

# Save money on NHS prescription charges



**A prescription prepayment certificate (PPC) could save you money on your prescriptions**

[www.nhsbsa.nhs.uk/ppc](http://www.nhsbsa.nhs.uk/ppc)

## Is a PPC right for me?

A prescription prepayment certificate works like a season ticket.

If you need more than 12 prescribed medicines each year, you could save money with a 12 month PPC.

You can also buy a 3 month PPC, which will save you money if you need more than three prescribed medicines in three months.

## How much can I save?

A PPC costs £104 for a 12 month certificate, or £29.10 for 3 months.

Number of prescribed medicines you need each month	Saving with a 12 month PPC	Saving with a 3 month PPC
2	Over £100 a year	Over £20 in 3 months
3	Over £205 a year	Over £45 in 3 months
4	Over £305 a year	Over £70 in 3 months

Note: These savings are as calculated on 1 April 2017 and can change each year.

For current PPC prices go to [www.nhsbsa.nhs.uk/ppc](http://www.nhsbsa.nhs.uk/ppc) or call **0300 330 1341**.



## How to buy a PPC

- **Online at:**  
[www.nhsbsa.nhs.uk/ppc](http://www.nhsbsa.nhs.uk/ppc)
- **Call:**  
0300 330 1341
- **Fill in this form and send it to:**

NHSBSA  
PPC  
Bridge House  
152 Pilgrim Street  
Newcastle Upon Tyne  
NE1 6SN

If you want to buy a 12 month PPC you can pay monthly instalments by Direct Debit.

Check first to see if you can get free prescriptions.

More information:  
Website: [www.nhs.uk/healthcosts](http://www.nhs.uk/healthcosts)  
Phone: 0300 330 1343



## Terms and conditions

- You can only use the PPC for your own NHS prescriptions.
- If you buy a 12 month PPC and pay by Direct Debit, you are agreeing to pay all the instalments.
- If you fail to pay your instalments you must return the PPC. If you do not return the PPC, we will take further action.
- If you use the PPC after failing to pay an instalment, you may have to pay a penalty charge.
- We cannot send you your PPC until we have received your first payment. However, you may be able to claim a refund of prescription charges you have to pay while you are waiting for it.
- You may be able to claim back the cost of the PPC if you become exempt from NHS prescription charges in England while you have a current PPC.
- For full details of how to apply for a refund, including the time limit for claiming a refund, go to [www.nhsbsa.nhs.uk/ppcrefunds](http://www.nhsbsa.nhs.uk/ppcrefunds) or phone 0300 330 1341.

## Claiming back prescription charges

When you apply for a PPC, you can ask for it to be backdated by up to one month. If you have to pay a prescription charge while you are waiting for your PPC, you can get a refund if you ask for an NHS receipt (FP57) when you pay for your prescription. You can only get an FP57 at the time you pay, you cannot get one later.

This form is only for people who live in England. We will process this form more quickly if you fill it in using black ink and write in block capitals inside the boxes.

Title Mr  Mrs  Miss  Ms  Other

Surname

First name

Date of birth  /  /

(Important - we need to know this so we can check you are not entitled to free prescriptions)

National Health Service number

Where should we send your certificate?

(Please give your full address including postcode.)

House number or name

Street

Town

Postcode

Phone number in case we need to contact you:

Email address if you want us to contact you by email:

The PPC will start from the date we get this form unless you give a different start date below. This cannot be more than one month earlier, or one month later, than the date we get this form.

### Which certificate do you want to buy?

(Please tick one box only.)

3 month certificate

12 month certificate

Date you would like the certificate to start from:  /  /

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**Payment** (Please tick one box.) Do not send cash. The amount you must pay is set by law.

### How would you like to pay?

**10 monthly Direct Debit instalments.**

Important note: you can only pay by Direct Debit if you buy a 12 month certificate.

Are you the account holder? No  Yes

Please sign and date the declaration below then fill in the Direct Debit instruction on the right.

**Cheque**  **Postal order**

Make your cheques or postal orders payable to 'NHS Business Services Authority' and write your postcode on the back.

I have read the terms and conditions and I am aware of the circumstances when I can ask for a refund and the time limits that apply.

Signed

Date  /  /

If you wish to buy a PPC using a credit or debit card go to: **www.nhsbsa.nhs.uk/ppc** or call **0300 330 1341**.

For pharmacy use only

OCS CODE  **F**

Pharmacy name and address or pharmacy stamp

Date sold  /  /

Signature

### Instruction to your bank or building society to pay by Direct Debit



Please fill in the whole form using a ballpoint pen and send it to: NHSBSA, PPC, Bridge House, 152 Pilgrim Street, Newcastle upon Tyne NE1 6SN.

Service user number (SUN)

Name and full postal address of your bank or building society

To: The Manager

Bank or building society

Address

Postcode

Names of account holders

Bank or building society account number

Branch sort code

Reference

### Instruction to your bank or building society

Please pay the NHS Business Services Authority Direct Debits from the account shown above under the Direct Debit Guarantee. I understand that this instruction may stay with the NHS Business Services Authority and, if so, they will pass details electronically to you.

Signature

Date  /  /

Banks or building societies may not accept Direct Debit instructions for some types of account.

Tear out this guarantee and keep it.



### Direct Debit Guarantee

- This guarantee is offered by all banks and building societies that accept instructions to pay Direct Debits.
- If there are any changes to the amount, date or frequency of your Direct Debit the NHS Business Services Authority will notify you five working days in advance of your account being debited or as otherwise agreed. If you request the NHS Business Services Authority to collect a payment, confirmation of the amount and date will be given to you at the time of the request.
- If an error is made in the payment of your Direct Debit, by the NHS Business Services Authority or your bank or building society you are entitled to a full and immediate refund of the amount paid from your bank or building society.
- If you receive a refund you are not entitled to, you must pay it back when the NHS Business Services Authority asks you to.
- You can cancel a Direct Debit at any time by simply contacting your bank or building society. Written confirmation may be required. Please also notify us.

Data Protection Act 1998: We will use the information you have provided on this application form to process your application and prevent and detect fraud. We will not give your personal information to anyone else unless we have to do so by law, or transfer it outside of the European Economic Area. We may contact you to discuss your application and our quality of service to you. We will delete your personal information from our systems and files no later than seven years from when you bought the certificate. For more details, please read the privacy policy statement at [www.nhsbsa.nhs.uk](http://www.nhsbsa.nhs.uk).