



COVID-19 Vaccine Roll-out #1

Member Briefing

Eligibility for access

Alcohol and other drug services workers who are currently employed are classified as 'other health care workers' eligible for access to the COVID-19 vaccine as part of Phase 1B of the vaccine roll-out. Phase 1B commenced on 22 March, 2021. Eligibility extends to all staff working in healthcare settings, such as administrative staff, management and students. Individuals working in corporate offices which aren't service delivery sites aren't eligible in phase 1B.

Also eligible are Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people aged 55 and above, other people aged 70 and above, and younger adults with an eligible underlying health condition or disability. More detailed information about priority groups for the COVID-19 vaccination program, including the list of eligible conditions, is available on the Department of Health website [here](#).

Proof of eligibility

Individuals need to prove their eligibility in order to receive the vaccine. Alcohol and other drug workers seeking to prove their eligibility can do so through providing proof of occupation.

Proof of occupation can be demonstrated through a completed eligibility declaration form, which is available on the Department of Health website [here](#). Alternatively, proof of occupation can be demonstrated through a letter from their employer which confirms that individual is currently employed in a relevant occupation for phase 1B, or by providing a current work ID which shows employment in a relevant occupation for phase 1B.

Receiving the vaccine

The Department of Health has advised that alcohol and other drug workers who are employed by a state or territory government may be approached directly to make a booking to receive the vaccine in a state vaccination clinic. Alternatively, and for those who aren't employed by a state or territory government, workers may book an appointment direct at their choice of clinic.

Individuals can confirm their eligibility and find the details of sites near them where they can book an appointment to receive the vaccine on the Department of Health website [here](#). Further information on the roll-out of sites where vaccines can be obtained is on the Department of Health website [here](#). Anyone seeking help to find a suitable clinic can contact the National Coronavirus Hotline on 1800 020 080.

