



Vaccination requirements for Education Workers

Education workers must have already received two doses of a COVID-19 vaccine (or have an exemption) to work at an education facility per the [COVID-19 Mandatory Vaccination \(Specified Facilities\) Order No.6](#) (or subsequent Order).

The Victorian Government has announced an extension to the booster deadlines for Education Workers to receive a third dose of an approved COVID-19 Vaccination:

- The third dose deadline for workers in education facilities who were fully vaccinated on or before October 25 will be extended by a month, provided that workers have a booking within that time – **meaning all education workers have until 25 March to be “up to date”**
- Fully vaccinated workers who are **not yet eligible for a third dose** will have a third dose **deadline of three months and two weeks from when they had their second dose**
- Workers who are recent international arrivals will have a new third dose deadline of four weeks from the date of their arrival, provided they have evidence of a future vaccine booking.
- Workers whose temporary medical exemption (e.g., because they had COVID-19) has expired will have a new third dose deadline of two weeks following the expiry of the medical exemption.

Workers for educational services including childcare or early childhood services include:

- any staff members who are employed by an operator of an educational facility, who work in a school, childcare or early education service or outside school hours care service (i.e., teachers, early childhood educators and educational support staff)
- contractors working onsite in close proximity to children, students or staff whether engaged by a school, childcare or early childhood education service or outside school hours care service (i.e., casual relief teachers, Breakfast Club suppliers, IT personnel, NDIS providers, auditors (but not delivery personnel or contractors personnel performing work outside of school hours)
- staff of the Department of Education and Training who attend school, childcare or early childhood education service or outside school hours care service sites (such as allied health personnel, Authorised Officers)
- staff of any other entity who attend school, childcare or early childhood education service or outside school hours care service sites
- volunteers attending on-site working in close proximity to children, students or staff (such as parent helpers)
- students on placements.

DOBCEL employees should also refer to the [CECV School Operations Guide](#).