On 24 March 2016, the Queensland Government amended the Health (Drugs and Poisons) Regulation 1996 to authorise trained pharmacists working in community pharmacies to administer certain vaccines to consenting adults.

Vaccinations given by pharmacists should be reported to the Australian Immunisation Register (AIR) which is a register of vaccinations given to people in Australia. It aims to provide a whole-of-life immunisation history for all vaccines given to a person throughout their life.

To send vaccination information to the AIR, pharmacies must first register with the AIR as an organisation.

**How to register with the AIR**
Approval by state and territory health departments is needed for pharmacies to register as a vaccination provider with AIR. Once approved, pharmacies will receive an AIR registration number and be able to send immunisation data to the AIR.

In Queensland, pharmacies will need to:

1. Complete the [Australian Immunisation Register, Application to register as a vaccination provider](https://www.humanservices.gov.au/health-professionals/forms/im004) form which can be found at [https://www.humanservices.gov.au/health-professionals/forms/im004](https://www.humanservices.gov.au/health-professionals/forms/im004)

2. Provide a copy of a Certificate of Attainment as evidence of successful completion of a training program accredited to meet the standards set by the Australian Pharmacy Council’s ‘Standards for the Accreditation of Programs to Support Pharmacist Administration of Vaccines’.

   OR

   Certified evidence of successful completion of an interstate training program accredited to meet the standards set by the Australian Pharmacy Council’s ‘Standards for the Accreditation of Programs to Support Pharmacist Administration of Vaccines’.

When providing either a Certificate of Attainment of evidence of successful completion of a training program or an interstate training program, any copy will need to be certified by a Justice of the Peace (JP).

Email both documents to the Queensland Department of Health at QHIP-ADMIN@health.qld.gov.au

On receipt of the above completed documentation, the Department of Health will authorise the application for registration and forward to the AIR for processing.

Once AIR has registered your approved application, the AIR will send a unique AIR registration number. This may take a number of weeks. The registration number will need to be used on each occasion of transmitting immunisation data to the AIR.


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