

Online services



Requesting PBS Authorities online provides an immediate assessment in real time.

For more information and how to access the **Online PBS Authorities** system, go to servicesaustralia.gov.au/hppbsauthorities

When to use this form

Use this form to apply for **initial** PBS-subsidised aflibercept, dexamethasone intravitreal implant, faricimab or ranibizumab for patients with diabetic macular oedema (DMO).

Important information

Initial applications to start PBS-subsidised treatment for each eye can be made in real time using the **Online PBS Authorities** system or in writing and must include sufficient information to determine the patient's eligibility according to the PBS criteria.

Where both eyes are affected by the condition, a quantity of 2 units can be requested through the same authority application.

Authority approval for initial treatment of each eye must be sought.

Under no circumstances will phone approvals be granted for **initial** authority applications.

The information in this form is correct at the time of publishing and may be subject to change.

Continuing treatment

This form is **ONLY** for **initial** treatment.

After an authority application for **initial** treatment has been approved, applications for **continuing** treatment with the same drug for the same eye as per the PBS restriction is Authority Required (Streamlined) and does not require prior authority approval from Services Australia for the listed quantity and repeats.

For more information

Go to servicesaustralia.gov.au/healthprofessionals

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You do not need to complete this form if you use the **Online PBS Authorities** system.

Go to servicesaustralia.gov.au/hppbsauthorities

Patient's details

1 Medicare card number

Ref no.

or

Department of Veterans' Affairs card number

2 Dr Mr Mrs Miss Ms Other

Family name

First given name

3 Date of birth (DD MM YYYY)

Appointment details

4 Scheduled appointment

Date (DD MM YYYY)

Time am/pm

Prescriber's details

5 Prescriber number

6 Dr Mr Mrs Miss Ms Other

Family name

First given name

7 Business phone number (including area code)

Alternative phone number (including area code)

Conditions and criteria

To qualify for PBS authority approval, the following conditions must be met.

8 The patient is being treated by either an:

ophthalmologist

or

accredited ophthalmology registrar in consultation with an ophthalmologist.

9 The patient has visual impairment due to diabetic macular oedema (DMO) in:

right eye left eye both eyes

10 Is this treatment the sole PBS-subsidised therapy for this condition?

No

Yes

11 The patient will receive this treatment as:

monotherapy

or

combination therapy with laser photocoagulation.

12 Does the patient have documented visual impairment defined as a best-corrected visual acuity (BCVA) score based on the early treatment diabetic retinopathy study (ETDRS) chart of between 78 and 39 letters administered at a distance of 4 metres (approximate Snellen equivalent 20/32 to 20/160) in the eye(s) proposed for treatment?

No

Yes

13 The patient has been diagnosed by:

optical coherence tomography

or

fluorescein angiography.



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14 Provide details of the optical coherence tomography or fluorescein angiogram report

Date of the report (DD MM YYYY)

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Unique identifying number/code or provider number

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For aflibercept, faricimab and ranibizumab ▶ **Go to 17**

For dexamethasone ▶ **Go to 15**

15 The patient:

has a contraindication to vascular endothelial growth factor (VEGF) inhibitors

or

is unsuitable for treatment with VEGF inhibitors

or

has failed prior treatment with VEGF inhibitors.

16 The patient:

has had a cataract removed in the treated eye

or

is scheduled for cataract surgery in the treated eye.

Checklist

17  The relevant attachments need to be provided with this form.

The completed authority prescription form(s).

Privacy notice

18 Personal information is protected by law (including the *Privacy Act 1988*) and is collected by Services Australia for the purposes of assessing and processing this authority application.

Personal information may be used by Services Australia, or given to other parties where the individual has agreed to this, or where it is required or authorised by law (including for the purpose of research or conducting investigations).

More information about the way in which Services Australia manages personal information, including our privacy policy, can be found at servicesaustralia.gov.au/privacy

Prescriber's declaration

19 I declare that:

- I am aware that this patient must meet the criteria listed in the current Schedule of Pharmaceutical Benefits to be eligible for this medicine.
- I have informed the patient that their personal information (including health information) will be disclosed to Services Australia for the purposes of assessing and processing this authority application.
- I have provided the completed authority prescription form(s) and the relevant attachments as specified in the Pharmaceutical Benefits Scheme restriction.
- The information I have provided in this form is complete and correct.

I understand that:

- giving false or misleading information is a serious offence.

Prescriber's signature



Date (DD MM YYYY)

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Returning this form

Return this form and any supporting documents:

- **online**, upload this form, the authority prescription form(s) and any relevant attachments through Health Professional Online Services (HPOS) at servicesaustralia.gov.au/hpos **or**
- by post, send this form, the authority prescription form(s) and any relevant attachments to:

Services Australia
PBS Authorities
GPO Box 9826
In your capital city