

Authorisation Expiry for COVID-19 Vaccinator Working Under Supervision (CVWUS)

The COVID-19 Vaccinator Working Under Supervision (CVWUS) was introduced as response to the pandemic in June 2021 as a new class of vaccinators in New Zealand, to accelerate the expansion and diversification of the COVID-19 vaccinator workforce.

The Immunisation Advisory Centre (IMAC) introduced the CVWUS education programme, which resulted in a pathway for the non-regulated healthcare workforce to join the immunisation workforce and increased capacity of providers, particularly Māori and Pacific health providers and pharmacies to administer COVID-19 vaccine to their local communities. The programme ended in July 2022 and has been superseded by the Vaccinating Health Worker (VHW) pathway. A total of 517 CVWUS were authorised by Te Whatu Ora and their authorisation to administer COVID-19 vaccine will expire on 1 June 2023.

This means, if you wish to continue to administer COVID-19 vaccines beyond 1 June 2023, you must become an authorised VHW. In August 2022, VHW was introduced as a new class of vaccinators in New Zealand to provide a career progression pathway for authorised CVWUS to upskill and expand practice scope. This included the ability to administer additional vaccines under supervision including influenza, HPV9 and Tdap vaccines. Further upskilling will enable VHWs to administer vaccines to an extended age group and includes administration of the MMR vaccine.

Any CVWUS that does not transition to a VHW by 1 June 2023 will no longer be authorized to vaccinate and must stop vaccinating on this date.

The VHW education is offered by IMAC. To learn more about the education pathway and enrol into the VHW programme, visit the [IMAC website](#).

To learn more about the VHW role and understand the employer responsibilities visit the [Te Whatu Ora website](#)

- VHW Capability matrix
- VHW Information sheet
- VHW Supervisor information sheet
- VHW Employer information sheet