Student Privacy Collection Statement

COVID-19 Vaccination Status

Background

Deakin University is committed to providing a safe working, teaching, learning and research environment for all staff, students, contractors, visitors and other entrants to our campuses.

Directions made by the Victorian Acting Chief Health Officer in accordance with emergency powers arising from declared state of emergency COVID-19 Mandatory Vaccination Directions made pursuant to section 200 of the *Public Health and Wellbeing Act 2008* (Vic) including directions made in relation to Specified Facilities and Workplaces are located on the [Victoria's Chief Health Officer issued directions page.](#)

To comply with these and other relevant directions made by the Chief Health Officer and/or as a reasonable measure in response to the COVID-19 pandemic to ensure a safe learning and campus environment, Deakin is asking all students to confirm whether they have received a COVID-19 vaccine. **Confirmation of vaccination status must be provided before students can attend campus** for teaching and learning purposes, to access the student residences or any other Deakin facility or any facility for a teaching and learning purpose.

You can do this by emailing the following information to studentvaccinations@deakin.edu.au:

- your full name and student ID
- the number of doses of a COVID-19 vaccine you have received and
- valid evidence supporting the information you've provided (see below).

Please note, we may require additional information from you at a later date, including:

- if you have only had a single dose of a COVID-19 vaccine, we may ask you to confirm when you have received your second dose
- if you provide evidence of exemption, Deakin may take further steps in order to assess the risk to you or others if approval to enter the campuses or any other relevant facility or placement etc is granted.

What evidence do we require?

The evidence we require depends on your COVID-19 vaccination status:

- **If you've had one or both doses** – please provide a copy of your proof of vaccination (e.g., the certificate available through the MyGov portal). Your full vaccination history does not need to be provided, just confirmation of your COVID-19 vaccine if possible, or
- **If you have an exemption** – please provide evidence from your treating medical practitioner certifying that a valid exemption (in accordance with [the ATAGI Guidance](#)) applies to you.

How will this information be used?

Once you submit evidence of your vaccination status, Deakin will validate it and make a record of your vaccination status that will be maintained on your student file. The certificate or other evidence of vaccination status will be deleted.

We will only use this information for the purpose of determining and confirming that you are able to attend campus (and related health and safety matters). We will not otherwise use or disclose this information unless required or authorised by law.

What if you do not want to provide this information?

Having information about the vaccination status of our students is critical to Deakin's management of the health and safety of staff, students, contractors and service providers and all campus entrants.

If you choose to not provide this information, Deakin won't know whether or not you are vaccinated and you may, for example, not be allowed to attend campus or a placement.

Further information

Your privacy is important at Deakin. Deakin is taking all reasonable measures to ensure that we only collect information that is reasonable and necessary for your safety at Deakin, that your personal information is stored securely, and only accessed strictly in accordance with the *Privacy and Data Protection Act 2014* (Vic) and the Information Privacy Principles (IPP's) made pursuant to the Act. and this notice provided to you.

Further information about how we handle your personal information, including details about how you can access and/or correct your information or complain about a breach of our privacy obligations (as well as how we will deal with any complaint) can be found in Deakin's Privacy Policy.

You can make further inquiries via Deakin's Privacy Officer contactable at privacy@deakin.edu.au.

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