



Budget 2018-19

Improving Access to Medicines — e-prescribing for safer medicines

This measure introduces a national electronic prescribing system for the Pharmaceutical Benefits Scheme (PBS) and Repatriation Pharmaceutical Benefits Scheme (RPBS) from 10 October 2019.

It will enable prescribers to use clinical prescribing software to issue an electronic PBS prescription as a legal form of prescription. Currently all prescriptions are paper based.

This measure gives prescribers and consumers the option of a full digital experience. Their prescription will be able to be electronically transmitted from the prescriber to the pharmacy, reducing the reliance on paper and manual processing.

Who is eligible?

Patients, prescribers and pharmacies.

The date this will start and finish

The measure will start on 10 October 2019 and is ongoing.