

International Vaccination Evidence

RMIT will accept international vaccination certificates that meet the following criteria:

- Issued by a national or state/provincial-level authority or an accredited vaccination provider
- Written in English or accompanied by a certified translation
- Containing at a minimum:
 - name as it appears in the traveller's passport
 - either date of birth or passport number
 - the vaccine brand name, and
 - the date of each dose or the date on which a full course of immunisation was completed.

Paper and digital certificates are equally acceptable.

For travellers to qualify as fully vaccinated, their certificates must show vaccines approved or recognised by Australia's Therapeutic Goods Administration (TGA). Current approved and recognised vaccines and dosages are:

- Two doses at least 14 days apart of:
 - AstraZeneca Vaxzevria
 - AstraZeneca COVISHIELD
 - Pfizer/Biontech Comirnaty
 - Moderna (Spikevax or Takeda)
 - Sinovac Coronavac
 - Bharat Covaxin
 - Sinopharm BBIBP-CorV (see additional information about Sinopharm vaccines)
 - Sputnik V (Gamaleya Research Institute).
 - Nuvaxovid (Bioelect on behalf of Novavax)
- Or one dose of:
 - Johnson & Johnson/Janssen-Cilag COVID Vaccine.

Some certificates shorten the name of a vaccine brand compared to how it appears in the list above. For instance, some certificates refer only to 'Biontech', 'Comirnaty', 'AstraZeneca' or 'Johnson & Johnson'. This is acceptable.

Note: these criteria mirror the Australian Government's requirements for entry to Australia.

Additional information about Sinopharm vaccines:

There are two kinds of Sinopharm vaccine. One is from Beijing and one from Wuhan, although both may also be produced at other locations.

Only the Beijing vaccine is recognised by the TGA. It comes from the Beijing Bio-Institute of Biological Products (BBIBP), also known as the Beijing Institute of Biological Products (BIBP).

The brand name on a certificate shows the Beijing version, and is **acceptable**, if it meets the following criteria:

- contains the expressions 'BBIBP' or 'BIBP'
- spells out BBIBP or BIBP
- contains the words 'Sinopharm' and 'Beijing', or
- contains the trade name 'Covilo'.

Sinopharm brand names can also include other expressions such as 'CNBG', 'Cor-V' and 'Vero Cells'. These are not relevant to whether the vaccine is recognised by the TGA.

Examples of brand names that meet the above criteria and are **acceptable** include:

- Sinopharm BBIBP-CorV
- Sinopharm BBIBP
- Beijing Bio-Institute of Biological Products
- Beijing Institute of Biological Products
- Sinopharm BIBP
- Sinopharm BIBP-CorV
- Sinopharm CNBG BBIBP
- Sinopharm CNBG BIBP
- Sinopharm Covid Vaccine BIBP
- Sinopharm Beijing
- >BBIBP-CorV
- BBIBP (Vero Cells)
- BIBP
- BIBP-CorV
- Sinopharm Covilo
- Covilo

There are many possible combinations – this list is not exhaustive. Any brand name that meets the above criteria is acceptable

Examples of brand names that do not meet the above criteria and are **unacceptable** include:

- Sinopharm
- Sinopharm WIBP
- Sinopharm Wuhan

'Sinopharm' by itself is not acceptable on a certificate because there is no way of telling whether it refers to the Beijing or Wuhan vaccine.