

Prescription Item Report Glossary for Pharmacy Contractors

Column	Column Heading	Definition	Notes
A	OCS Code	The contractor code (beginning F) allocated by NHSBSA which is a unique identifier for a pharmacy contractor account.	
B	Dispensing Month	The month for which the claim for dispensed items has been submitted to NHSBSA. Prescriptions for reimbursement should be despatched to the NHSBSA not later than the fifth day of the month following that in which the supply was made.	
C	Fragment Id	When the month's prescriptions are received, they are divided into sections in order depending on the type of prescription or document received. The different sections are given a "Fragment Id" which helps NHSBSA identify how a particular prescription item has been processed. For example 'A'= scanned FP10 or paper document, 'N'= Key from paper fragment (paper document unable to be scanned), and Z= EPS R2 prescription.	
D	Form Number	The form number allocated to a prescription by NHSBSA. This number is for internal purposes and enables a prescription form or EPS message to be identified at any stage of processing. The corresponding number is also sprayed onto each FP10.	
E	Item Number	An item is a product (including combination products) on a prescription. The item number identifies the order of the item on the prescription form or within the EPS message.	

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F	Element Id	This will usually be 1. However, some prescription items have more than one element. This occurs when more than one pack size has been used to meet the order, or when an extemporaneous product such as a mixture is made in the pharmacy. Elements of the same item will appear below each other. For the total reimbursement price or quantity for these items, it is necessary to add all elements together. Elements will also have the indicator MP or LP, again indicating that they are elements of an item.	e.g. a cream is ordered with a quantity requiring packs of different sizes to meet the order. e.g. a Drug Tariff Special Order liquid is ordered with a quantity greater than the minimum volume pack listed in Part VIII B, requiring the excess to be paid at the additional price per ml. See also MP and LP definitions
G	Form Type	The prescription form type, as printed on the bottom of the form, or derived from an EPS message. e.g. FP10MDA, FP10SS, FP10NC	
H	Prescriber Code	The unique number assigned to a prescriber, or a group of prescribers (e.g. a GP, a nurse prescriber, a pharmacist prescriber, or a hospital unit). This is the number shown on pre-printed FP10 prescription forms or included in EPS messages.	
I	Group Type Declared	This denotes the group in which the contractor has submitted the prescription form. Group 1 are prescriptions which have been submitted as being exempt from NHS prescription charge. Group 2 are prescriptions for which the current NHS charge applies. Group 3 are prescriptions for which the NHS charge applies at the previous rate. Group 8 are items which were previously referred back for further information and subsequently resubmitted for payment.	

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J	Charge Status	This denotes the group, or charge status of the item, as processed. '1' indicates that the item was exempt from NHS prescription charge, '2' that the item was subject to the current NHS prescription charge, and '3' that it is subject to the previous NHS prescription charge.	
K	Charges Payable	This shows the number of NHS prescription charges payable by the patient. This will be '0' if the patient is entitled to exemption from payment, or if the item was not dispensed, or was referred back or disallowed.	See Drug Tariff part XVI
L	Product Description	A description of the product for which the contractor has been reimbursed, as defined by the Dictionary of Medicines and Devices (dm+d). Where this is an actual product, the description includes the name of the proprietary or generic item, along with the supplier/manufacturer name. Where the product is a prescribable generic, the description of the generic product without supplier or trade name information is given.	An entry of 'Exception Handler Discount Not Deducted Item' or 'Exception Handler Unspecified Item' indicates that the product prescribed cannot be specified as it is not held by the Dictionary of Medicines and Devices. An entry of 'None' is displayed where the product has not been dispensed, or was referred back or disallowed.

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M	Snomed Code	SNOMED CT is a universal identifying coding system which is used by the Dictionary of Medicines and Devices (dm+d). The SNOMED code is unique to a product.	Due to limitations opening long numeric strings in spreadsheet programmes the SNOMED Code is prefixed with 'SC-' so that the integrity of the numeric value is retained.
N	Quantity	The quantity of a drug or appliance that has been reimbursed. Where the product is packed in a special container, the quantity may be expressed as the number of special containers dispensed.	e.g. a 30g tube of cream which must be as a special container will have a pack size of 30 and a quantity of 1
O	Unit Of Measure	A description of the physical entity that can be handled i.e. tablet, ampoule, vial, ml. The unit of measure is given where this is appropriate to the product.	
P	Pack Price	The price of the pack size used to reimburse the quantity of the product prescribed or endorsed. The price is as listed in Parts VIII or IX of the Drug Tariff for the dispensing month for which the prescriptions were submitted. For a drug not listed in Part VIII, the price is normally determined by the list price published by the manufacturer, wholesaler or supplier. Value expressed in Pounds (£)	
Q	Pack Size	The pack size used to reimburse the dispensed quantity of the product prescribed or endorsed.	

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R	Basic Price	The basic price is the Net Ingredient Cost for the quantity supplied of those drugs, appliances and chemical reagents as listed in Parts VIII or IX of the Drug Tariff. For a drug not listed in Part VIII, the price is normally determined by the list price published by the manufacturer, wholesaler or supplier of the pack size used for a prescription of that quantity. Value expressed in Pounds (£)	See Drug Tariff Part II Clause 8. Please note that there are exceptions to using the price listed in the Drug Tariff i.e. where the Department of Health has agreed that for a particular month, for particular items, the agreed reimbursement will differ from that stated in Part VIII of the Drug Tariff. See Drug Tariff news articles at http://www.nhsbsa.nhs.uk/PrescriptionServices/250.aspx
S	Payment For Consumables	This is paid for every prescription (except an oxygen prescription) supplied by contractors and corresponds to the number of professional fees paid. Value expressed in Pounds (£).	See Drug Tariff Part IV
T	Payment For Containers	This is paid for every prescription (except special containers) supplied where the quantity ordered is outside the pack size (or a multiple of the pack size) listed in Part VIIIA of the Drug Tariff, published by the manufacturer, or, if pack size is unknown by the NHSBSA, endorsed by the contractor . Value expressed in Pounds (£)	See Drug Tariff Part IV

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U	NB	Denotes Broken Bulk has been claimed by the dispensing contractor. When the quantity ordered on a prescription form is other than the minimum quantity obtainable, and the contractor cannot readily dispose of any remainder purchased to cover the order, payment will be made for the whole quantity purchased. Prescription forms must be endorsed 'BB' with the pack size supplied.	BB endorsement required. See Drug Tariff Part II Clause 11 and Alphabetical Guide to Prescription Endorsement http://www.nhsbsa.nhs.uk/1119.aspx
V	CC	No charge is payable for contraceptive substances and listed contraceptive appliances for women. For other drugs, if the prescription is for contraceptive purposes, the prescriber should mark the item with the symbol ♀, or otherwise make it clear that the item is for contraceptive purposes. A prescription charge should not be levied for these items.	See Drug Tariff Part XVI 10. Contraceptive Services
W	DA	The item has been disallowed as it is not valid to prescribe. No reimbursement has been given.	
X	DA Value	The code denoting the reason for which the item has been disallowed.	See Appendix B

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Y	EX	Denotes that due to exceptional circumstances, out-of-pocket expenses have been incurred in obtaining a drug, appliance, reagent or oxygen. The contractor must endorse 'XP' or 'OOP'	XP or OOP endorsement required. See Drug Tariff Part II Clause 12 and Alphabetical Guide to Prescription Endorsement http://www.nhsbsa.nhs.uk/1119.aspx
Z	EX Value	The full amount of out-of-pocket expenses incurred (if this is over 50p). Value expressed in Pounds (£)	
AA	GN	Information purposes only. The item was prescribed generically and endorsed with a branded product, on which reimbursement was based. This indicates that it was necessary to reimburse the endorsed branded product rather than the prescribed generic, but acknowledges that the prescriber did prescribe the product generically.	e.g. Diltiazem 180mg mr capsules ordered and endorsed Dilzem XL 180 capsules. Dilzem XL will be reimbursed, with prescribing reports acknowledging that the generic product was ordered.
AB	IP	IP indicates that an invoice price has been endorsed and paid. It is required for less common products and for specials and imported unlicensed medicines not listed in Part VIIIB of the Drug Tariff.	See Alphabetical Guide to Prescription Endorsement http://www.nhsbsa.nhs.uk/1119.aspx

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AC	IP Value	This is the value of the Invoice Price endorsed. The price endorsed should be the price for the pack supplied, with pack size clearly stated. The price reimbursed is calculated from the price per pack and the quantity dispensed. It is assumed that any price endorsed refers to the pack, unless it is clear that the price refers to the quantity dispensed. Value expressed in Pounds (£)	
AD	LP	Denotes an item for which more than one pack size has been used to meet an order (i.e. a Multiple Pack item). This is the last element in a multiple pack item, and follows on from the last MP value. (See also definition for MP)	See also MP
AE	LP Value	This number is added against the last element in a multiple pack item i.e. it shows the total number of packs used to meet the order.	
AF	MC	Products which have been extemporaneously dispensed contain more than one element, or ingredient. MC denotes that this is the final element of an extemporaneously dispensed item.	See also MI
AG	MC Value	This number is added against the last element of an extemporaneously dispensed item i.e. it shows the total number of ingredients it contains.	See also MI
AH	MF	Indicates that an additional fee has been claimed in respect of a product requiring measurement and indicated “measured and fitted” using the endorsement MF.	If allowed, the fee in pounds (£) is shown in column BE, BF or BG depending upon the type of appliance product.

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AI	MI	Products which have been extemporaneously dispensed contain more than one element, or ingredient. MI denotes that this is one of the elements (the first or subsequent) of an extemporaneously dispensed item.	See also MC
AJ	MI Value	This number is added against the first or subsequent element in an extemporaneously dispensed item.	See also MC
AK	MP	Denotes an item for which more than one pack size has been used to meet an order (i.e. a Multiple Pack item). There will always be a Last Pack (LP) element to the prescription item (See also definition for LP)	See also LP
AL	MP Value	This shows whether the element is the first or a subsequent element of the multiple pack used to meet an order.	
AM	NC	Items which are counted as prescriptions i.e. attract a professional fee, and are submitted within the chargeable group, but are “no charge” items for which the patient does not pay an NHS prescription charge. For example different strengths of the same drug ordered as separate prescriptions items at the same time.	e.g. phenindione 50mg tabs and phenindione 10mg tabs ordered together. The contractor receives two fees, but the patient pays one prescription charge, the second strength being free of prescription charge. See Drug Tariff part XVI
AN	NC Value	This is an indication of a No Charge item which relates to a prescription submitted within the chargeable group. Where it applies, this will always show a value of 1.	.

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AO	ND	Where an item has not been dispensed, and the dispenser has indicated this by scoring through the prescribed product and endorsed ND immediately adjacent to the product name.	Dispenser requested to score through product and endorse ND
AP	RB	The item has been referred back to the dispenser for further information before it can be processed and correctly reimbursed.	
AQ	RB Value	Code denoting the reason for which the item was referred back to the dispenser.	See Appendix A.
AR	SF	Buprenorphine, Diazepam, Buprenorphine with Naloxone and Schedule 2 Controlled Drugs used for the treatment of addiction, can be prescribed on an FP10MDA form. When dispensed in instalments, a standard fee is paid for each interaction with the patient.	See Alphabetical Guide to Prescription Endorsement http://www.nhsbsa.nhs.uk/1119.aspx
AS	SF Value	The number of additional standard fees that apply to the prescription item. This value, applied by NHSBSA, will be one less than the number of instalments/interactions with the patient, as all prescription items automatically receive a standard fee.	e.g. a prescription for oral liquid methadone 140ml is dispensed in 10ml instalments on 14 separate occasions. The 'SF' value will be 13.
AT	ZD	This denotes drugs for which discount is not deducted i.e. the prescription price reimbursement will have no discount deduction applied. Contractors need not endorse the prescription. Products are detailed in Part II of the Drug Tariff.	See Drug Tariff Part II
AU	LB	Specially manufactured or imported preparations which are endorsed as such ('SP') attract an additional fee. This is denoted as LB by NHSBSA for internal purposes, ensuring that the correct fee is paid. If the order is made up of more than one	Requires SP endorsement

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		pack, the LB endorsement and SP value fee will be added to the last element of the item.	
AV	LC	Extemporaneously dispensed preparations which are endorsed as such ('ED' or 'Extemp Disp') attract an additional fee. These items are denoted by LC by NHSBSA for internal purposes, ensuring that the correct fee is paid. If the order is made up of more than one pack, the LC endorsement and ED value fee will be added to the last element of the item.	Requires ED endorsement
AW	LE	This is obsolete and not currently used.	
AX	LF	This is obsolete and not currently used.	
AY	SDR Professional Fee Value	This is a Standard Discount Rate prescription item. All prescription items attract a Activity Payment: the value is expressed in Pounds (£) Previously known as Professional Fee at a value of 0.90p (prior to December 2016 dispensing) on the Schedule of Payments	See Drug Tariff Part IIIA/1
AZ	SDR Professional Fee Number	The number of professional fees paid for the Standard Discount Rate prescription item.	See Drug Tariff Part IIIA/1

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BA	ZDR Professional Fee Value	This item is a Discount Not Deducted prescription item. All prescription items attract a Professional fee: the value is expressed in Pounds (£) Known as Activity Payment (from December 2016 dispensing) on the Schedule of Payments	See Drug Tariff Part IIIA/1
BB	ZDR Professional Fee Number	The number of professional fees paid for the Discount Not Deducted prescription item.	See Drug Tariff Part IIIA/1
BC	SP Unlicensed Meds Fee Value	The value of the fee for preparations manufactured under a Medicines and Healthcare Products Regulatory Agency (MHRA) specials licenced or sourced under an MHRA importers licence. Value expressed in Pounds (£). An LB endorsement is added for internal processing purposes.	SP must be endorsed. See Drug Tariff Part IIIA/2/A/a
BD	ED Unlicensed Meds Fee Value	The value of the fee for preparations prepared under the Section 10 exemption from the Medicines Act 1968. Value expressed in Pounds (£). An LC endorsement is added for internal processing purposes.	ED must be endorsed. See Drug Tariff Part IIIA/2/A/b
BE	MF Hosiery Fee Value	A fee for Elastic Hosiery (Compression Hosiery) requiring measurement and endorsed “measured and fitted” using the endorsement MF. Value expressed in Pounds (£)	MF must be endorsed. See Drug Tariff Part IIIA/2/B/a
BF	MF Truss Fee Value	A fee for Trusses requiring measurement and endorsed “measured and fitted” using the endorsement MF. Value expressed in Pounds (£)	MF must be endorsed. See Drug Tariff Part IIIA/2/B/b

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BG	MF Belt & Girdle Fee Value	A fee for Para stomal garments (belts and girdles) where size is not indicated in the Drug Tariff requiring measurement and endorsed "measured and fitted" using the endorsement MF. Value expressed in Pounds (£)	MF must be endorsed. See Drug Tariff Part IIIA/2/B/c
BH	Methadone Fee Value	All prescriptions for oral liquid methadone attract a payment. No endorsement is required by the contractor. Value expressed in Pounds (£)	See Drug Tariff part IIIA/2/C
BI	Methadone Pckgd Dose Fee Value	A fee is paid where the quantity dispensed to the patient for a prescription for oral liquid methadone cover more than one dose and the contractor has packaged each dose separately. Value expressed in Pounds (£)	PDn endorsement required: n = number of doses packaged separately minus the number of times the contractor has dispensed the medicine to the patient. See Drug Tariff part IIIA/2/D
BJ	Home Del SR Appl Add Fee Value	Standard rate appliance additional fee for home delivery of part IXA qualifying items (excluding catheter kits and intermittent self-catheters), Part IXB and Part IXC. Value expressed in Pounds (£)	See Drug Tariff Part IIIA/2/B/d
BK	Home Del HR Appl Add Fee Value	Higher rate appliance additional fee for home delivery of catheter kits and intermittent self-catheters. Value expressed in Pounds (£)	See Drug Tariff Part IIIA/2/B/e
BL	CD Schedule 2 Fee Value	The fee applied when the prescription is for a Controlled Drug in Schedule 2 of the Misuse of Drugs Regulations 2001. Value expressed in Pounds (£)	See Drug Tariff Part IIIA/2/E

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BM	CD Schedule 3 Fee Value	The fee applied when the prescription is for a Controlled Drug in Schedule 3 of the Misuse of Drugs Regulations 2001. Value expressed in Pounds (£)	See Drug Tariff Part IIIA/2/E
BN	Expensive Item Fee Value	A fee equivalent to 2% of the net ingredient cost will be payable on all prescription items over £100.00. Value expressed in Pounds (£)	See Drug Tariff Part IIIA/2/F
BO	Stoma Customisation Fee Value	A fee payable for every Part IXC prescription item that can be customised. The fee does not have to be claimed and will be paid automatically to those pharmacy and appliance contractors who have informed the NHSBSA of their intention to provide stoma appliance customisation services as an advanced service by the end of the month before they start providing the service. Value expressed in Pounds (£)	See Drug Tariff Part VIC Stoma Customisation
BP	Dispensing UUID	This is a unique identifying code for an item which has been dispensed and claimed through the Electronic Prescription Service (EPS). It does not hold any product information: its purpose is to uniquely identify the dispensed item in an EPS message.	
BQ	NHS Patient Number	The patient NHS number captured by NHSBSA from the scanned prescription image or the EPS prescription.	For data security reasons only the final 7 digits of the captured NHS patient number are displayed. Note – if the NHS number has been obscured by pharmacy

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			stamps or other marks then it will not be possible to display this data field.
BR	SSP VAT Value	VAT is payable for any drugs, appliances or chemical reagents, which are supplied in line with Serious Shortage Protocol (SSP). Value expressed in Pounds (£)	See Drug Tariff Part II
BS	SSP Fee Value	A fee is payable for any drugs, appliances or chemical reagents, which are supplied in line with Serious Shortage Protocol (SSP). Value expressed in Pounds (£)	See Drug Tariff Part II

Appendix A

Referred Back Forms/Items

The table gives the reason for which the item was referred back.

Referred Back Indicator	Referred Back Reason
RB1A	For orders that are not listed in Part VIIIA of the Drug Tariff all of the following endorsements are required: Supplier/Manufacturer, pack size and basic price (excluding VAT). If a formula has been dispensed and any of the ingredients are not listed in Part VIIIA, please supply the above information.
RB1B	For orders that are not listed in Part VIIIA of the Drug Tariff a Supplier/Manufacturer is required. If a formula has been dispensed and any of the ingredients are not listed in Part VIIIA, please supply the above information.
RB1C	For orders that are not listed in Part VIIIA of the Drug Tariff a pack size and basic price (excluding VAT) are required. If a formula has been dispensed and any of the ingredients are not listed in Part VIIIA, please supply the above information.
RB1D	For unlicensed medicines (specials) where the presentation is a liquid, please clarify the type of liquid, e.g. suspension or solution.
RB1E	More than one Manufacturer is available for this product. Please indicate which Manufacturer has been supplied.
RB2A	The order/endorsement is incomplete. The following details must be present: presentation, strength and quantity.
RB2B	The order/endorsement is incomplete. The presentation must be present.
RB2C	The order/endorsement is incomplete. The strength must be present.
RB2D	The order/endorsement is incomplete. The quantity must be present.
RB2E	The order is incomplete. The product name must be present for the item to be processed.

RB3A	The Appliance order/endorsement is incomplete. One or more of the following are required: size (length/width), quantity, type and/or Manufacturer's catalogue number.
RB3B	The Appliance order/endorsement is incomplete. The size (length/width) must be present.
RB3C	The Appliance order/endorsement is incomplete. The quantity must be present.
RB3D	The Appliance order/endorsement is incomplete. The type of Appliance must be present.
RB3E	The Appliance order/endorsement is incomplete. The Manufacturer's catalogue number must be present.
RB4	This form is incompatible with the account type in which it has been submitted. Please resubmit in an appropriate account type.
RB5	The order/endorsement is incomplete. The following details must be present: size of vial, ampoule or cartridge.
RB6	For Controlled Drug orders to be processed the Prescriber must include the strength, quantity and presentation required in the order.
RB7	We are unable to determine exactly what was prescribed, or supplied. Please supply additional information that will assist us to process the annotated item(s).

Appendix B

Disallowed Forms/Items

The table gives the reason for which the item was referred back.

Disallowed Indicator	Disallowed Reason
DA1	As certain drugs and other substances as listed in the Drug Tariff Part XVIIIA (i.e. The limited list) cannot be allowed in these circumstances
DA2	As it is not an appliance or chemical reagent listed in the Drug Tariff (ref. Drug Tariff, Part 1, clause 2 or 3)
DA3	As it is not a drug, appliance or chemical reagent listed in the Drug Tariff Part XVIIIB(i) from which a Nurse Prescriber may order on prescription form FP10P
DA4	As it is not a drug listed in the Drug Tariff Part XVIIIA from which a Dental Practitioner may order on prescription.
DA6	As it is not a drug or preparation which may be prescribed on form FP10MDA (ref. NHS (General Medical Services Contracts) Regulations 2004 Paragraph 39 (4))
DA9	As the item is not included under Paragraph 23.4 of the NHS GMS SFE.
DA13	As it is not an item that may be supplied by an Appliance Contractor
DA19	As this is not an authorised or valid form.
DA20	As it is a nominated EPS token submitted for processing and reimbursement