

Vaccine Exemption Checklist for Parents / Legal Guardians

Public Health can only apply a commissioned exemption to your child's immunization record if the information is correct, valid and complete.



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Children Attending Child Care

Use the checklist below to make sure your Ontario Ministry of Education Statement of Conscience or Religious Belief form (Child Care and Early Years Act) is ready to be commissioned by a Commissioner for Taking Affidavits.

✓ Details for children attending child care	
I completed the correct form for my child.	Confirm the Ministry of Education and Child Care and Early Years Act, 2014 is listed at the top. If you obtained the form online, ensure you selected "Parent of a Child" under "Choose Your Status." Selecting "Individual" generates a different form for child care workers.
I completed all fillable sections as indicated on the exemption.	Public Health is unable to accept an incomplete form, even if it has been signed by a Commissioner for Taking Affidavits.
I didn't alter the form (nothing has been crossed out, no printing has been added).	The Statement of Conscience and Religious Belief form is a regulated form prescribed under the Child Care and Early Years Act. It isn't open to parents / legal guardians to modify it. Public Health is unable to accept a form that has section(s) crossed out or additional printing added.
My name is correct.	Write out your full legal name, not an initial or nickname. If your last name is hyphenated, include the full last name.
My child's name and birthdate is correct.	Use your child's legal name, not an initial or nickname. Ensure that it is spelled correctly. If their last name is hyphenated, include the full last name. Please double check you have used the correct year, month and day for the child that you are requesting the exemption for.

School Aged Children

Use the checklist below to make sure your Ontario Ministry of Health Statement of Conscience or Religious Belief form (Immunization of School Pupils Act) is ready to be commissioned by a Commissioner for Taking Affidavits.

✓	Details for children going to school
I completed the correct form for my child.	Confirm the Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care and Immunization of School Pupils Act is listed at the top.
I completed the Ministry of Health's prescribed immunization (vaccine) education session and obtained a Vaccine Education Certificate.	If you have not watched the vaccine education video, this needs to be completed before having the exemption form commissioned. The oath on page 2 of the form affirms: "I have completed the required immunization education session as demonstrated by submitting a copy of the Vaccine Education Certificate." The same parent/legal guardian who watched the Ministry of Health's vaccine education video needs to complete the exemption form and have it signed by the Commissioner.
I completed all fillable sections as indicated on the exemption.	Public Health is unable to accept an incomplete form, even if it has been signed by a Commissioner for Taking Affidavits. You need to select the relevant designated Immunization of School Pupils Act (ISPA) diseases on page 2.
I didn't alter the form (nothing has been crossed out, no printing has been added).	The Statement of Conscience and Religious Belief form is a regulated form prescribed under the Immunization of School Pupils Act. It isn't open to parents / legal guardians to modify it. Public Health is unable to accept a form that has section(s) crossed out or additional printing added.
My name is correct.	Write out your full legal name, not an initial or nickname. If your last name is hyphenated, include the full last name.
My child's name and birthdate is correct.	Use your child's legal name, not an initial or nickname. Ensure that it is spelled correctly. If their last name is hyphenated, include the full last name. Please double check you have used the correct year, month and day for the child that you are requesting the exemption for.