GUIDE TO MEETING IMMUNISATION & SCREENING REQUIREMENTS

Dear Student,

The University is required to comply with Commonwealth and State legislation and regulations to ensure the safety of students and the general public. In accordance with Student Placement Agreements, students must meet the immunisation and screening requirements of the health care organisations at which they may attend Professional Experience Placement (PEP) during their degree. As you begin your career in health, it is important that you take the time to ensure this compliance requirement is addressed as soon as possible. Please ensure:

1. your immunisations are up to date,
2. you are immune to specific diseases, and
3. you are aware of your blood borne virus status.

The way in which you demonstrate your compliance with the University of Tasmania’s immunisation and screening requirements is through completion of the Tasmanian Student Immunisation Record (link here). This record must be completed by a health care provider, and provides information about past vaccinations you have had, the results of blood tests required, and a questionnaire to be completed by your health care provider relating to tuberculosis.

Australian Students

Please access information about the immunisation and screening requirements on the College of Health and Medicine’s PEP website - Immunisation Requirements. Here you will also find a short video explaining what to do regarding immunisation compliance. In order to make the completion of your Tasmanian Student Immunisation Record as streamlined as possible, prior to visiting your health care provider firstly gather all of the evidence that is available relating to vaccinations that you may have had in the past. Possible sources of this information include:

- Child Health Record/Baby Book - Different states of Australia will have different coloured records. Tasmania’s is blue.
• **Medicare Immunisation History Statement** - This can be obtained through logging on to myGov (https://my.gov.au/LoginServices/main/login?execution=e2s1) and following the links to your Medicare Online Account. There you can download and print out your statement. Alternatively, you can telephone the Australian Immunisation Register (ph. 1800 653 809) and request a copy of your immunisation statement. Please note it may take up to 14 days for your immunisation statement to arrive in the post.

• **Local council Certificate of Immunisation.** Councils are responsible for the organisation and running of school-based immunisation programs and public immunisation clinics in Tasmania. To obtain this certificate you should ring the relevant council and request this document. They will either email or mail your certificate of immunisation. Please note that in the past some students have had to wait several weeks to receive their council immunisation certificate. In Victoria school-based immunisation programs are also run by the local councils (who can be contacted for an immunisation certificate), while in Queensland and South Australia a variety of providers are contracted by the relevant state government to undertake the school-based immunisation providers. These individual providers will need to be contacted to obtain an immunisation certificate.

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**Certificate of Immunisation**

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Date of Birth - Thursday, 13 January 1998

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• **Current & past GP immunisation records.** You should telephone your past and current GP practices and request a record of the immunisations that you had while attending that practice.

  Once you have gathered all of this information make an appointment to see your health care provider to have your immunisation information documented on your Tasmanian Student Immunisation Record. At this appointment your health care provider should also order any blood tests that are required and arrange any vaccinations that you may need. Please note that for some vaccines your health care provider will write a prescription and you will need to get this filled at a pharmacy and take it back to your health care provider for administration. Vaccines are extremely temperature sensitive and should be transferred from the pharmacy to your health care provider’s vaccine fridge as quickly as possible.

**International Students**

Overseas students will need to source their childhood and adolescent vaccination records from either their family doctor or hospital that they attended before they arrive in Australia. It is strongly recommended that you visit your doctor as soon as you have accepted your offer into the MBBS degree, as there may be blood tests and vaccinations that you require prior to commencing the course. This will leave adequate time for any follow-up required and for all information to be documented on your student immunisation record. It will be much easier to have your student immunisation record completed in your home country before arriving in Tasmania due to the delays in finding a local doctor to complete the student immunisation record and the cost associated with attending the doctor several times to have your immunisation record completed. Please access information about the immunisation and screening requirements on the College of Health and Medicine’s PEP website - [Immunisation Requirements](#).

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