



Hepatitis B: Persistent Non-Responder Declaration

ACTAS Occupational Assessment, Screening and Vaccination Against Specified Infectious Diseases Standard Operating Procedure

This form is to be used for members who are persistent non-responders to the hepatitis B vaccination.

Please download & save form prior to filling in. Refer below to Appendix 1 - How to fill & sign PDF fillable forms

Section A: All sections to be completed by the Declarant in conjunction with an appropriately trained assessor

I, _____ declare that

[print name of declarant in CAPITAL LETTERS]

I have received an age-appropriate course of hepatitis B vaccine consisting of _____ vaccine doses.

Date of most recent hepatitis B vaccine: _____

Date of most recent serology: _____

Serology result: _____

I have been advised by an authorised practitioner, that I am a persistent Hepatitis B non-responder. I make this declaration believing it to be true.

SIGN HERE

[signature of declarant]

[date]

Section B: To be completed by an **Assessor** (Section B must be completed before submitting this form).

An Assessor includes: an authorised Australian immunisation provider, registered doctor, accredited nurse immuniser, who has training on the interpretation of immunological test results and vaccination schedules.

The candidate's hepatitis B vaccination history and serological test results indicate they are a persistent non-responder and therefore lack immunity to hepatitis B. A non-responder is an individual who does not develop protective antibodies despite completing the full hepatitis B vaccination course. It is strongly recommended that the candidate adhere to established protocols in the event of an occupational exposure.

Assessor name

Assessor qualification

Assessor signature

SIGN HERE

Date

How do I fill and sign PDF fillable forms on my computer?

- 1. Make sure Adobe Acrobat Reader software is installed on your personal computer/device**
 If Acrobat Reader isn't already installed, you can [download PDF reader](#). Alternatively, you can use Adobe Fill & Sign app available on App Store for iPhone or iPad and Google Play
NOTE: You can not download PDF reader on ACT Government devices without permission.
- 2. Download the form**
 Save the form as a PDF file, either on your computer's desktop or in a folder. This is important as certain web browsers won't save your information after editing.
- 3. Clicking on a hyperlink within the form**
 Right click the hyperlink and choose 'open link in new window' to avoid losing already filled information.
- 4. Open the form**
 You might need to right-click your mouse or track-pad and choose 'Open with > Adobe Acrobat Reader'. Once open, consider enlarging the page to assist navigating through the field options.
- 5. Type your details into the form**
 The form is an 'editable' PDF, which means you can click on any of the fields highlighted in grey to start filling in the form.
- 6. Sign the form**
 Once you have completed the form, you will need to sign it electronically with the "Fill & Sign" function. Click the "Sign" icon on the top menu bar and select "Add Signature" then "Draw" to draw your signature. Once you're happy with your signature, click "Apply" to add it to the signature sections (grey boxes) of the document. Select close once you have added your signature. If you make a mistake, click on signature and choose delete. Alternatively, use the eraser option to remove and then start again.
- 7. Save your form**
 Once you have completed all sections of the form, save the PDF file. This will ensure all your information is retained.

What Category am I?

ACTAS Category A position/roles:

- Intensive Care Paramedic (ICP)
- ICP/Extended Care Paramedic (ECP)
- Ambulance Paramedic (AP)
- AP2/ECP
- Graduate Paramedic Intern
- Patient Transport Officer
- Communications Centre
- Operational Support

Category A-EPP: The Flight Intensive Care Paramedic position is sub-classified as Category A-EPP. This is due to their scope of practice including finger thoracostomy.

INFORMATION SHEET 1. – Risk categorisation guidelines

Category A	
Protection against the specified infectious diseases is required	
Direct physical contact with: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - patients/clients - deceased persons, body parts - blood, body substances, infectious material or surfaces or equipment that might contain these (eg soiled linen, surgical equipment, syringes) 	
Contact that would allow the acquisition or transmission of diseases that are spread by respiratory means. Includes persons: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - whose work requires frequent/prolonged face-to-face contact with patients or clients eg interviewing or counselling individual clients or small groups; performing reception duties in an emergency/outpatients department; - whose normal work location is in a clinical area such as a ward, emergency department, outpatient clinic (including, for example, ward clerks and patient transport officers); or - who frequently throughout their working week are required to attend clinical areas, eg food services staff who deliver meals. 	
All persons working with the following high risk client groups or in the following high risk clinical areas are automatically considered to be Category A , regardless of duties.	
High risk client groups <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Children less than 2 years of age including neonates and premature infants - Pregnant women - Immunocompromised clients 	High risk clinical areas <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Ante-natal, peri-natal and post-natal areas including labour wards and recovery rooms - Neonatal Intensive Care Units and Special Care Units - Paediatric wards - Transplant and oncology wards - Intensive Care Units - Emergency Departments - Operating theatres, and recovery rooms treating restricted client groups - Ambulance and paramedic care services - Laboratories
All health care students are Category A.	
Category B	
Does not require protection against the specified infectious diseases as level of risk is no greater than that of the general community	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Does not work with the high risk client groups or in the high risk clinical areas listed above. - No direct physical contact with patients/clients, deceased persons, blood, body substances or infectious material or surfaces/equipment that might contain these. - Normal work location is not in a clinical area, eg administrative staff not working in a ward environment, food services staff in kitchens. - Only attends clinical areas infrequently and for short periods of time eg visits a ward occasionally on administrative duties; is a maintenance contractor undertaking work in a clinical area. - Although such persons may come into incidental contact with patients (eg in elevators, cafeteria, etc) this would not normally constitute a greater level of risk than for the general community. 	