

PBS API Software Vendor Webinar

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Wed 13 May 2026 or once traffic slows coming into the meeting.



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Agenda

Overview and updates

- Recent and upcoming changes to API

PBS Policy updates

- Wholesale markups
- Registered Nurse Prescribing
- New Medication Charts

General - Discussion and questions

- Time dependent
- If there is no time for questions, they can be sent by email to HPP.Support@health.gov.au
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GENERAL RECAP



PBS API General Recap

- 1 May 2026 data was the final release of the legacy formats, including PBS API v2-beta. The PBS API v3 (API) is now the supported format
- While improvements will still be made to the API, these will be in addition to existing information. Currently available data will remain as is for Version 3
- New Health policies which require new data will be included in the API data as an update
- ***A new API version release expected 20 – 22 May 2026***



PBS API - Releases since last webinar

PBS data API Version 3.6.5 release notes (10 December 2025)

Enhancement:

- Improved performance of the item overview endpoint when filtering response content.
- Added INNOVATOR_INDICATOR column to the Items endpoint

Fix: [Data Modifications]

- ORIGINATOR_INDICATOR within the Items endpoint data has been fixed to reflect the correct information

Fix: [API]

- Parameter filtering using csv now uses correct standard format handling. e.g. a,b will be treated as two fields a and b to filter against. "a,b" will be treated as a single parameter field without splitting the string and the comma will be included in the search.
- In addition quotations can be included by passing in double quotes. e.g. "a,b and ""some string"" will be treated as 'a,b and "some string"' being passed in to the filter search with quotes included.

For more information on releases - <https://data.pbs.gov.au/api/pbs-api.html>

<https://ause-hpsp-tst-apim01.developer.azure-api.net/api-changelog#api=pbs-api-public-v3>



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Policy updates - Wholesale Markups



Wholesale Markups

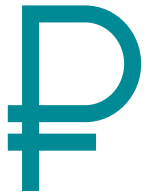
General Overview of Changes

- The [First Pharmaceutical Wholesaler Agreement](#) (1PWA) is an agreement between the Australian Government and the National Pharmaceutical Services Association (NPSA)
- Sets out the wholesale mark-up (WMU) and Community Service Obligation (CSO) funding arrangements that apply to pharmaceutical wholesalers
- Reforms come into force from 1 July 2026
- Standard 1 July 2026 changes for Dispensing Fee, AHI Tier One Fee and Safety Net Recording Fee will also apply



Wholesale Markups

Changes from 1 July 2026



Wholesale mark-up (WMU) structure changes: new tiered rates based on Ex-Manufacturer Price (per dispense).



WMU calculation method changes: calculated using the Ex-Manufacturer Price for the pack quantity dispensed (moving away from the current Relevant Quantity method).



The changes apply to

- **Section 85 PBS medicines supplied by approved community pharmacies, public and private hospitals, and**
- ***Eligible section 100 medicines supplied by community pharmacies* except the s100 medicines under the Efficient Funding of Chemotherapy (EFC) Program and the Botulinum Toxin Program**



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Wholesale Markups

What is not changing?

Out of scope: section 100 medicines supplied through section 94 approved hospitals or section 92 approved medical practitioners continue under existing arrangements.

No change to: PBS patient co-payments, prescribing arrangements, or the PBS listings because of the WMU changes.

CSO: Community Service Obligation arrangements continue to support timely and reliable access to PBS medicines through community pharmacies (including rural/remote areas).

Indexation: revised WMU amounts/rates under the 1PWA are not indexed during the term of the 1PWA (to 31 December 2029).



Wholesale Markups

WMU Structure

Until 1 July 2026		
Payment type	Value of WMU Payment	
Wholesale Mark-up for Pharmaceutical Benefits delivered to Approved Pharmacists*	When the Ex-Manufacturer Price is up to and including \$5.50	\$0.41 per dispense
	When the Ex-Manufacturer Price is over \$5.50 and up to and including \$720	7.52% of the Ex-Manufacturer Price per dispense
	When the Ex-Manufacturer Price is over \$720	\$54.14 per dispense

*WMU per dispense calculated using Relevant Quantity

From 1 July 2026		
Payment type	Value of WMU Payment	
Wholesale Mark-up for Pharmaceutical Benefits delivered to Approved Pharmacists*	TIER 1 When the Ex-Manufacturer Price is up to and including \$5.50	\$0.24 per dispense
	TIER 2 When the Ex-Manufacturer Price is over \$5.50 and up to and including \$1,000	4.3% of the Ex-Manufacturer Price per dispense
	TIER 3 When the Ex-Manufacturer Price is over \$1,000 and up to and including \$10,000	\$43 + 2% of the amount of the Ex-Manufacturer Price over \$1,000 per dispense
	TIER 4 When the Ex-Manufacturer Price is over \$10,000	\$223 per dispense

*WMU per dispense calculated using Ex-Manufacturer Price for Pack Quantity of the listed brand



Wholesale Markups

Changes to API data (additional data only)

/item-dispensing-rules-relationship endpoint

- Shows connections between 'li_item_id' and available Dispensing rules
- Items in Programs HS/HB now have an additional row of data for Dispensing rule s90-cp-s100 (Community Access), in line with Programs PL, GH, IF programs

/markup-bands endpoint

- Indications the Markups and bands available for Dispensing rules ('dispensing_rule_mnem')
- New 4 tier bands updated against affected Programs ('program_code'). – See 'markup_band_code' = 'W'

/dispensing-rules (no changes)

- No changes, use for aligning 'dispensing_rule_mnem' with relevant Dispensing Rule Name



Wholesale Markups

Changes to API data Example – additional data

/item-dispensing-rule-relationships

li_item_id	dispensing_rule_mnem	dispensing_rule_reference
10067W_11574_1167_5317_38268	s90-cp-s100	rp-s90-cp-s100
10067W_11574_1167_5317_38268	s94-public-s100	rp-s94-public-s100
10067W_11574_1167_5317_41027	s90-cp-s100	rp-s90-cp-s100
10067W_11574_1167_5317_41027	s94-public-s100	rp-s94-public-s100

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"dispensing_rule_reference": "rp-s90-cp-s100",  
"brand_premium": 0.00,  
"dispense_fee_type_code": "RP",  
"dangerous_drug_fee_code": null,
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/markup-bands

program_code	dispensing_rule_mnem	markup_band_code	limit	variable	offset	fixed
HS	s90-cp-s100	W	0.01	0	0	0.24
HS	s90-cp-s100	W	5.51	4.3	0	0
HS	s90-cp-s100	W	1000.01	2	-1000	43
HS	s90-cp-s100	W	10000.01	0	0	223

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"fixed": 0.24,  
"schedule_code": 4688
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Policy updates - Registered Nurses



Registered Nurse Prescribers

General Overview of Changes

In December 2024, Health Ministers approved a new registration standard and endorsement for registered nurses (RN) - designated RN prescriber. The Nursing and Midwifery Board of Australia's (NMBA) registration standard came into effect on 30 September 2025 and will allow endorsed RNs to administer, obtain, possess, prescribe, supply and/or use Schedule 2, 3, 4 and 8 medicines in partnership with an authorised health practitioner. It is expected that endorsed registered nurses will be eligible to prescribe later in 2026.

Amendments to the *National Health Act 1953* are currently being made which will authorise RNs endorsed under the registration standard to prescribe certain medicines under the Pharmaceutical Benefits Scheme, attracting Commonwealth subsidies. The department of Health, Disability and Ageing is working with the independent expert Pharmaceutical Benefits Advisory Committee to consider each medicine listing for suitability for designated RN prescribing.



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Registered Nurse Prescribers

API Data for Changes

- '/prescribers' endpoint will show new Prescriber code 'R' for Registered Nurses available for each pbs_code when available
- Other details for the item will be recorded as standard

/prescribers

pbs_code	prescriber_code	prescriber_type ▲	schedule_code
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11077B	R	Registered Nurse	4664
11206T	R	Registered Nurse	4664
11335N	R	Registered Nurse	4664
15337F	R	Registered Nurse	4664
15338G	R	Registered Nurse	4664



Policy updates

- Medication Charts



Medication Chart updates

General Overview of Changes

- The *National Health (Pharmaceutical Benefits) Regulations 2017* are in the process of being updated in line with the National Electronic Medication Chart Framework (NEMCF)
- New Medication chart types and requirements are in the processes of being determined, with implementation expected implementation later in 2026
- The new Charts will be added to the PBS data to show which items are eligible for these new charts for the month they come into effect
- Additional data has been included in the API to facilitate these changes



Medication Chart updates

Changes to API data

- Currently available chart eligibilities are visible in the /items endpoint, as separate data fields. This will not be removed
- **New endpoints** will be added to the API data to provide any new Medication charts as data rather than adding new fields to existing endpoints:
 - **/medication-charts**
 - Shows list of all available chart types, a description, and durations
 - Includes currently available Medication Chart information
 - **/item-chart-eligibilities**
 - Shows relationships between all 'pbs_codes' and available 'chart_name'
- New data will also be available in the /item-overview endpoint



Medication Chart updates

Changes to API data Example – New endpoint data

/item-chart-relationships

pbs_code	chart_name	schedule_code
10001J	Hospital	4662
10001J	RACF-ELECTRONIC	4662
10003L	Hospital	4662
10003L	RACF-ELECTRONIC	4662
10003L	RACF-PAPER	4662

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"pbs_code": "10001J",  
"chart_name": "Hospital",  
"schedule_code": 4662
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/medication-charts

chart_name	category_name	chart_category_duration	chart_description	category_description	schedule_code
Hospital	Acute	12	Hospital medication chart	Hospital Acute	4662
Hospital	Chronic	12	Hospital medication chart	Hospital Chronic	4662
Hospital	Sub-acute	12	Hospital medication chart	Hospital Sub-acute	4662
RACF-ELECTRONIC	RACF-ELECTRONIC	6	Residential Aged Care Facility medication chart - electronic	RACF-Electronic RACF-Electronic	4662
RACF-PAPER	RACF-PAPER	4	Residential Aged Care Facility medication chart - paper	RACF-Paper RACF-Paper	4662

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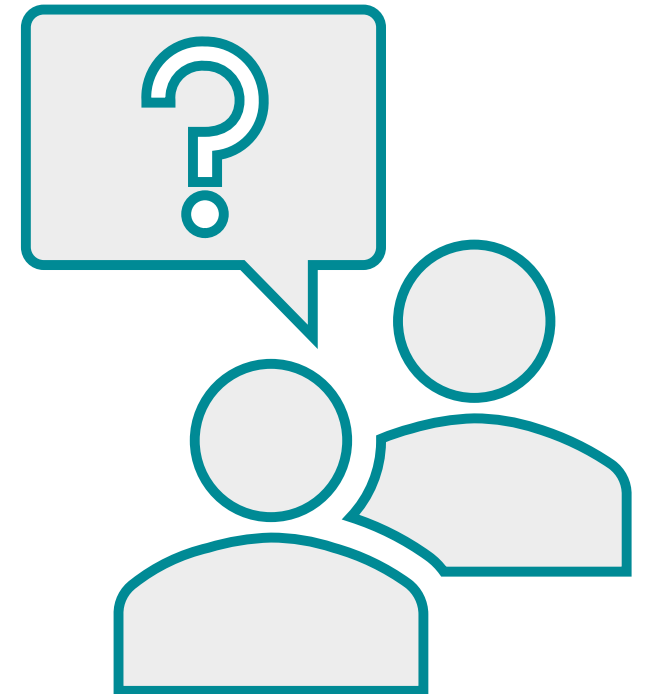


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PBS API – General - Discussion and questions

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