

Pharmaceutical Benefits Scheme (PBS) – The importance of accurate data

We understand having access to PBS-subsidised medicines can be critical to patient care. That's why it's important to ensure you are providing accurate and up to date information when completing an authority request via the Online PBS Authorities system (the system).

The system uses the prescription details entered to calculate how long the requested quantity and repeats will last. This calculation is important for the current and future authority requests.

Failure to enter the dose correctly may result in your authority request being assessed incorrectly and possibly rejected.

To ensure you enter the dose correctly, enter the number of tablets, capsules, injections, etc, not the strength of the medication. For example, if your patient takes 1 x 150 mg tablet daily, enter the Dose as 1, not 150.

You can select the ? icon next to the Prescription details label to see examples of how to enter the dose correctly.

Prescription details ?

Dose

Prescribed quantity

Dose frequency Daily ▾

Prescribed repeats

Prescription details help

Guide to input dose for different frequencies

Example	Dose	Frequency
1.5 tablets per day	1.5	Daily
1 patch per week	1	Weekly
1 injection per fortnight	1	Fortnightly
500g per month	500	Monthly
1 injection as required	1	As required

Example	Dose	Frequency	How long	How often
1 patch every 3 days	1	Every	3	Days
1 injection every 4 weeks	1	Every	4	Weeks
1 implant every 3 months	1	Every	3	Months

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Further information

For more information about the **Online PBS Authorities system** visit www.servicesaustralia.gov.au/hppbsauthorities

Services Australia has a broad range of educational resources on the **Health Professional Education Resources** website. This includes simulations, podcast and an infographic on the Online PBS Authorities system. Visit <https://hpe.servicesaustralia.gov.au/pharmaceutical-benefits-scheme.html>

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