
Immunisation Information

If you are enrolled in a program that may involve a placement in SA Health/private health services during your studies, you must be compliant with SA Health's [Immunisation for Health Care Workers in South Australia Policy Directive 2017](#) (Policy Directive).

Student Health Care Workers (HCWs) who refuse recommended screening and/or immunisation will not be offered a clinical placement in SA Health services.

The purpose of the Policy Directive is to protect you, staff, patients and visitors in SA Health services, as well as ensure that SA Health meets National Standards for Hospital Accreditation.

It is your responsibility to ensure you have the required documentation to demonstrate that you are compliant with the Policy Directive. SA Health has prepared documents to support you in meeting the requirements of the Policy Directive. These documents are:

- Screening Questionnaire and Certificate of Compliance

These documents are available from our website or the [SA Health website](#).

Please complete as much of the Screening Questionnaire and locate as many of the requested supporting documents as you can. Then arrange to see your doctor, bringing along all this documentation, as well as a copy of the Certificate of Compliance. Your doctor will assess the information you have provided and may recommend screening blood tests or vaccination, if required. Your doctor will then complete the Certificate of Compliance.

Please keep the original copy of the signed Certificate of Compliance as this will be accepted as evidence of your immune status for clinical placements and for future pre-employment purposes. You may also be asked to produce this document if selected for a random audit of student HCW compliance with the Policy Directive. You may be required to provide a copy of this form to Flinders University or SA Health.

If you have a recognised medical contraindication (temporary or permanent) to vaccination with a specific vaccine or vaccines, or you have been appropriately vaccinated but have not demonstrated protective levels of antibody (hepatitis B non-responders) you will not be considered as having refused vaccination, and will be managed separately as detailed in Sections 4.6 and 4.7 of the Policy Directive.

Please note that, as a student health care worker, you also need to know your HIV and Hepatitis C status, but do not need to inform SA Health of the result. However, if you have one or both of these infections you must seek confidential medical and career advice from an infectious diseases specialist.

SA Health and Flinders University are committed to ensuring your privacy and the confidentiality of information in relation to your immunisation status.

Should you feel that you are not able to comply with the Policy Directive, please read the [Student HCW Refusal document](#) and arrange to discuss your reasons with your WIL team.