

PBS Authorities – Changes to digital access

December 2022




From 1 December 2022, prescribers can submit the following Authority Required (written) PBS listed medicines using the Online PBS Authorities system (the system).

You will no longer need to submit authority applications, prescriptions and test results for these medicines. Instead, you will be able to use the system to apply for authority approval and provide evidence digitally. Although changes have been made to the wording of certain prescribing instructions and administrative notes, the PBS patient eligibility criteria for these medicines won't change.

These changes will make it easier for you to request authority approval from Services Australia.

Summary of December 2022 Changes

 request Authority Online
  request Authority by Telephone
  upload form via HPOS or post

Condition	Drug/s	1 December 2022 Authority Level	1 December 2022 Changes
Pulmonary arterial hypertension	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Ambrisentan - Bosentan - Epoprostenol - Iloprost - Macitentan - Riociguat - Sildenafil - Tadalafil 	<p>Written (Electronic):</p> <p>Initial monotherapy, dual therapy or triple therapy treatment in an untreated patient</p> 	Adding an online channel to existing written restrictions for an immediate assessment result for your patient
		<p>Telephone (Electronic):</p> <p>Starting dual therapy or triple therapy in a previously treated patient, changing or continuing treatment</p>  	Currently available online and by telephone for an immediate assessment result for your patient

Additional information

Where to find the changes

You can find out if a PBS medicine can be submitted digitally by checking the Administrative advice for that condition.

You can find the Administrative advice for each item under the note in the PBS Schedule on the Department of Health website.

The PBS Authority Required application forms for these medicines will reflect the requirements for digital submission.

Example Administrative advice:

Note

Any queries concerning the arrangements to prescribe may be directed to Services Australia on 1800 700 270 (hours of operation 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday to Friday).

Prescribing information (including Authority Application forms and other relevant documentation as applicable) is available on the Services Australia website at www.servicesaustralia.gov.au

Applications for authorisation under this restriction should be made in real time using the Online PBS Authorities system (see www.servicesaustralia.gov.au/hpos)

Alternatively, applications for authority to prescribe can be submitted online using the form upload facility in Health Professional Online Services (HPOS) at www.servicesaustralia.gov.au/hpos

Or mailed to:

Services Australia

Complex Drugs

Reply Paid 9826

HOBART TAS 7001

If you're using the authority application form via post or Health Professional Online Service (HPOS) form upload facility, you'll still need to submit authority applications, prescriptions and test result details. This will delay the assessment of the authority application.

Can PBS authority applications be submitted by post?

You can still submit applications for authority to prescribe by:

- mailing your application
- uploading documents in HPOS.

Updated versions of application forms will remain available on our website.

How will you know what the changes are?

Whenever there are changes to the PBS listings, we'll send you an email summary.

We'll explain what the change is, for what condition, and the drugs that treat it.

Important information

This information relates to the administration of these listings by Services Australia. For further information on broader PBS changes, please visit the [PBS website](#).