

## Yellow Fever Frequently Asked Questions (YF FAQs) ICVP

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### Q. How do we obtain supplies of the ICVP?

A. YFVCs in England, Wales and Northern Ireland will receive a corresponding number of ICVPs with each order of YF vaccine placed with Sanofi Pasteur MSD. These will be free of charge.

Additional copies of the ICVP can be ordered via NaTHNaC's [online shop](#) and will cost £1.80 (inc. VAT) for a pack of 5.

Access to the online shop is on the NaTHNaC website:

- via the [front page](#) for Health Professionals and
- via the [Yellow Fever protected content area](#)

### Q. Who is responsible for signing the ICVP following vaccine administration?

A. The certificate must be signed by either the registered medical practitioner responsible for the YFVC or other authorised health worker (doctor, nurse or pharmacist). Further information can be found in the Yellow Fever [Information Pack](#).

### Q. Does the vaccine recipient have to sign their ICVP?

The vaccine recipient is required to sign their ICVP following receipt of YF vaccine. Those unable to write should make a mark, which should be countersigned by another present, as proof of that person's mark. The signature does not imply consent for vaccination; consent should be obtained separately.

**Q. At what age are children able to sign their ICVP?**

There is no regulation at what age a child can sign their ICVP. A certificate issued to a child who is unable to write should be signed by a parent or guardian (see above for those not able to write).

**Q. Following YF vaccination, when does the certificate become valid?**

A. When a person is receiving the vaccine for the first time, the certificate becomes valid 10 days after vaccination. See the illustration below.

**INTERNATIONAL CERTIFICATE OF VACCINATION OR PROPHYLAXIS**  
 This is to certify that [name] John Arthur Smith  
 date of birth 23 JULY 1964 sex MALE  
 nationality BRITISH  
 national identification document, if applicable .....  
 whose signature follows John Smith  
 has on the date indicated been vaccinated or received prophylaxis against: (name of disease or condition)  
YELLOW FEVER  
 in accordance with the International Health Regulations.

**CERTIFICAT INTERNATIONAL DE VACCINATION OU DE PROPHYLAXIE**  
 Nous certifions que [nom] .....  
 né(e) le ..... de sexe .....  
 et de nationalité .....  
 document d'identification national, le cas échéant .....  
 dont la signature suit .....  
 a été vacciné(e) ou a reçu des agents prophylactiques à la date indiquée contre: (nom de la maladie ou de l'affection)  
 conformément au Règlement sanitaire international.

Vaccine or prophylaxis Vaccin ou agent prophylactique	Date	Signature and professional status of supervising clinician Signature et titre du clinicien responsable	Manufacturer and batch no. of vaccine or prophylaxis Fabricant du vaccin ou de l'agent prophylactique et numéro du lot	Certificate valid from: until: Certificat valable à partir du: jusqu'au:	Official stamp of the administering centre Cachet officiel du centre habilité
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If revaccination occurs within 10 years of a previous vaccine and certification of YF vaccination is in the traveller's possession, the new certificate is valid immediately. If the traveller is due to depart within 10 days of revaccination, it is suggested that either details of the previous YF vaccination are entered on the new certificate, OR the traveller carries their original certification in addition to their new certificate.

**Q. Can other vaccinations be recorded on the ICVP?**

A. YF is currently the only disease specifically designated under IHR (2005) for which proof of vaccination may be required as a condition of entry. When administering this vaccine, the clinician must write 'yellow fever' in the space provided on the certificate (see illustration above).

The certification pages should not be used for other diseases (e.g. meningococcal disease or polio) for which some countries have requirements. However, there is space on subsequent pages in the ICVP in which to record other vaccines.

**Q. The front of the ICVP has a place for 'Passport Number or travel document number'. What does this mean?**

A. Travellers can add their passport number on the ICVP if they wish. They do not need to bring their passport with them to the appointment unless they have changed their name and are requesting a duplicate certificate or a new certificate in their new name.

**Q. Is it necessary to include the brand name of the vaccine anywhere on the certificate?**

A. This is not required. The manufacturer and batch number of the vaccine should be recorded in the space provided.

**Q. Is it necessary to include the expiry date of the vaccine anywhere on the certificate?**

A. The expiry date of the vaccine is not required on the certificate. The manufacturer and batch number of the vaccine should be recorded in the space provided.

**Q. What is a national identification (ID) document?**

A. Citizens of some countries are issued with a national identification document/card. The ICVP has been developed for universal use and documentation of national ID is more applicable to those who are nationals of such countries. There is no equivalent to a national ID document/card in the UK and therefore, this space should be left blank for British citizens.

**Q. What is the correct procedure for record keeping at the YFVC?**

A. IHRs (2005) require that the designated YFVC maintain adequate vaccination records for 10 years following the date of each vaccination. If, at any stage, the centre ceases to remain as a designated centre, arrangements must be made to keep the records either at that centre, or be transferred to another centre. In both cases NaTHNaC must be informed of the change. Individuals who have received YF vaccine must be issued with an ICVP. They should be advised to store it in a safe place, usually with their passport, and be encouraged to make a photocopy, kept separately, which would be of assistance should re-issue become necessary.

**Q. Is it possible to reissue an International Certificate of Vaccination or Prophylaxis (ICVP) for vaccine given within the previous ten years?**

A. It may be necessary to reissue an ICVP in some circumstances.

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The ICVP should be reissued by the original administering YFVC, but only if still designated as a YFVC. This is the preferred scenario as the original YFVC should hold the relevant record of yellow fever vaccination.

OR

- The ICVP is reissued by a different YFVC.

In either scenario, re-issue of the ICVP must be completed by a doctor, nurse or pharmacist working in a designated YFVC.

Information about the original YF vaccination must be available (e.g. copy of patient record, vaccination booklet, or communication from a health professional in the original centre).

**The following information needs to be entered on to the reissued ICVP (all terms in bold are as described in ICVP):**

- **Vaccine or prophylaxis** (i.e. YELLOW FEVER – this should be the disease you are protecting against. The name of the vaccine should not be entered).
- **Date** of original vaccination ( NOT the date of reissue)
- **Signature and professional status of supervising clinician** (i.e. the health professional reissuing the ICVP). Please note, the health professional is signing that they agree the information on the reissue is correct.

- **Manufacturer and batch no. of vaccine or prophylaxis** (it is the responsibility of the health professional reissuing the certificate to check that the batch number matches a recognised YF vaccine batch number – it may be necessary to contact the vaccine manufacturer to confirm this)
- **Certificate valid from and until** (valid from and until is calculated from the date of the most recent yellow fever vaccination, NOT the date of reissue)
- **Official stamp of the administering centre reissuing the ICVP** (this may not be the original YFVC)

In every case it is important that the health professional reissuing the ICVP is satisfied that the traveller is adequately protected against YF.

**Reissue of the ICVP is only possible if all the details listed above are available. Where a record of YF vaccine given in the last ten years is incomplete or unavailable, and the traveller is risk of YF and/or requires a valid ICVP, revaccination should be considered.**

Specialist advice should be sought if revaccination is being considered within 4 weeks of the original vaccination.

When there has been a name change since the issue of the original certificate (e.g. marriage or divorce), the name change should be verified by checking passport details or other appropriate official documentation.

**Q. Where do YFVCs in Scotland order ICVPs?**

A. YFVCs in Scotland will receive a corresponding number of ICVPs with each order of YF vaccine placed with Sanofi Pasteur MSD. These will be free of charge. Additional copies of the ICVP can be ordered from Health Protection Scotland online or by calling the Travel Health Section (yellow fever) on 0141 300 1948.