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**Health New Zealand**  
Te Whatu Ora

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Tēnā koe Erika

## Your request for official information, reference: HNZ00078359

Thank you for your request under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act) relating Health & Disability Worker Vaccinations Order Guidance document. On 4 February 2025, Ministry of Health | Manatū Hauora transferred your request to Health New Zealand - Te Whatu Ora under section 14 of the Act. You requested the following information.

*A document called "Health & Disability Worker Vaccinations Order Guidance document for PCBUs and workers" is dated Oct 2021 and was published by the Ministry of Health. The MoH has removed the document from its website I assume in 2022. The publication is no longer on the MoH website. All the memos, correspondence, advice, meetings etc for the decision to remove this document from the website, the subsequent advice that replaced this particular document, the notifications and/or communications to all health and disability PCBUs and workers that this October 2021 dated advice was now no longer applicable.*

## Response

Health NZ cannot locate any documents within scope of your request. Therefore, your request is refused under section 18(e) of the Act, as the documents alleged to contain the information requested does not exist or, despite reasonable efforts to locate it, cannot be found.

We note that while the referred document was removed and no advice replaced this document, similar advice was available on the web pages that was sufficient to assist the public, including where readers could go for additional help.

Recollections sought from our staffs is that processes and legislation changed in the months preceding the document's removal, rendering it out of date. Given the options of updating the document or taking it down, it was likely decided that removing it from the website was the best course of action. Removal may have been discussed in the frequent implementation stand up meetings that occurred in the lead up to the legislation change.

## How to get in touch

If you have any questions, you can contact us at [h.nzOIA@tewhatauora.govt.nz](mailto:h.nzOIA@tewhatauora.govt.nz).

If you are not happy with this response, you have the right to make a complaint to the Ombudsman. Information about how to do this is available at [www.ombudsman.parliament.nz](http://www.ombudsman.parliament.nz) or by phoning 0800 802 602.

As this information may be of interest to other members of the public, Health NZ may proactively release a copy of this response on our website. All requester data, including your name and contact details, will be removed prior to release.

Nāku iti noa, nā



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