

Online PBS Authorities



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 somatrogen or somatropin under the section 100 Growth Hormone Program for paediatric patients with severe growth hormone deficiency.

Conditions eligible for PBS-subsidised **somatrogen**:

- short stature and slow growth (SSSG)
- short stature associated with biochemical growth hormone deficiency (BGHD).

Conditions eligible for PBS-subsidised **somatropin**:

- short stature and slow growth (SSSG)
- short stature associated with biochemical growth hormone deficiency (BGHD)
- growth retardation secondary to an intracranial lesion or cranial irradiation (CL/CI)
- hypothalamic-pituitary disease secondary to a structural lesion, with hypothalamic obesity driven growth (HO)
- neonate or infant at risk of hypoglycaemia secondary to growth hormone deficiency (N)
- biochemical growth hormone deficiency and precocious puberty (PP)
- short stature associated with Turner syndrome (TS)
- short stature due to short stature homeobox gene disorders (SHOX)
- short stature associated with chronic renal insufficiency (CR)
- short stature and poor body composition due to Prader-Willi syndrome (PW).

Important information

Initial applications to start PBS-subsidised treatment 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.

Prescriptions for initial treatment should be written for a **maximum of 32 weeks** of treatment (16 weeks with up to 1 repeat).

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 and recommencing treatment

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

Applications for:

- continuing treatment
- change or recommencement treatment
- continuing as a reclassified patient treatment, **or**
- recommencement as a reclassified patient treatment

can be made in real time using the **Online PBS Authorities** system, or in writing and submitted to Services Australia for those patients who meet the criteria.

Treatment specifics

An older child is defined as:

- a male with a chronological age of **at least 12 years** or a bone age of **at least 10 years, or**
- a female with a chronological age of **at least 10 years** or a bone age of **at least 8 years.**

A younger child is defined as:

- a male with a chronological age of **less than 12 years** or a bone age of **less than 10 years, or**
- a female with a chronological age of **less than 10 years** or a bone age of **less than 8 years.**

Current data or the most recent data must not be more than **3 months** old at the time of application.

For more information

Go to servicesaustralia.gov.au/healthprofessionals



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Growth hormone paediatric – initial authority application

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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 Family name

First given name

3 Date of birth (DD MM YYYY)

4 Biological sex

Male

Female

Prescriber's details

5 Prescriber number

6 Family name

First given name

7 Business phone number (including area code)

Alternative phone number (including area code)

Dosage details

8 This application is for:

somatogon (SSSG or BGHD only)

Combination of pens requested

of 60mg/1.2mL pen +

of 24mg/1.2mL pen

Dose

mg/kg/week

or

somatropin

I have used the growth hormone program dose and
cartridge quantity calculator for SOMATROPIN ONLY
available on the Department of Health and Aged Care
website

Somatropin brand requested

Form and strength

Number of vials/cartridges requested

Dose

mg/m²/week

mg/kg/week

The mg/kg/week details are only required for Prader-Willi
patients who have reached skeletal maturity.



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Conditions and criteria

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

9 The patient:

is being treated by a specialist or a consultant physician in paediatric endocrinology, or by a specialist or consultant in general paediatrics in consultation with a nominated specialist or consultant physician in paediatric endocrinology

and

does not have a condition with a known risk of malignancy including chromosomal abnormalities such as Down and Bloom syndromes (excluding gonadoblastoma secondary to mixed gonadal dysgenesis for short stature homeobox (SHOX) patients only)

and

does not have an active tumour or evidence of tumour growth or activity

and

has not previously received treatment under the PBS section 100 Growth Hormone Program

and

is undergoing treatment for the stated indication with only one growth hormone at any given time.

10 Conditions

Select the condition for which you are applying for treatment

Tick one only

short stature and slow growth (SSSG) **▶ Go to 11**

short stature associated with biochemical growth hormone deficiency (BGHD) **▶ Go to 13**

growth retardation secondary to an intracranial lesion or cranial irradiation (CL/CI) **▶ Go to 14**

hypothalamic-pituitary disease secondary to a structural lesion, with hypothalamic obesity driven growth (HO) **▶ Go to 15**

neonate or infant at risk of hypoglycaemia secondary to growth hormone deficiency (N) **▶ Go to 16**

biochemical growth hormone deficiency and precocious puberty (PP) **▶ Go to 17**

short stature associated with Turner syndrome (TS) **▶ Go to 18**

short stature due to short stature homeobox (SHOX) gene disorders **▶ Go to 19**

short stature associated with chronic renal insufficiency (CR) **▶ Go to 20**

short stature and poor body composition due to Prader-Willi syndrome (PW). **▶ Go to 21**

11 Does the patient have maturational or constitutional delay?

No **▶ Go to 22 - Table 2**

Yes

12 Is the patient a:

- male with an estimated mature height below 160.1 cm, **or**
- female with an estimated mature height below 148.0 cm?
No **Ineligible**
Yes **Go to 22 - Table 2**

13 The patient has:

evidence of biochemical growth hormone deficiency

and

biochemical growth hormone deficiency is not secondary to an intracranial lesion or cranial irradiation.

Patients with a current height:

- at or below the 1st percentile **▶ Go to 22 - Table 1**
- above the 1st percentile. **▶ Go to 22 - Table 2**

14 The patient has:

had an intracranial lesion and is under appropriate observation and management

or

received cranial irradiation without having had an intracranial lesion, and is under appropriate observation and management

and

evidence of biochemical growth hormone deficiency.

Patients with a current height:

- at or below the 1st percentile **▶ Go to 22 - Table 1**
- above the 1st percentile. **▶ Go to 22 - Table 2**

15 The patient has:

a structural lesion that is not neoplastic

or

a structural lesion that was neoplastic and has undergone a 12 month period of observation following completion of treatment for the structural lesion

Provide date of completion of **all** treatment (DD MM YYYY)

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or

had a structural lesion that is neoplastic and has received medical advice that it is unsafe to treat the lesion and has undergone a 12 month period of observation since initial diagnosis of the structural lesion

Provide the date of diagnosis (DD MM YYYY)

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and

evidence of biochemical growth hormone deficiency

and

other hypothalamic/pituitary hormone deficits (includes Adrenocorticotrophic Hormone (ACTH), Thyroid Stimulating Hormone (TSH), Gonadotropin Releasing Hormone (GnRH) and/or vasopressin/Antidiuretic Hormone (ADH) deficiencies)

and

hypothalamic obesity. **▶ Go to 22 - Table 2**

16 The patient has:

documented clinical risk of hypoglycaemia

and

documented evidence that the risk of hypoglycaemia is secondary to biochemical growth hormone deficiency.

▶ *Go to 22 - Table 1*

17 The patient:

is a male and commenced puberty (demonstrated by Tanner stage 2 genital or pubic hair development or testicular volumes ≥ 4 mL) before the chronological age of 9 years

or

is a female and commenced puberty (demonstrated by Tanner stage 2 breast or pubic hair development) before the chronological age of 8 years

or

is a female and menarche occurred before the chronological age of 10 years

and

has evidence of biochemical growth hormone deficiency

and

is undergoing Gonadotrophin Releasing Hormone (GnRH) agonist therapy for pubertal suppression.

▶ *Go to 22 – Table 3*

18 The patient:

has diagnostic results consistent with TS – genetically proven defined as:

a loss of whole X chromosome in all cells (45X)

or

a loss of a whole X chromosome in some cells (mosaic 46XX/45X)

or

genetic loss or rearrangement of an X chromosome (such as isochromosome X, ring-chromosome, or partial deletion of an X chromosome)

and

gender of rearing is female.

▶ *Go to 22 – Table 3*

19 The patient has:

diagnostic results consistent with SHOX mutation/deletion, defined as a karyotype confirming the presence of a SHOX mutation/deletion without the presence of mixed gonadal dysgenesis

or

diagnostic results consistent with a SHOX mutation/deletion, defined as mixed gonadal dysgenesis (45X mosaic karyotype with the presence of any Y chromosome material and/or sex determining region Y (SRY) gene positive by Fluorescence in Situ Hybridization (FISH) study)

and

has an appropriate plan of management in place for the patient's increased risk of gonadoblastoma.

▶ *Go to 22 – Table 2*

20 The patient has:

an estimated glomerular filtration rate (eGFR) < 30 mL/minute/1.73m² measured by creatinine clearance, excretion of radionuclides such as diethylene triamine pentaacetic acid (DTPA), or by the height/creatinine formula

and

not undergone a renal transplant

or

undergone a renal transplant and has undergone a 12 month period of observation following the transplant

Provide date of transplant (DD MM YYYY)

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Patients with a current height:

• at or below the 1st percentile

▶ *Go to 22 - Table 1*

• above the 1st percentile.

▶ *Go to 22 - Table 2*

21 The patient:

has diagnostic results consistent with PW (the condition must be genetically proven)

or

has a clinical diagnosis of PW, confirmed by a clinical geneticist

and

has been evaluated via polysomnography for airway obstruction and apnoea within the last 12 months

and

has had no sleep disorders identified

or

has had sleep disorders identified which are not of sufficient severity to require treatment

or

has had sleep disorders identified for which the patient is currently receiving ameliorative treatment

and

does **not** have uncontrolled morbid obesity, defined as a body weight $> 200\%$ of ideal body weight for height and sex, with ideal body weight derived by calculating the 50th percentile weight for the patient's current height

and

the patient has a current bone age:

below skeletal maturity

or

at or above skeletal maturity

Skeletal maturity is a male bone age ≥ 15.5 years of age, or a female bone age ≥ 13.5 years of age.

Date patient reached skeletal maturity (DD MM YYYY)

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▶ *Go to 22 – Table 4*

22 Complete the following table(s):

Table 1 – For all BGHD, CL/CI and CR patients with a current height at or below the 1st percentile and ALL N patients

	Date (DD MM YYYY)	Height (cm)	Weight (kg)
Recent data			

'N' category ► **Go to 24**
 All other categories ► **Go to 23**

Table 2 – For all BGHD, CL/CI and CR patients with a current height above the 1st percentile, and ALL SSSG, SHOX and H0 patients

	Date (DD MM YYYY)	Height (cm)	Weight (kg)
All patients – recent data			
Older child only – 6 month data			
Younger child only – 12 month data			

All categories ► **Go to 23**

Table 3 – TS and PP patients

	Date (DD MM YYYY)	Height (cm)	Weight (kg)
All patients – recent data			
All patients – 6 month data			
Younger child only – 12 month data			

► **Go to 23**

Table 4 – PW patients

	Date (DD MM YYYY)	Height (cm)	Weight (kg)	Waist circumference (cm)
Recent data				
6 month data				

► **Go to 24**

23 Provide the following:

A bone age result performed within the last 12 months, if the patient's current chronological age is > 2.5 years.

years months

Date (DD MM YYYY)

Checklist

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

- Details of the proposed prescription(s).
- Evidence of biochemical growth hormone deficiency (including the type of tests performed and peak growth hormone concentrations) if applicable.

Privacy notice

25 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 servicessaustralia.gov.au/privacypolicy

Prescriber's declaration

You do not need to **sign** the declaration if you complete this form using Adobe Acrobat Reader and return this form through Health Professional Online Services (HPOS) at servicessaustralia.gov.au/hpos

26 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 details of the proposed prescription(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.

I have read, understood and agree to the above.

Date (DD MM YYYY) (you **must** date this declaration)

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Prescriber's signature (**only** required if returning by post)



Returning this form

Return this form, details of the proposed prescription(s) and any relevant attachments:

- **online** (no signature required), upload through HPOS at servicessaustralia.gov.au/hpos
- **or**
- by post (signature required) to
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Complex Drugs Programs
Reply Paid 9826
HOBART TAS 7001