

Free NHS prescriptions

Certain groups are entitled to free NHS prescriptions.

Check if you're entitled to free prescriptions at www.nhsbsa.nhs.uk/check

Is a PPC right for me?

A PPC works like a season ticket. It lets you get as many NHS prescriptions as you need for a set price.

If you need more than 11 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.

Cost of a PPC

A PPC costs:

- £29.10 for 3 months
- £104 for 12 months

PPC prices are correct on 1 April 2018 and can change each year.

For current PPC prices go to www.nhsbsa.nhs.uk/ppc or call **0300 330 1341**.



How much can I save?

Number of prescribed medicines you need each month	Saving with a 12 month PPC	Saving with a 3 month PPC
2	Over £105 a year	Over £20 in 3 months
3	Over £210 a year	Over £50 in 3 months
4	Over £315 a year	Over £75 in 3 months

Note: These savings are as calculated on 1 April 2018 and can change each year.

How to buy a PPC

Online at www.nhsbsa.nhs.uk/ppc

This is the quickest way to buy a PPC.

You can receive an instant certificate.

In a pharmacy registered to sell PPCs

Fill in this form and pay at the pharmacy.

You can receive a digital certificate if you provide an email address.

Telephone

If you need extra help, you can call us on 0300 330 1341

Ways to pay

If you want to buy a 12 month PPC you can pay monthly instalments by Direct Debit. **This option is not available at a pharmacy.**

You can pay for a PPC:

- by Direct Debit (online or telephone)
- by card payment (online or telephone)
- in full at a pharmacy

Prescription checking

When you claim free NHS prescriptions we check that you are entitled to the exemption you have declared.

Check that your certificate is valid before claiming free NHS prescriptions at www.nhsbsa.nhs.uk/exemption

To avoid a penalty charge notice your details should be correct and match what is printed on your prescriptions.



Save money on NHS prescription charges



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

www.nhsbsa.nhs.uk/ppc

Apply in a registered pharmacy

Write details of the person wanting the PPC.

Details should be correct and match what is printed on prescriptions.

Title

Last name

First name

Date of birth / /

NHS number

Phone number in case we need to contact you

Address (give full address including postcode)

Which certificate do you want to buy?

3 month 12 month

NHS prescriptions are free if you are aged 60 or over. If you're turning 60 within the next few months you may wish to buy 3 month certificates until then.

How do you want to receive your certificate?

By email

Email address if you want a digital certificate

By post

When do you want your PPC to start?

Date / /

You can choose the start date of your PPC; this can't be more than one month earlier, or one month later, than the date you pay for your PPC. If you do not specify a start date, your certificate will start from the date you paid for your PPC at the pharmacy.

Pharmacy use only

Date sold / /

Claiming refunds

NHS prescription charges

Ask for an NHS receipt (FP57) when you pay for your prescription, you can't get one later. The FP57 tells you how to claim. You have to apply for a refund within three months of paying the prescription charge.

PPC fees

You may be able to claim a full or partial refund if you become entitled to free prescriptions while your certificate is still valid. The amount of refund depends on the length of the PPC and when and how circumstances change.

A full refund may only be claimed if the PPC holder becomes exempt from prescriptions before the PPC starts or if during the first month the PPC holder dies, or goes into hospital and dies there before the PPC runs out.

For full refund details, including the time limit for claiming, call us on 0300 330 1341 or check leaflet HC11 'Help with health costs' available at www.nhsbsa.nhs.uk/healthcosts

Terms and conditions for buying your PPC in a pharmacy

'You' means the person named on the PPC.

- You can only use this form if you live in England.
- You can only use the PPC for your own NHS prescriptions.
- A PPC covers any item prescribed on an NHS prescription (excluding support tights).
- You can use the PPC as evidence of your entitlement to free NHS prescriptions.

How we use your information: The NHS Business Services Authority will use the information that you have provided to issue a prescription prepayment certificate to you and match the information against claims you make of being exempt from NHS charges. We will not transfer your personal data outside the European Economic Area. We manage the information you provide as required by Data Protection law. This includes the General Data Protection Regulations (GDPR). Your personal data will be deleted from our systems and files no later than seven years after the date of expiry of the certificate. Further details are available at www.nhsbsa.nhs.uk/yourinformation