

## Process for Q Fever vaccination

### Q Fever Register

Previously, the Q Fever Register was the platform used to register as a Q Fever vaccination provider and upload individual Q Fever immunisation records.

However as of **15 April 2024**, vaccination providers must now report Q fever (Q-VAX) vaccines and natural immunity information to the Australian Immunisation Register (AIR). Vaccination providers will no longer be able to report Q fever vaccine information to the Q Fever Register. This will support the closure of the Australian Q Fever Register (Q Fever Register).

The Q Fever Register will now only exist to access historical Q Fever immunisation statements.

### Information for individuals who have a record in Q Fever Register

Individuals with an existing record within the Q Fever Register should take their Q Fever vaccination evidence (Q Fever eStatement) to a recognised vaccination provider in Australia and have the details reported to the AIR.

Individuals can access their information on the Q Fever Register, including their Q Fever eStatement, until **30 June 2025**.

### Information for immunisation providers

#### Training

There is no formal accreditation for GPs wanting to provide Q Fever vaccinations to patients. However, GPs should undertake some training, either from an experienced GP or through an online training session. CSL Seqirus are also able to provide support over the phone.

Seqirus provides education on Q fever vaccination and skin testing at: [www.qfeverfacts.com.au](http://www.qfeverfacts.com.au).

Please refer to the Australian Immunisation Handbook [Q Fever Chapter](#) or Health Pathways for further clinical information.

#### Ordering Vaccines

The Q Fever vaccine (Q-VAX) and skin test are available in Australia through the private market. Central and Eastern Sydney PHN does not endorse any vaccine suppliers.

## Vaccination

These steps are intended as a general guide only. Please refer to the [Australian Immunisation Handbook](#) for further information.

1. Discuss with the patient the timeframe for testing and vaccination, as well as costs. Costs for screening and vaccination are not covered by Medicare. Costs include:
  - a. CFT antibody test
  - b. Skin test
  - c. Vaccination
  - d. Consultation
2. Prior to vaccination, the patient should be assessed for past immunisation history. Check the Q Fever Register and AIR for immunisation history.
3. The antibody test and Q fever skin test both must be completed for all patients prior to immunisation. If the patient does not need to be immunised, immunity information can be uploaded to the AIR.

If both blood test and skin tests are negative (and there are no other contraindications), proceed with vaccination. Follow the vaccination protocols in the Australian Immunisation Handbook for [Q Fever](#).

## Contacts and further information

- **Australian Q Fever Register:** <https://www.qfever.org/>
- **Australian Immunisation Handbook:** [Q Fever chapter](#)
- **Seqirus:** [Q Fever Facts](#)
- **CSL:** [Q-Vax](#)
- **Public Health Units:** 1300 066 055 (NSW)
- **Q Fever Register Helpline:** 1300 QFEVER (1300 733 837)
- **CESPHN immunisation team:** [immunisation@cesphn.com.au](mailto:immunisation@cesphn.com.au)