

# Retinal vein occlusion – initial authority application

## 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](https://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 branched retinal vein occlusion (BRVO) or central retinal vein occlusion (CRVO) with macular oedema.

## 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 retinal vein occlusion **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.

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## 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)

## Prescriber's details

### 4 Prescriber number

### 5 Family name

First given name

### 6 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.

- 7** The patient is being treated by an:
- ophthalmologist
  - accredited ophthalmology registrar in consultation with an ophthalmologist.
- 8** The patient has visual impairment due to retinal vein occlusion in:
- right eye       left eye       both eyes
- 9** Is this treatment the sole PBS-subsidised therapy for this condition?
- Yes
- No
- 10** This application is for:
- aflibercept, faricimab or ranibizumab      ▶ **Go to 12**
  - dexamethasone      ▶ **Go to 11**
- 11** The patient:
- has a contraindication to vascular endothelial growth factor (VEGF) inhibitors
- or
- has failed prior treatment with VEGF inhibitors.
- 12** The patient has visual impairment due to macular oedema secondary to:
- branched retinal vein occlusion (BRVO)      ▶ **Go to 13**
  - central retinal vein occlusion (CRVO)      ▶ **Go to 14**
- 13** Does the patient have a best-corrected visual acuity (BCVA) score based on the early treatment diabetic retinopathy study (ETDRS) chart of between 73 and 20 letters administered at a distance of 4 metres (approximate Snellen equivalent 20/40 to 20/400) in the eye(s) proposed for treatment?
- Yes  ▶ **Go to 15**
- No



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