

# B4 school checks are started before children are 4 1/2 years old

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## Outcome

All children and their families and whānau achieve their health and wellbeing potential.

## Measure

Children receiving a B4 School Check who started the check at younger than 4½ years

## Type

Contributory measure

## Relationship(s) to other frameworks

This measure is drawn from the Well Child Tamariki Ora (WCTO) Quality Improvement Framework (Quality Indicator 21): Ministry of Health. 2015. Indicators for the Well Child/Tamariki Ora Quality Improvement Framework – March 2015. Wellington: Ministry of Health Framework available at: [www.health.govt.nz](http://www.health.govt.nz)

## Rationale

The purpose of the B4 School Check is to promote health and wellbeing in four year olds, and to identify any health, developmental or behavioural problems that may have a negative impact on the child's ability to learn and take part at school. This measure particularly monitors and promotes quality improvement across WCTO providers

## Eligible population

Children younger than 4½ years

## Measure status

Active

## Numerator

Number of children receiving a B4 School Check who started the check at younger than 4½ years

## Denominator

Number of children receiving a B4 School Check

## National target

90%

## Local target

Milestones to be decided by Alliance

## Data Sources

B4 School Check data set

## Data extracted from data sources

### **B4 School Check**

- National Health Index (NHI) number
- Date of birth
- Check completed status (Yes or No)

## Data availability

This measure is reported twice a year (normally in March and September) on the Ministry of Health website: [www.moh.govt.nz](http://www.moh.govt.nz) (Search: Well Child Tamariki Ora)

## Measure calculation process

1. Extract the data according to the above specification for the reporting period.
2. Divide the numerator by the denominator
3. Multiply by 100 to determine percentage.

## Relationship(s) to other measures

## Measure development notes

A B4 school check includes the following:

- Child health questionnaire
- Hearing and vision screening
- Measurement of height and weight
- Behavioural and developmental questionings
- Oral health screen
- Health promotion and education
- Referral(s) to appropriate health, education or social service where the B4 school check has identified the need for such services.

