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We are writing to update you on several initiatives that will soon be coming to an end as they were established as temporary measures to help COVID-19 vaccination efforts during the pandemic response.

Provisional training pathways closing soon

The last day to enrol into the Provisional Vaccinator Foundation Course will be 1 September 2022. The training pathways for the following vaccinator type roles will no longer be available:

- Provisional Vaccinator
- Provisional Pharmacist Vaccinator

If this change applies to you

The last day for applying for authorisation for these vaccinator types will be 30 September 2022. If you are currently working your way through the learning pathway for any of these roles, we encourage you to complete the training along with any assessments and apply for authorisation before 30 September 2022.

We will also be closing the COVID-19 Vaccinator Working Under Supervision pathway, so we encourage anyone in this pathway to also complete the training and assessment, and apply for authorisation before 30 September 2022.

What are my options?

If you have not completed your training and you want to become a vaccinator, there are other options available for you.

Existing vaccinator pathway	Option post 1 October 2022
Provisional Vaccinator	Fully Authorised Vaccinator
Provisional Pharmacist Vaccinator	Pharmacist Vaccinator or Fully Authorised Vaccinator
Student – medical, nursing and pharmacy	Vaccinating Health Worker
COVID-19 Vaccinator Working Under Supervision	Vaccinating Health Worker

What else?

Authorised Provisional Vaccinators and Provisional Pharmacist Vaccinators can also complete the [Vaccinator Bridging Course](#) to become fully authorised.

For further information on the vaccinator workforce, please visit the [Ministry of Health website](#). To apply for authorisation via our workforce portal, please click this [link](#). If you have any questions regarding authorisation, please email vaccinatorauthorisations@health.govt.nz.

CPR Certification Requirements

In 2021 the Ministry of Health issued temporary extensions to the expiry date for vaccinator CPR certificates to support vaccinators affected by limited access to CPR training due to Covid-19 disruptions. The term for the temporary CPR extension has now expired. From Jan 1st 2023, there should be no vaccinator working with an expired CPR certificate. If your CPR certificate is due to expire in the next few months please ensure you book your course in advance and contact your employer if you are unable to access a course within the required timeframe.