

IMPORTANT INFORMATION



TITLE	VACCINATOR AUTHORISATION
FOR THE ATTENTION OF	Practice Nurses
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Authorised vaccinators are health professionals who can legally administer vaccines that are part of an approved immunisation programme *without* a prescription or standing order.

To become an authorised vaccinator, you must apply to the local Medical Officer of Health at Auckland Regional Public Health Service (ARPHS) using the "Application for vaccinator authorisation" (see **Resources** below).

Authorised vaccinators can only independently administer vaccines that are part of an approved immunisation programme. These can either be national immunisation programmes approved by the Ministry of Health, such as the National Immunisation Schedule, or local immunisation programmes approved by the local Medical Officer of Health for a specific region.

For more information see the "Guide to becoming an authorised vaccinator in the Auckland region" (see **Resources** below). There are three different types of vaccinator authorisation given in the Auckland region:

1. General Authorisation

Authorised vaccinators can independently administer vaccines to all age groups as part of an approved immunisation programme.

2. Age-Restricted Authorisation

Authorised vaccinators can independently administer vaccines to individuals aged 3 years or older as part of an approved immunisation programme.

3. Limited Vaccine Authorisation

Authorised vaccinators can independently administer specified vaccines as part of an approved immunisation programme.

To become an authorised vaccinator in the Auckland region, you need to follow the following steps:

1. Check that you are eligible to apply
2. Gather your required documents
3. Complete the "Application for vaccinator authorisation" (see **Resources** below)
4. Send your completed application form with copies of your documents to vaccinator@adhb.govt.nz
5. Wait for your vaccinator authorisation certificate
6. **Reapply to renew your vaccinator authorisation 4 weeks before expiry**

For more information see the "Guide to becoming an authorised vaccinator in the Auckland region" (see **Resources** tab below).

- [Guide to becoming an authorised vaccinator in the Auckland region](#) PDF (ARPHS)
- [Form - Application for vaccinator authorisation](#) PDF (ARPHS)
- [Form - Peer reviewed self-assessment](#) PDF (ARPHS)
- [Form - Application for new local immunisation programme](#) PDF (ARPHS)
- [Form - Application to add vaccines to existing local immunisation programme](#) PDF (ARPHS)
- [Policy for vaccinator authorisation in the Auckland region](#) PDF (ARPHS)
- [Immunisation Handbook](#) (Ministry of Health)
- [Immunisation Advisory Centre](#)
- [Education and training](#) (Immunisation Advisory Centre)
- [Vaccine administration overview](#) (Immunisation Advisory Centre)

Reference:

Auckland Regional Public Health (ARPHS) - <https://www.arphs.health.nz>