of the health care setting with proof of COVID vaccination status upon request. <p>Refer to information page</p>	<p>Workers in any setting where audiology services are provided must meet the following COVID vaccination requirements:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> By 8 November 2021, have received at least one dose of a TGA approved COVID-19 vaccination received, or has evidence of a booking to receive, a second dose of a TGA approved COVID-19 vaccine within the recommended timeframe provided the operator of the healthcare setting with proof of vaccination status upon request. <p>Refer to Public Health Directions</p>
TAS	<p>Health care workers in residential aged care facilities, including students on placements, must meet the following COVID vaccination requirements:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> By 17 September 2021, have had a first dose of a COVID vaccine, or a vaccination booking or completed vaccination exemption form. <p>Refer to Media Release</p>	<p>Health care workers in public health service facilities must meet the following COVID vaccination requirements:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> By 31 October 2021, have had received a first dose of a COVID vaccine, or provide evidence of a booking or completed vaccination exemption form. <p>Refer to information page</p>	<p>Health care workers in private practices must meet the following COVID vaccination requirements:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> By 31 October 2021, have had received a first dose of a COVID vaccine, or provide evidence of a booking or completed vaccination exemption form. <p>Refer to information page</p>

<p>VIC</p>	<p>Workers at residential aged care facilities must meet the following COVID vaccination requirements:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • By 1 October 2021 have had received at least a first dose of a COVID vaccine, or produce a medical exemption certificate. • By 15 November 2021 have had received the second dose of a COVID vaccine, or produce a medical exemption certificate. <p>A residential aged care operator means an approved provider with responsibility for that residential aged care facility.</p> <p>Refer to Public Health Directions</p>	<p>Workers in public health service facilities must meet the following COVID vaccination requirements:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • By 15 October 2021, have had received at least a first dose of a COVID vaccine, or • an appointment to receive at least a first dose by 29 October 2021, or • a medical exemption evidenced by an authorised medical practitioner. <p>From 30 October 2021, workers must be able to provide evidence showing they have:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • a full COVID-19 vaccination of two doses, or • one COVID-19 vaccination dose and a booking for a second by 15 December 2021, or • a medical exemption evidenced by an authorised medical practitioner <p>Refer to Public Health Directions</p>	<p>Workers in private practices must meet the following COVID vaccination requirements:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • By 15 October 2021, have had received at least a first dose of a COVID vaccine, or • an appointment to receive at least a first dose by 29 October 2021, or • a medical exemption evidenced by an authorised medical practitioner. <p>From 30 October 2021, audiologists must be able to provide evidence showing they have:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • a full COVID-19 vaccination of two doses, or • one COVID-19 vaccination dose and a booking for a second by 15 December 2021, or • a medical exemption evidenced by an authorised medical practitioner <p>Refer to Public Health Directions</p>
<p>WA</p>		<p>Health care workers in public health services facilities must meet the following staged approach to COVID vaccination requirements:</p> <p>Tier 1</p> <p>By 1 November 2021, health care workers will need to be fully vaccinated to enter tier one health care facilities.</p> <p>Tier 1 health care facilities include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • intensive care units within a hospital 	<p>Health care workers in primary health care facilities must meet the following COVID vaccination requirements:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • On and from 12.01am on 1 November 2021, have had received at least a first dose of a COVID vaccine.* • On and from 12.01am on 1 December 2021, have had received two doses of a COVID vaccine.*

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