



**Section B: Information Specific to Registered Nurses and Registered Midwives for the administration of MMR (Measles, Mumps and Rubella) vaccine for MMR catch-up vaccination programme and in the event of an outbreak**

Statutory Instruments (S.I.)No. 422 of 2023 enables the administration of MMR vaccine to vaccine recipients by healthcare professions (including registered nurses and registered midwives) included in S.I. No. 698 of 2020, S.I. No. 81 of 2021 and S.I. No. 245 of 2021.

In order to administer the vaccine, registered nurses and registered midwives must be familiar with the medicine protocol for the administration of MMR vaccine. The medicine protocol is valid for the 2024/2025 Health Service Executive (HSE) MMR catch-up vaccination programme and in the event of an outbreak as advised by Public Health. Registered nurses and registered midwives must also have completed the Self-Assessment of Competency Form included in this section. The medicine protocol and the Self-Assessment of Competency Form are available at [www.immunisation.ie](http://www.immunisation.ie) Registered nurses and registered midwives must have attained the professional qualification, training and competence requirements as listed below in order to be eligible to administer MMR vaccine using the HSE master medicine protocol for this vaccine.

**TABLE 1 Professional Qualifications, Training, Experience and Competence Required**

<b>Professional qualifications, training, experience and competence required prior to using this medicine protocol</b>	<p>The registered nurse or registered midwife must have completed all of the following:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Be a Registered Nurse or Registered Midwife, on the active register maintained by the Nursing and Midwifery Board of Ireland (NMBI)</li><li>2. An approved <i>Basic Life Support for Health Care Providers Course</i> within the last two years (i.e. Irish Heart Foundation (IHF))</li><li>3. Initial <i>National Anaphylaxis Education Programme for Health Care Professionals</i> accessible on <a href="http://www.HSELand.ie">www.HSELand.ie</a> followed by a two hour classroom based skills workshop. Recertification is required every two years by completing the on-line <i>National Anaphylaxis Education Programme for Health Care Professionals</i> accessible on <a href="http://www.HSELand.ie">www.HSELand.ie</a></li><li>4. National Immunisation Office <i>MMR catch-up programme, Information for Vaccinators</i> is accessible on <a href="http://www.immunisation.ie">www.immunisation.ie</a></li><li>5. <i>Immunisation Foundation Programme</i> accessible on <a href="http://www.HSELand.ie">www.HSELand.ie</a></li><li>6. Critically examining the evidence and practice of holding children for clinical procedures (Masterclass Recording - 6th Dec 2022) accessible on <a href="http://www.HSELand.ie">www.HSELand.ie</a></li><li>7. Self-Assessment of Competency Form for MMR vaccine (included in this Section B document ) available at <a href="https://www.hse.ie/eng/health/immunisation/hcpinfo/fluinfo/">https://www.hse.ie/eng/health/immunisation/hcpinfo/fluinfo/</a></li><li>8. National Immunisation Office (2024) Supporting Information for Staff – MMR Catch-up Vaccination Programme available at: <a href="https://www.hse.ie/eng/health/immunisation/hcpinfo/mmrcatchup24/mmrcuinforhps.html">https://www.hse.ie/eng/health/immunisation/hcpinfo/mmrcatchup24/mmrcuinforhps.html</a></li></ol> <p><b>Recommended:</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>9. <i>Storing and Managing Vaccines</i>, available at <a href="http://www.HSELand.ie">www.HSELand.ie</a></li></ol>
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## Supporting Documents for Registered Nurses and Registered Midwives

An Bord Altranais (2007) *Guidance to Nurses and Midwives on Medication Management* Dublin: An Bord Altranais

National Clinical Guideline No. 30 (2023) – Infection Prevention and Control (IPC)  
<https://www.gov.ie/en/publication/a057e-infection-prevention-and-control-ipc/>.

National Immunisation Advisory Committee (2023) Anaphylaxis: Immediate Management in the Community. Available at [https://rcpi.access.preservica.com/uncategorized/IO\\_a36f9e4b-4c80-432d-8264-546089359925/](https://rcpi.access.preservica.com/uncategorized/IO_a36f9e4b-4c80-432d-8264-546089359925/)

National Immunisation Advisory Committee *Immunisation Guidelines for Ireland* Dublin: Royal College of Physicians Ireland. Online update available at  
<http://www.hse.ie/eng/health/immunisation/hcpinfo/guidelines/>

National Immunisation Office (2024) Supporting Information for Staff – MMR Catch-up Vaccination Programme available at  
<https://www.hse.ie/eng/health/immunisation/hcpinfo/mmrcatchup24/mmrcuinfohps.html>

Nursing and Midwifery Board of Ireland (2021) *Code of Professional Conduct and Ethics for Registered Nurses and Registered Midwives*. Dublin: Nursing and Midwifery Board of Ireland available at:  
<http://www.nmbi.ie/Standards-Guidance/Code>

Nursing and Midwifery Board of Ireland (2020) *Guidance for Registered Nurses and Midwives on Medication Administration*. Dublin: Nursing and Midwifery Board of Ireland

Nursing and Midwifery Board of Ireland (2022) *Practice Standards for Midwives*. Dublin: Nursing and Midwifery Board of Ireland available at: <http://www.nmbi.ie/Standards-Guidance/Midwives-Standards>

Nursing and Midwifery Board of Ireland (2015) *Recording Clinical Practice. Guidance to Nurses and Midwives*. Dublin: Nursing and Midwifery Board of Ireland available at: <http://www.nmbi.ie/Standards-Guidance/More-Standards-Guidance/Recording-Clinical-Practice>

Nursing and Midwifery Board of Ireland (2015) *Scope of Nursing and Midwifery Practice Framework*. Dublin: Nursing and Midwifery Board of Ireland available at: <http://www.nmbi.ie/Standards-Guidance/Scope-of-Practice/Nursing-Practise-Scope-Definition>



NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

(PRINT CLEARLY in CAPITALS)

NMBI PIN Number: \_\_\_\_\_

**Self-Assessment of Competency to Administer MMR (Measles, Mumps and Rubella) vaccine under Medicine Protocol  
(to be completed by registered nurse/registered midwife prior to administering this vaccine)**

**Please retain this document**

Performance Criteria		(Tick/date/initial as applicable)		
No	Critical Element	Competent Date/Initials	Needs Practice Date/Initials	Needs Theory Date/Initials
1	I practice within my scope of practice (Scope of Nursing and Midwifery Practice Framework, Nursing and Midwifery Board of Ireland (NMBI, 2015) to undertake administration of MMR vaccine			
2	I understand that vaccines are prescription only medicines (POM) and prior to administration requires either: 1. a valid prescription for individual vaccines or 2. a medicine protocol for individual vaccines			
3	I understand the role and function of medicine protocols in the context of NMBI and NIAC guidelines in relation to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The Code of Professional and Ethical Conduct for Registered Nurses and Registered Midwives (NMBI, 2021)</li> <li>Scope of Nursing and Midwifery Practice Framework (NMBI, 2015)</li> <li>Guidance for Registered Nurses and Midwives on Medication Administration (NMBI, 2020)</li> <li>Guidance to Nurses and Midwives on Medication Management (An Bord Altranais, 2007)</li> <li>NIAC Immunisation Guidelines for Ireland available at: <a href="https://www.rcpi.ie/Healthcare-Leadership/NIAC/Immunisation-Guidelines-for-Ireland">https://www.rcpi.ie/Healthcare-Leadership/NIAC/Immunisation-Guidelines-for-Ireland</a></li> </ul>			
4	I have read and understand National Immunisation Office (2024) Supporting Information for Staff – MMR Catch-up Vaccination Programme available at: <a href="https://www.hse.ie/eng/health/immunisation/hcpinfo/mmrcatchup24/mrcuinfohps.html">https://www.hse.ie/eng/health/immunisation/hcpinfo/mmrcatchup24/mrcuinfohps.html</a> I understand that I will need to regularly review the most current vaccination information from the NIO available at: <a href="http://www.immunisation.ie">www.immunisation.ie</a>			
5	I understand the documentation required to support implementation of the medicine protocol to ensure safe administration of MMR vaccine			
6	I understand the current medicine protocol for this vaccination programme			
7	I am aware of the inclusion/exclusion criteria for vaccine recipients receiving MMR vaccine under the medicine protocol			
8	I am competent in safe intramuscular injection technique			
9	I understand if further education and training is required to deem myself competent in intramuscular injection technique, preparation of vaccines under medicine protocol utilising Antimicrobial Resistance and Infection Control (AMRIC) aseptic technique, I am required to access an education/training programme in a Centre for Nurse and Midwifery Education and /or HSE LanD. I understand that I must discuss my individual learning needs with my line manager			



10	I have successfully completed all the education programmes as listed in <b>Table 1: Professional Qualifications, Training, Experience and Competence Required</b>			
11	I have attended an approved Basic Life Support for Health Care Providers Course within the last two years (i.e. Irish Heart Foundation (IHF))			
12	I have successfully completed an approved anaphylaxis programme as listed in <b>Table 1</b> and am familiar with NIAC (2023) <i>Anaphylaxis: Immediate Management in the Community</i>			
13	I have the appropriate skills and knowledge to assess vaccine recipients suitability for vaccination, which includes a clinical assessment within the scope of the medicine protocol			
14	I have the knowledge and skills to effectively communicate with the child and parent/legal guardian and use play and distraction during this procedure			
15	I understand when and how to refer vaccine recipients who meet the exclusion criteria to the relevant medical practitioner for an individual medical assessment as per medicine protocol			
16	I can provide written and verbal information in the relevant language and advice to the vaccine recipient/child, parent/legal guardian to support the individual to make an informed consent available at: <a href="https://www.hse.ie/eng/health/immunisation/hcpinfo/botpipa/consentukr.pdf">https://www.hse.ie/eng/health/immunisation/hcpinfo/botpipa/consentukr.pdf</a>			
17	I understand the agreed process, including ICT systems if applicable for the accurate and appropriate documentation in the vaccine recipient/child's record for vaccine administration			
18	I understand the purpose and importance of completing the required HSE data returns following vaccine administration			
19	I have the knowledge and skills to safely administer the vaccine regarding the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Preparation of the vaccine for administration</li> <li>• Documentation of the details of the vaccine to include the vaccine label which has the batch number and expiry date details</li> <li>• Date and time and site of administration of vaccine</li> <li>• Vaccinator ID (name, signature and NMBI PIN/MRN)</li> </ul>			
20	I can discuss the benefits of this vaccine and potential side effects to the vaccine recipient/child, parent/legal guardian. I am aware of who I can contact for further information, if required			
21	I have knowledge of the appropriate documentation procedure for treatment and reporting of adverse drug reactions to the Health Products Regulatory Authority (HPRA) if required available at: <a href="http://www.hpra.ie">www.hpra.ie</a>			
22	I can demonstrate the procedure for reporting and documentation of medication errors/near misses as per HSE Enterprise Risk Management Policy & Procedures (2023)			
23	I understand how to dispose of single use equipment and sharps in accordance with National Clinical Guideline No. 30 (2023) - Infection Prevention and Control (IPC) <a href="https://www.gov.ie/en/publication/a057e-infection-prevention-and-control-ipc/">https://www.gov.ie/en/publication/a057e-infection-prevention-and-control-ipc/</a>			
24	In the event of needle stick injury, I understand the guidelines as outlined in the 'EMI Tool Kit' available at: <a href="https://www.hpsc.ie/a-z/EMIToolkit/">https://www.hpsc.ie/a-z/EMIToolkit/</a>			
25	I understand how to manage vaccines (including: vaccine handling, delivery and storage including the maintenance of the cold chain in accordance with national and local policies, procedures, protocols and guidelines (PPPGs))			



26	I have undertaken the following HSELand/online programmes: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• AMRIC Aseptic Technique <a href="http://www.hseland.ie">www.hseland.ie</a></li><li>• AMRIC Hand Hygiene <a href="http://www.hseland.ie">www.hseland.ie</a></li><li>• GDPR Guidelines <a href="http://www.hseland.ie">www.hseland.ie</a></li><li>• National Consent Policy: <a href="https://www.hse.ie/eng/about/who/qid/other-quality-improvement-programmes/consent/national-consent-policy.html">https://www.hse.ie/eng/about/who/qid/other-quality-improvement-programmes/consent/national-consent-policy.html</a></li></ul>			
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*I have sufficient theoretical knowledge and skills to administer this vaccine independently, and I acknowledge my responsibility to maintain my own competence in line with the Scope of Nursing and Midwifery Practice Framework (NMBI, 2015) and current best evidence.*

Registered Nurse/Midwife Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

*If any deficits in theory and/or clinical practice are identified, the registered nurse/registered midwife must discuss with relevant Line Manager/Employer and implement appropriate learning plan to achieve competency within an agreed time frame.*



**Learning Plan** (for use if needed to reach competence outlined)

Action necessary to achieve competence:

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Date to be achieved: .....

Supporting evidence of measures taken to achieve competence:

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Registered Nurse/Registered Midwife Signature:

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Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Name and title of Line Manager/Clinical Lead: \_\_\_\_\_

Line Manager/Clinical Lead Signature:

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Date: \_\_\_\_\_