



Structured Administration and Supply Arrangement (SASA)

TITLE: **Administration of Vaccines by Midwives**

1. Authority:

Issued by the Chief Executive Officer of Health under Part 6 of the Medicines and Poisons Regulations 2016.

2. Scope:

This authorises Midwives trained in immunisation to administer vaccines.

3. Criteria:

This SASA authorises the actions specified in the table below.

Practitioner:	Midwives who have completed approved training in accordance with Appendix 1
Practice setting:	When employed by, or contracted to provide services to, WA Health, Local Government, Department of Justice, or a Health Service that is a member of the Aboriginal Health Council of WA.
Approved activity:	Administration
Approved medicines:	Vaccines as per Appendix 2
Medical conditions:	Immunisation as per Appendix 2

4. Conditions:

The administration of approved medicines under this SASA is subject to the conditions that:

- a. The Midwife must have successfully completed an immunisation training course meeting the requirements of Appendix 1. The training must relate to the vaccines being administered, as detailed in Appendix 2. The training course must be:
 - i. approved by the Chief Executive Officer of Health (CEO) or
 - ii. accredited by Health Education Services Australia (HESA) or
 - iii. delivered by a Registered Training Organisation or university;
- b. Sites where immunisation is being conducted must be appropriately equipped to treat patients in the event of an anaphylactic reaction;
- c. Patient selection, vaccine administration and follow up care should be in accordance with the latest version of the Australian Immunisation Handbook;

- d. Written or documented verbal consent must be obtained from the person, parent or guardian, before each instance of vaccination;
- e. All vaccines administered must be recorded on the Australian Immunisation Register (AIR);
- f. All adverse events occurring following immunisation must be notified to the Western Australian Vaccine Safety Surveillance (WAVSS) system;
- g. The medicines are procured by an authorised person or an appropriate Medicines and Poisons Permit holder;
- h. Procurement, storage and administration is in accordance with Part 9 of the Medicines and Poisons Regulations 2016;
- i. Record keeping is in accordance with Part 12 of the Medicines and Poisons Regulations 2016; and
- j. Storage and transport of the vaccines is in accordance with the *National Vaccine Storage Guidelines: Strive for 5*.

5. References:

- a. Australian Technical Advisory Group on Immunisation (ATAGI). Australian Immunisation Handbook, Australian Government Department of Health and Aged Care, Canberra, 2022. Available at: [The Australian Immunisation Handbook \(health.gov.au\)](https://www.health.gov.au/immunisation)
- b. *National Vaccine Storage Guidelines 2013: Strive For 5* 2nd ed. Canberra: Australian Government, Department of Health and Ageing. Available at: [National Vaccine Storage Guidelines 'Strive for 5' | Australian Government Department of Health](https://www.health.gov.au/national-vaccine-storage-guidelines-strive-for-5)
- c. *Western Australian Vaccine Safety Surveillance*. Western Australian Department of Health, 2016. Available at: [About Western Australia - SAFEVAC Reporting](https://www.health.wa.gov.au/about-western-australia-safevac-reporting)
- d. Australian Immunisation Register. Available at [Australian Immunisation Register for health professionals - Services Australia](https://www.health.gov.au/immunisation-register-for-health-professionals-services-australia)
- e. *Western Australian Immunisation Schedule*. Available at: [Western Australian Immunisation Schedule \(health.wa.gov.au\)](https://www.health.wa.gov.au/immunisation-schedule)

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APPENDIX 1

Approved Training

All Midwives administering a vaccine in accordance with this SASA must have successfully completed an immunisation course, relating to the vaccines being administered, approved by the CEO of Health or accredited by Health Education Services Australia (HESA) or an equivalent course provided by a Registered Training Organisation (RTO) or a university and must maintain their competency through yearly updates.

Approved courses must require participants to demonstrate satisfactory knowledge, understanding and minimum competencies in the following areas:

- a. Storage, transport and handling of vaccines (cold chain);
- b. Obtaining informed consent for vaccination;
- c. Indications and contraindications for vaccination;
- d. Administration of vaccines as per National Health and Medical Research Council (NHMRC) Immunisation Guidelines;
- e. Cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR);
- f. Diagnosis and management of anaphylaxis; and
- g. Documentation of vaccination and critical incidents.

APPENDIX 2

Approved Vaccines

Midwives may only administer vaccines in accordance with this SASA as listed in the table below:

Vaccine	Approved Condition
COVID-19	According to the most current published version of the Western Australian Immunisation Schedule
Diphtheria	
Hepatitis B	
Influenza	
Measles	
Mumps	
Pertussis	
Respiratory syncytial virus (RSV)	
Rubella	
Tetanus	