



Australian
Commission on
Safety and Quality
in Health Care

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Ms Elizabeth Hart
Via email: elizmhart@gmail.com

Dear Ms Hart,

COVID-19 vaccination mandates and informed consent

Thank you for your correspondence of 19 June 2026 in relation to informed consent for COVID-19 vaccination.

The vaccination requirements to which you refer were implemented in the context of state and territory public health and employment-related legislative and policy frameworks. The regulation of individual health practitioners is undertaken by the Australian Health Practitioner Regulation Agency (Ahpra) in partnership with the National Boards. Ahpra provides guidance and information for practitioners, including in relation to [vaccination and immunisation](#).

During the period of the national response to the COVID-19 pandemic, the Australian Commission on Safety and Quality in Health Care (the Commission) continued to support safe, high-quality and person-centred care through national standards, guidance and resources that promoted informed consent and decision-making and consumer partnership in healthcare. The Commission's current resources on informed consent include:

- [Informed Consent – Practical guidance for clinicians](#)
- [Making informed choices \(Informed consent\)](#)
- [National Safety and Quality Health Service Standards \(second edition\)](#)
- [National Safety and Quality Primary and Community Healthcare Standards](#)
- [Australian Guidelines for the Prevention and Control of Infection in Healthcare](#).

If you would like more specific information about consent for COVID-19 vaccination and employment issues, you may also wish to review:

- [The Australian Immunisation Handbook](#)
- [Occupational vaccination programs \(The Australian Immunisation Handbook\)](#)
- [COVID-19 vaccinations \(Fair Work Ombudsman\)](#)

You may also wish to seek advice directly from the [Australian Technical Advisory Group on Immunisation \(ATAGI\)](#), Ahpra and state and territory health authorities.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Anne Duggan'.

Conjoint Professor Anne Duggan
Chief Executive Officer
10 July 2026