

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 Form

Alabama Requirements

DATE: _____

Health Department Director
Mobile County Health Department
251 North Bayou Street
Mobile, AL 36603

REF: Submission for Religious Exemption from Vaccination for:
_____, dob. _____

Dear Health Department Director or Whom it may Concern:

I, _____, as the parent of the above named child am exercising my rights under the First Amendment of the US Constitution and Alabama Government Code Section 16-30-3 to receive Religious Exemption from Vaccinations.

I am fully aware of the alleged risks of not vaccinating as described by the Centers for Disease Control, The American Academy of Pediatrics, and the American Medical Association.

However, I now have sincere religious beliefs that prohibit us from submitting to and receiving vaccinating agents.

In addition, I further request a letter to “School Administrators” resolving its failure to include the legal rights of a parent or student to a religious exemption as outlined in the Alabama Government Code Section 16-30-3. I will seek legal action if, due to the failure on the part of the State of Alabama to recognize these rights, if my child is not admitted to a Alabama school or daycare.

If the Alabama Certificate of Religious Exemption must be signed at the Health Department, please provide a written notice of appointment, with five working days advance response permitted.

Respectfully,

Name: Address:

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Alabama Government Code Section 16-30-3
Exceptions to chapter.

The provisions of this chapter shall not apply if:

(1) In the absence of an epidemic or immediate threat thereof, the parent or guardian of the child shall object thereto in writing on grounds that such immunization or testing conflicts with his religious tenets and practices; or

(2) Certification by a competent medical authority providing individual exemption from the required immunization or testing is presented the admis

A Certificate of Religious Exemption can only be issued by a county health department. The parent or legal guardian must submit a written objection and receive education on the consequences of not immunizing their child. By State School Immunization Law, a Religious Exemption can only be issued to kindergarten through 12th grade and not to the institutions of higher learning.