

Quick guide to determine classification of Category A, Category B, or Category C

All SA Health roles must be assessed and classified based on expected duties associated with each role.

Some staff may, due to the nature of their role, move between clinical and non-clinical departments (engineering staff or medical records staff). For these staff it is advisable to assess their level of risk in the area where there is the highest potential for exposure to vaccine-preventable diseases. Where the most appropriate risk category for a role is unclear, the role should be classified into the higher of the risk categories considered.

Category	Risk	Role examples (based on work activities)
<b>Category A</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>&gt; Duties performed in a high-risk clinical area for VPDs; <b>and</b></li> <li>&gt; Direct physical contact with:                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• patients and/or clients</li> <li>• deceased persons and/or body parts</li> <li>• blood, body substances, infectious material or surfaces or equipment which might contain these; <b>and/or</b></li> </ul> </li> <li>&gt; Performing exposure prone procedures; <b>and/or</b></li> <li>&gt; Environmental exposure which may allow the transmission or acquisition of diseases spread by airborne or droplet routes (respiratory means).</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>&gt; Dentists, dental assistants</li> <li>&gt; Medical practitioners</li> <li>&gt; Nurses, midwives</li> <li>&gt; Allied health practitioners including podiatrists, dietician, speech pathologist, physiotherapist</li> <li>&gt; Paramedics, ambulance officers (including volunteers), paramedical aide</li> <li>&gt; Emergency personnel (fire, and first aid workers)</li> <li>&gt; Personal care assistants / direct care attendants /assistants in nursing</li> <li>&gt; Allied health assistants</li> <li>&gt; Health care students</li> <li>&gt; Phlebotomists</li> <li>&gt; Laboratory staff</li> <li>&gt; Mortuary workers</li> <li>&gt; Maintenance engineers (biomedical equipment)</li> <li>&gt; Sterilising service staff, cleaners (responsible for the decontamination and disposal of biologically contaminated materials)</li> <li>&gt; Health facility orderlies (transport patients around health facilities)</li> <li>&gt; Maintenance and cleaning staff</li> <li>&gt; Gardeners</li> <li>&gt; Security staff</li> <li>&gt; PSSA and ward support staff</li> <li>&gt; Staff providing community-based care to aged and disability clients</li> </ul>
<b>Category B</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>&gt; Duties performed in a high-risk clinical area for VPDs; <b>and/or</b></li> <li>&gt; Exposure which may allow the transmission or acquisition of diseases spread by airborne or droplet routes (respiratory means); <b>and</b></li> <li>&gt; No direct physical contact with:                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• patients and/or clients</li> <li>• deceased persons and/or body parts</li> <li>• blood, body substances, infectious material or surfaces or equipment which might contain these; <b>and</b></li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>&gt; Catering staff and administrative workers in clinical settings and patient care areas</li> <li>&gt; Aged care assessors</li> <li>&gt; Social workers, psychologists, occupational therapists, pharmacists</li> <li>&gt; Aboriginal health Practitioners / workers</li> <li>&gt; Volunteers</li> <li>&gt; Aged Care assessors</li> <li>&gt; Education facilitators</li> </ul>

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>&gt; Do not perform exposure prone procedures</li> </ul>	
<b>Category C</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>&gt; No duties performed in an area where patients and/or clients receive health care services</li> <li>&gt; No duties performed among high-risk patient and/or client groups</li> <li>&gt; No duties performed in within a high-risk clinical area</li> <li>&gt; No direct physical contact with:               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• patients and/or clients</li> <li>• deceased persons and/or body parts</li> <li>• blood, body substances, infectious material or surfaces or equipment which might contain these</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>&gt; Administration staff not in clinical settings</li> <li>&gt; Food services staff in kitchens not serving patients</li> <li>&gt; Gardening staff</li> <li>&gt; Maintenance contractors undertaking work in a clinical area for a short period of time (see footnote for plumbers)</li> </ul>

- > [The Australian Immunisation Handbook](#) (online edition) recommends Plumbers and sewage workers are recommended to receive hepatitis A vaccine