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To be eligible, your child must have the supplementary dose **between their first and third birthdays** (12 to 35 months inclusive).

## When can my child receive the free supplementary dose?

The free supplementary dose is available **1 October 2011 to 30 September 2012**. If your child is eligible, see your immunisation provider between these dates.

## Who can provide the free supplementary dose?

Your doctor or your local council can provide the dose to eligible children for free between 1 October 2011 and 30 September 2012.

## Where can I get more information?

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