

EXEMPTIONS 101



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What is a religious exemption?

Religious exemptions are used when a parent has a sincerely held belief that prohibits their child/children from receiving vaccinations.

How Do I Get an exemption?

Because each state sets their own laws, every process is different for each state.

It can also depend on the school. Your school may have their own form for you to complete.

Exemption Template

Pursuant to the aforementioned N.C.G.S. 130A-157, I, the undersigned, declare the immunization requirements as set forth in N.C.G.S. 130A-152 contrary to my bona fide religious beliefs and claim, as permitted by the law, an exemption from the immunization requirements of your institution for the undersigned minor child under my legal care and guardianship.

(Your NAME)

(Your SIGNATURE)

(Your ADDRESS)

(Your PHONE)

(DATE)

(MINOR CHILD'S NAME)

(DATE OF BIRTH)

(ADDRESS)

(PHONE)

(DATE)

North Carolina Requirements

To claim a religious exemption, the parent or person requesting the exemption must write a statement of their religious objection to immunization, including the name and date of birth of the person for whom the exemption is being requested.

This statement would then be provided to schools, child care programs, camps, etc. in place of an immunization record.

If a family is requesting a religious exemption for more than one child, a separate statement should be prepared for each child.

Statements of religious objection to immunization do not need to be notarized, signed by a religious leader, or prepared by an attorney. They do not need to be submitted to the state for review or approval.