






Catch-up vaccination for adolescents and adults

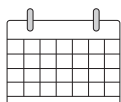
Catch-up vaccination aims to provide the best protection against disease as quickly as possible by completing a person's recommended vaccination schedule.

1 Confirm the person's vaccination history







-  Review the person's vaccination history to determine whether they are up to date.
-  If you cannot confirm previous vaccination, assume the person has not received that vaccine. People can safely receive most vaccines as additional doses, **except for Q fever**.
-  If you are not sure how to plan the catch-up schedule, or if the catch-up is complicated, seek further advice from your state or territory health authority.



2 Plan a catch-up schedule




Consider laboratory testing for immunity to some diseases

-  Consider laboratory testing to guide catch-up vaccination for:
 - ▶ hepatitis A and B
 - ▶ MMR
 - ▶ varicella
 - ▶ Q fever
-  ▶ Do not use laboratory testing for any other diseases.
-  ▶ Do not use past infection to guide the catch-up schedule.
-  ▶ Do not give Q fever vaccine if unsure about the person's Q fever immunisation status.


Consider valid doses

-  Check that any previous doses were received at the correct age and dosing intervals.
-  In almost all cases, do not repeat valid doses — count them as part of the schedule.

Refer to catch-up resources



-  Use the catch-up resources in the Australian Immunisation Handbook to help plan a catch-up schedule.

Use the HALO principle for adults

-  When planning which vaccines are needed, consider the person's:
 - ▶ health
 - ▶ age
 - ▶ lifestyle
 - ▶ occupation

3 Start the catch-up schedule



-  Discuss the catch-up schedule with the person, or their parent or carer before starting.
-  Do not use childhood combination vaccines for adolescents or adults.

See the Australian Immunisation Handbook for more details.