

Queensland Ambulance Service – Immunisation Requirements

Paramedics, Patient Transport Officers and Clinical Placement students are required to undertake direct patient management and therefore, prior to commencing employment applicants are required to produce acceptable evidence of immunity to various communicable diseases.

Please note that as a minimum, serology reports are required for the below immunisations:

- Hepatitis B

Serology reports can be utilised, however are not mandatory, for the following immunisations. Formal documentation however must be provided (e.g., medical certification or record of immunisation) for:

- Diphtheria, Tetanus & Pertussis (dTpa)
- MMR
- Influenza (only required for Graduate Paramedic or Patient Transport officer roles)
- Varicella

Immunisation	Vaccination Evidence Requirement
Diphtheria, Tetanus, Pertussis (Whooping Cough)	One adult dose of diphtheria / tetanus / pertussis vaccine (dTpa). Vaccination with ADT will not be accepted. Must consent and agree to further vaccinations, to occur every 10 years of former adult vaccination.
Hepatitis B	Documented serology results indicating Anti-HBs greater than or equal to 10mIU/ml; OR Documented evidence of anti-HBc, indicating past Hepatitis B infection; OR Serology collected >4wks after secondary 3 dose course of Hep B vaccinations confirms individual is a persistent non-responder - with anti-HB's <10mIU/ml. <i>(Must also include evidence of secondary 3 dose course of vaccination with administration dates). Consider an appointment QASIS – Queensland Adult Specialist Immunisation Service – who can discuss intra-dermal inoculation.</i>
Measles, Mumps, Rubella (MMR)	Two (2) doses of MMR vaccine at least one month apart; OR Positive IgG for measles, mumps and rubella; OR Birth date before 1966.
Varicella (Chicken Pox)	Two (2) doses of varicella vaccine at least one month apart (evidence of one dose is sufficient if the person was vaccinated before 14 years of age); OR Positive IgG for varicella; OR History of Chicken Pox or physician-diagnosed shingles (serology if uncertain).
Tuberculosis (TB)	A Tuberculin Skin Test (TST) will be required only if the person:

	<p>Was born in a country with a high incidence of TB, or has resided for a cumulative time of 3 months or longer in a country with a high incidence of TB as listed at: https://www.health.qld.gov.au/clinical-practice/guidelines-procedures/diseases-infection/diseases/tuberculosis/about/high-risk-countries OR;</p> <p>Has had direct contact with a person who has had active TB.</p>
Hepatitis A	Recommended for workers who work in rural and remote Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities.
Japanese Encephalitis	Staff residing in outlying areas of Torres Strait or who will be living or working on the outer islands of the Torres Strait for a cumulative total of 30 days or more during the web season (December – May).
Vaccines in general	Other vaccines may be required for certain roles throughout employment with the QAS in extreme circumstances including, but not limited to, epidemics and pandemics.