

**Immunization Documentation Requirements
for Children and Students in State of Texas
School Law**

MEDICAL CONTRAINDICATIONS/EXEMPTIONS

The child or student must present an AFFIDAVIT or CERTIFICATE signed by a physician, duly registered and licensed to practice medicine in the United States, in which it stated that, in the physician's opinion, the immunization required would be injurious to the health and well-being of the applicant or any member of his or her family or household.

Unless a lifelong condition is specified the AFFIDAVIT or CERTIFICATE is valid for ONLY ONE YEAR from the date signed by the physician and must be renewed every year for the exclusion to remain in effect.

RELIGIOUS CONFLICTS/EXEMPTIONS

The child or student must present an AFFIDAVIT or CERTIFICATE must be presented by the child's parents or guardian stating that the immunization conflicts with the tenets and practices of a recognized religious organization of which the applicant is an adherent or member.

The exemption does not apply in times of EMERGENCY or OUTBREAK declared by the Commission of Health or Local Health Authority.

This AFFIDAVIT must be notarized by law.

Exclusion from compliance is specified in Texas Education Code Chapter 38 and the Human Resources Code Chapter 42.

REASONS OF CONSCIENCE

House Bill 2292 Exemption Reason of Conscience
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Parent must request AFFIDAVIT form in *writing* with the child's name and date of birth and request must be submitted via US Postal Service or by hand to:

Texas Department of State Health Services
Bureau of Immunization and Pharmacy Support
1100 West 49th Street
Austin, TX 78756

AFFIDAVIT form can also be obtained online at <https://webds.dshs.state.tx.us/immco>