



## VACCINATED OVERSEAS?

### Step by Step Guide

### How to get your COVID – 19 Digital Certificate

We have been inundated with questions from Aussie's returning home, both permanently and temporarily, about what is considered PROOF with your overseas vaccinations.

Simply put, there are 3 ways to show proof:

- your [COVID-19 Digital Certificate](#) which shows proof of your COVID-19 vaccinations that you can add to a digital wallet.
- your [Immunisation History Statement](#) which shows your COVID-19 vaccinations and all other vaccinations.
- your [International COVID-19 Vaccination Certificate](#) which shows proof of only your COVID-19 vaccinations when you want to travel overseas, departing Australia, usually vaccinated within Australia.



Once fully vaccinated you can [add your COVID-19 digital certificate to your digital wallet](#), print it out or [add it to a state check-in app](#).

For those Aussie Expats that are coming home temporarily, who may not want to reactivate their Medicare account, there is a way to register your foreign vaccine certification with the Australian Government by creating an IHI number – Individual Healthcare Identifier.

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## The Steps

1. Create a [myGov account](#).
  - Do this on a browser or computer.
  - Do not use the app for this.
  
2. Link your [Individual Healthcare Identifiers \(IHI\)](#) to myGov.
  - Can be tricky if you have had a Medicare card previously that is no longer valid.
  - Call the myGov helpdesk on [+61 1300 169 468](#) select **Option 1**
  - They can give you your IHI number, which will be the same as your previous Medicare number.
  - If you do not want to reactivate your Medicare and have it linked to myGov, the help desk staff, supervisors, can generate a one-time password to register your IHI number in myGov. Be patient, this can take time.
  - If tax status isn't an issue, then simply link your Medicare Card.
  
3. This will allow you to access [My Health Record](#).
  
4. You will then need to ask a recognised vaccine provider in Australia to record your overseas vaccination in [AIR](#). This can be your previous or any GP. The difficulty is if GP's aren't aware that they can do this.
  - Speak to the nursing staff as they often update the records.
  - Ask about booking a Telehealth call or video call to confirm your identity.
  - Expect to pay the Telehealth consultation fee. This is the only fee you will need to pay.



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5. Once your details and your IHI number are entered into the Australian Immunisation Register and it accepts your international vaccine record, your Covid - 19 digital certificate will be registered in your myGov account.
6. You are now able to able to download a PDF of the certificate, add it to your digital wallet and add it to a state QR Check in app.

You can also link your IHI through My Health Records (which then will get you linked into myGov) through traditional mail services but expect it to take 8 weeks for your digital vaccination certificate to arrive.

## FOREIGN CERTIFICATES

There are many, many debates about using proof issued by foreign governments once you are within Australia.

While these are recognised by the Australian Government, workers in the Australian community cannot know or be expected to recognise every certificate worldwide. Business owners and staff can refuse to accept a certificate they are not familiar with, so we strongly recommend you register for proof that is easily recognised within Australia.

Our best advice... Keep It Simple!

We have further guidance here for [Foreign Vaccination Certificates of TGA recognised vaccines](#)



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### Further links

My Health Record Overseas Helpline [tel:+61 1300 169 468](tel:+611300169468)

Medicare International Helpline number [+61 28633 3284](tel:+61286333284)

Link to [Register for My Health Record](#)

Link to [Medicare- Immunisation History Statement](#)

Link to [SMARTRAVELLER - Covid-19 & Travel](#)

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