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| Check you are using the correct **Varicella containing** vaccines |
| National Immunisation Program age recommendations for different vaccine brands |

Use this resource in conjunction with the [Immunisation schedule Victoria](https://www2.health.vic.gov.au/public-health/immunisation/immunisation-schedule-vaccine-eligibility-criteria/immunisation-schedule-victoria) <https://www2.health.vic.gov.au/public-health/immunisation/immunisation-schedule-vaccine-eligibility-criteria/immunisation-schedule-victoria>

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| Varivax®  Varicella - zoster (Chickenpox) | Varivax® packaging |
| Age recommendation | Notes |
| **Catch-up**   * From 19 months * From 14 years to <20 years | * Syringe of diluent + vial with pellet * 14 years and older – 2 dose course, a minimum of 4 weeks apart * **Live attenuated virus vaccine** * **Contraindicated in immunocompromised individuals** |
| Zostavax®  Herpes - zoster (Shingles) | Zostavax® packaging |
| Age recommendation | Notes |
| * 70 years * 71 - 79 years – Catch-up | * Vial of diluent + vial with pellet * Catch-up program ceases October 2021 * **Live attenuated virus vaccine** * **Contraindicated in immunocompromised individuals** * If unsure use the [Zostavax GP decision aid](http://www.mvec.vic.edu.au/wp-content/uploads/2017/08/Zostavax-GP-Decision-Aid.pdf) <https://mvec.mcri.edu.au/wp-content/uploads/ 2017/08/Zostavax-GP-Decision-Aid.pdf> * Not to be used in patients with compromised immune function [Zostavax vaccine TGA Safety advisory](https://www.tga.gov.au/alert/zostavax-vaccine) <https://www.tga.gov.au/alert/zostavax-vaccine> |
| PriorixTetra® or ProQuad®  Measles-Mumps-Rubella-Varicella | PriorixTetra® packagingProQuad® packaging |
| Age recommendation | Notes |
| * 18 months * 19 months to <14 years – catch-up | * Syringe of diluent + vial with pellet * **Live attenuated virus vaccine** * **Contraindicated in immunocompromised individuals** * Must be administered as the 2nd MMR dose for children <4 years of age due to the risk of febrile seizure if MMRV is given as a 1st dose. |

Reference – The Australian Immunisation Handbook <https://immunisationhandbook.health.gov.au/>

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