



Replacement International Certificates of Vaccination or Prophylaxis

Advice for travellers

- A yellow fever (YF) vaccination certificate (also known as the International Certificate of Vaccination or Prophylaxis or ICVP), may be required as a condition of entry to some countries.
- One YF vaccination in a lifetime is all that is required for most travellers and the ICVP issued at time of vaccination is valid for life. The lifetime validity also applies to certificates written before 2016, which have a 'valid until' date. ICVPs written to the 10 year validity should not be routinely reissued; and should be acceptable under International Health Regulations.
- There may be times when a certificate has been lost, badly damaged or a name has changed. If an accurate medical record of the previous vaccination can be seen, a health professional at a currently active Yellow Fever Vaccination Centre (YFVC) may be able to issue a replacement ICVP.
- If you wish to enquire about a replacement ICVP, you should contact the centre where you were vaccinated to see if they can provide you with a duplicate certificate from their records. They can only do this if they are still providing YF vaccination services. There may be a charge for replacing an ICVP.
- If the clinic is no longer providing YF vaccinations, they may still be able to provide the relevant information. This could be taken to another YFVC for a certificate re-issue. Reissue of an ICVP is at the YFVC's discretion; they must have sufficient detail for the certificate to be completed in full and the clinic must be confident that you are adequately protected against YF.
- Please note that in England, Wales and Northern Ireland there is no central database of YF vaccination records.
- You can search for a designated YFVC in England, Wales and Northern Ireland on the [NaTHNaC website](#). YFVCs in Scotland can be found on the [NHS inform website](#).
- If you do need a new certificate, or are unsure about the requirements for your trip, you should discuss your options with a YFVC. Travellers are advised to keep a copy of their certificate in case of loss; however it is worth remembering that an official hard copy of the ICVP is likely to be the only format acceptable at borders.
- **General advice and information about other recommended vaccinations and malaria risk may be necessary; see [TravelHealthPro](#) for more details. You may also wish to visit your local travel health service. Ideally, you should seek advice four to six weeks before travel. However, even if time is short, an appointment is still worthwhile.**