

Asthma and Anaphylaxis Training Requirements for Schools



Information in this document has been compiled to help schools identify the minimum training requirements they need for Asthma and Anaphylaxis. Information in this document was correct as of November 2018.

Asthma Australia recommends schools contact their local Department of Education and Training for updated information.

Australian Capital Territory ^{1,2}

Including: Jervis Bay Territory, Coral Sea Islands, Heard Island and McDonald Islands, Australian Antarctic Territory

Training

Must legally have anaphylaxis and asthma training

Type of training:	What staff:	Approved Training:	Freq.
Asthma	All School Staff	Asthma First Aid for Schools	3 years
		Asthma Australia online course	3 years
		Asthma education for school staff; Supporting people live well with asthma	
Anaphylaxis	All School Staff	ASCIA Anaphylaxis e-training for Schools and Childcare	2 years

Northern Territory ^{3,4}

Including: Ashmore and Cartier Islands

There are no regulatory requirements for schools in the Northern Territory, however there are Northern Territory Government policies that are considered best practice.

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Type of training:	What staff:	Approved Training:	Freq.
Asthma	School staff	Asthma education for school staff;	2 years
	As determined by the principal	Supporting people live well with asthma	
		Asthma Update Through Asthma NT	Annually
Anaphylaxis	All school staff	ASCIA Anaphylaxis e-training for Schools	2 years
	School staff As determined by the principal	Practical training Through Asthma NT	2 years

References

1. 4.3 Asthma Management Procedure | ACT Government Education
2. 4.2 Anaphylaxis Management Procedure | ACT Government Education
3. <https://education.nt.gov.au/education/policies/health-of-students/asthma>
4. <https://education.nt.gov.au/education/policies/health-of-students/anaphylaxis>

Queensland ^{5,6,7,8} Training

Must legally have anaphylaxis training for school staff and staff who administer asthma medication must have current asthma training

Type of training:	What staff:	Approved Training:	Freq.
Asthma	Staff administering medication	Appropriate Asthma First Aid training course achieves the specific learning objectives relative to the critical learning outcomes Is at least one (1) hour in duration Issues a certificate or document that identifies successful completion of the training for a staff member	Varies
Anaphylaxis	Sufficient staff	ASCIA anaphylaxis e-training course for Schools and Childcare (Queensland version)	2 years
	Sufficient staff	Practical training in the use of adrenaline auto-injectors	2 years

NB: Schools will determine how many staff need to be trained by considering the health needs of their student population.

South Australia ^{9,10} Training

Must legally have both asthma and anaphylaxis training for school staff.

Type of training:	What staff:	Approved Training:	Freq.
Asthma	At least one designated first aider	HLTAID004 Emergency First Aid Response in an Education and Care Setting	3 years
	All school staff Recommended	Asthma First Aid for Schools Asthma Australia online course	3 years
Anaphylaxis	At least one designated first aider	HLTAID004 Emergency First Aid Response in an Education and Care Setting	3 years
	All school staff Recommended	ASCIA anaphylaxis e-training for Australasian schools	2 years
	All school staff	Practical training	Regularly

It is also recommended that all school staff attend an Asthma Briefing (conducted internally) annually

NB: In accordance with the Department for Education School Transport Policy there is no requirement for drivers of departmentally owned and operated buses to be trained in first aid procedures and would therefore not be required to administer emergency response medications.

References

- <https://education.qld.gov.au/initiativesstrategies/Documents/anaphylaxis-guidelines-for-queensland-state-schools.pdf>
- First aid kits and facilities | Department of Education Queensland
- <http://ppr.det.qld.gov.au/education/management/Pages/Management-of-Students-with-Specialised-Health-Needs.aspx>
- <https://www.asthmaaustralia.org.au/qlde/education-and-training/i-work-in-an-education-setting/school/staff/asthma-guidelines-for-qlde-schools>
- <https://www.education.sa.gov.au/sites/g/files/net691ff/anaphylaxis-severe-allergies-procedure.pdf>
- <https://www.education.sa.gov.au/supporting-students/health-e-safety-and-wellbeing/health-support-planning/managing-health-education-and-care/physical-health/asthma>

Tasmania ^{11,12} Training

Must legally have both asthma and anaphylaxis training for school staff.

Type of training:	What staff:	Approved Training:	Freq.
Asthma	Sufficient staff	Asthma & Anaphylaxis Active	3 years
Anaphylaxis	Sufficient staff	Asthma & Anaphylaxis Active	3 years

Asthma & Anaphylaxis Active is the minimum course required.

NB: The school determines what sufficient staff is.

Victoria ^{13,14} Training

Must legally have both asthma and anaphylaxis training for school staff.

Type of training:	What staff:	Approved Training:	Freq.
Asthma	All school staff	Asthma education for school staff; Supporting people live well with asthma	3 years
	High risk staff or staff with a direct duty of care	Accredited Asthma Training 10392NAT Emergency Asthma Management; or 22282VIC Course in the Management of Asthma Risks and Emergencies in the Workplace	3 years
Anaphylaxis Option 1	All school staff	ASCIA Anaphylaxis e-training for Victorian Schools	2 years
	2 staff per school or per campus School Anaphylaxis Supervisor	22303VIC	3 years
	All school staff	Anaphylaxis Briefing (internal)	Twice yearly
Anaphylaxis Option 2	School staff As determined by the principal	Accredited Anaphylaxis Training 10710NAT Allergy and Anaphylaxis Awareness; or 22300VIC First Aid Management of Anaphylaxis	3 years
	All school staff	Anaphylaxis Briefing (internal)	Twice yearly

It is also recommended that all school staff attend an Asthma Briefing (conducted internally) annually

NB: All staff means all staff employed at the school who may come in contact students

References

- <https://documentcentre.education.tas.gov.au/Documents/Specific-Health-Issues-Procedures.pdf>
- <https://documentcentre.education.tas.gov.au/Documents/First-Aid-Kits-in-School-and-Colleges-Guidelines.pdf>
- Ministerial Order 706 Anaphylaxis Management in Victoria Schools | Anaphylaxis Guidelines for Victorian Schools
- Schools Policy and Advisory Guide | Asthma, Asthma Treatment and Asthma Emergency Kits

Western Australia ^{15,16}

Including: Christmas Island and Cocos (Keeling Islands)

Training

Must legally have anaphylaxis training for school staff. There are no requirements for asthma training.

Type of training:	What staff:	Approved Training:	Freq.
Asthma	-	-	-
Anaphylaxis	Sufficient staff	ASCIA Anaphylaxis e-training for Western Australia Schools	2 years

NB: The school determines what sufficient staff is.

References

15. <http://det.wa.edu.au/studentsupport/behaviourandwellbeing/detcms/navigation/wellbeing/student-health-care/?page=2>
16. <http://det.wa.edu.au/policies/detcms/policy-planning-and-accountability/policies-framework/guidelines/guidelines-for-first-aid-in-the-workplace.en?cat-id=3457102>