

The phrase "through preventive services" in the introduction to FSD 9 means that your employer relies on the medical profession to provide advice on your health profile and the degree of risk associated with sending you to a given mission. Wherever possible, medical examinations and related procedures are administered by Health Canada, in Ottawa at 301 Elgin Street (telephone 954-6583). Where Health Canada/Employment and Immigration doctors are not available, private facilities can be substituted once authorized.

The costs of FSD 9 pre-posting medical and dental examinations are borne by your employer. However, payment for any treatment that may be required, including dental work, is entirely your responsibility. You are considered to be "at work" when taking medical or dental examinations and may be entitled to compensation if they have to be done outside working hours. If necessary, you will be given time off for travel to and from the place of examination and be reimbursed for travelling expenses.

Refer to FSD 9 for the list of missions requiring pre-posting dental examinations. Where a dental examination is necessary, such an examination includes an assessment of any special dental treatment that may be required prior to, or during the posting.

### Immunizations


Based on the country to which you are posted, it is likely that you and your family will receive immunization against one or several of the following:

- typhoid
- tetanus
- diphtheria
- polio
- hepatitis A (gamma-globulin) and hepatitis B
- yellow fever
- meningitis, encephalitis, etc.
- Japanese encephalitis

The clinician responsible for your vaccinations will record the particulars in an *International Certificates of Vaccination* booklet. (See Figure 2) Keep this booklet with your passports as you may be required to present it on entry to foreign countries. Should this booklet be lost, it may not always be possible to replace or verify all the medical information which it contains. As this may result in considerable inconvenience to you, you may wish to photocopy your vaccinations booklet and keep it, and photocopies of other documents, in a separate place, in case of loss or theft.

Health Canada is currently undertaking a computerization project to record all immunization information on employees, thus in the future it will be a simple matter to retrieve information if the vaccination booklet is lost.

Figure 2

 Health and Welfare Canada    Santé et Bien-être social Canada	
<b>INTERNATIONAL CERTIFICATES OF VACCINATION</b> INTERNATIONAL HEALTH REGULATIONS	
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