

# Fistulising Crohn's disease – initial or recommencement (treatment break greater than 5 years) authority application

## When to use this form

Use this form to apply for **initial** or **recommencing** PBS-subsidised biological agents for patients with complex refractory fistulising Crohn's disease who are either:

- **initiating** PBS-subsidised treatment
- **recommencing** PBS-subsidised treatment **after a treatment break greater than 5 years.**

## Important information

Authority applications to start or recommence PBS-subsidised treatment must be in writing and must include sufficient information to determine the patient's eligibility according to the PBS criteria.

Applications for **balance of supply** can be made in real time using the **Online PBS Authorities** system or by phone. Call 1800 700 270 Monday to Friday, 8 am to 5 pm, local time.

Call charges may apply.

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

Where the term 'biological agent' appears, it refers to adalimumab or infliximab.

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** or **recommencement** treatment after a treatment break greater than 5 years.

After a written authority application for the **first continuing** treatment has been approved, **subsequent continuing** treatment with PBS-subsidised biosimilar brands of biological agents are Authority Required (Streamlined) and do not require authority approval from Services Australia for the listed quantity and repeats.

## Section 100 arrangements for infliximab i.v. only

This item is available to a patient who is attending:

- an approved private hospital
- a public participating hospital, **or**
- a public hospital

**and is:**

- a day admitted patient
- a non-admitted patient, **or**
- a patient on discharge.

This item is not available as a PBS benefit for in-patients of a hospital.

The hospital name and provider number must be included in this authority form.

## Treatment specifics

The assessment of the patient's response to the course of treatment must be conducted within the time frame specified in the restriction. Where a demonstration of response is not conducted within this time frame, the patient will be deemed to have failed treatment with that particular PBS-subsidised biological agent.

A patient who has experienced a serious adverse reaction of a severity resulting in the necessity for permanent withdrawal of treatment is not considered to have failed treatment with that PBS-subsidised biological agent.

## For more information

Go to [servicesaustralia.gov.au/healthprofessionals](https://servicesaustralia.gov.au/healthprofessionals)



## Checklist

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

- The completed authority prescription form(s).
- The completed **Fistula assessment form** on page 4 of this form.

## Privacy notice

15 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/privacy](https://servicessaustralia.gov.au/privacy)

## Prescriber's declaration


16 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 [servicessaustralia.gov.au/hpos](https://servicessaustralia.gov.au/hpos)
- **or**
- by post, send this form, the authority prescription form(s) and any relevant attachments to:

Services Australia  
Complex Drugs Programs  
Reply Paid 9826  
HOBART TAS 7001

PRINT IN BLOCK LETTERS

Patient's full name

Date of assessment (DD MM YYYY)




Number of externally draining complex fistulae

### Fistulae symptom grading table

**Note:** Each parameter in this table must be assigned a value

Symptom	Descriptions	Score	Subtotal
Discharge	no discharge	0	
	minimal mucous discharge	1	
	moderate mucous or purulent discharge	2	
	substantial discharge	3	
	gross faecal soiling	4	
Pain	no pain	0	
	mild discomfort	1	
	moderate discomfort	2	
	marked discomfort	3	
	severe pain	4	
Degree of induration	no induration	0	
	minimal induration	1	
	moderate induration	2	
	substantial induration	3	
	gross fluctuance/abscess	4	
Fistulae symptom grading total score			