

SCOTTISH DRUG TARIFF

PART 1 ANNEX B: PRESCRIPTION CHARGES

From 1st April 2011 the prescription charge in Scotland has been abolished. Any Scottish prescription form presented for dispensing in Scotland will be dispensed free of charge. The patient/patients representative is required to sign the reverse of the script at Part B as confirmation that the item(s) have been dispensed.

Any Welsh or Northern Irish script presented for dispensing in Scotland will be dispensed free of charge under reciprocal agreement.

Any English prescription form presented for dispensing in Scotland will be charged the English rate of £8.40 unless the prescription form is accompanied by an Entitlement Card, confirming the patient is eligible to receive the items free of charge, or the patient qualifies for exemption/remission of charges as listed in Regulation 4 of the NHS (Free Prescriptions and Charges for Drugs and Appliances)(Scotland) Regulations 2011.

1 Exemption and Remission from Prescription Charges on an English prescription form

Provided that the appropriate declaration is made upon the reverse of the English prescription form, the people listed below do not have to pay the prescription charge:

- Children under 16 years of age
- Students aged 16, 17 or 18 in full time education;
- Men & women aged 60 and over;
- A woman to whom a Board has issued an exemption certificate on the ground that she is an expectant mother or has within the last twelve months given birth to a live child or a child registrable as still-born under the Regulations of Birth, Deaths & Marriages (Scotland) Act 1965:
- People who hold a valid exemption certificate because they receive a War or MOD Disablement Pension. (These patients only receive free prescriptions in respect of medication arising from their disablement.)
- People suffering from the following medical conditions who hold a valid exemption certificate:
 - Forms of hypoadrenalism (including Addison's disease) for which specific substitution therapy is essential.
 - Diabetes insipidus and other forms of hypopituitarism
 - Diabetes mellitus except where treatment is by diet alone
 - Hypoparathyroidism
 - Myxedema (Hypothyroidism) or other conditions where Thyroid supplement is necessary.
 - Myasthenia gravis
 - Epilepsy requiring continuous anti-convulsive therapy

- Tuberculosis, for specified products only
- A continuing physical disability, which prevents the patient leaving his/her residence except with the help of another person.
- A permanent fistula requiring continuous surgical dressing or an appliance;
- Non-exempt patients who hold a valid prescription pre-payment certificate*
- Non-exempt patients who are prescribed contraceptives (only their contraceptive prescriptions are exempt.)

Exemption and Remission from Prescription Charges on an English prescription form

Provided that the appropriate declaration is made upon the reverse of the English prescription form, the following patients are entitled to free NHS prescriptions because the charge is remitted in full:

- Patients who receive:
 - Income Support, or whose partner receives Income Support
 - Is the partner who gets 'Pension Credit Guarantee Credit' (PCGC)
 - Income-based Job Seeker's Allowance
 - Is entitled to, or named on a valid NHS Tax Credit Exemption Certificate
 - Is named on a current HC2 charges certificate.

Collecting the Charge/Claims for Exemption & Remission of Charges on an English prescription form

(Pharmacy Contractors, Appliance suppliers & Dispensing Doctors)

A charge is payable for each drug or appliance supplied against an English prescription form, including each piece of elastic hosiery. Patients or their representatives are required to sign the prescription form to declare that the charge has been paid. The charges are collected and retained by the Contractor, whose remuneration is adjusted accordingly.

When presenting an English prescription form to a pharmacy contractor or appliance supplier, a patient who wishes to claim exemption, or his/her representative must complete the declaration on the reverse of the prescription form. The contractor is required to request evidence of exempt status under the National Health Service (Pharmaceutical Services) (Scotland) Regulations 1995.

Remote Delivery

(Dispensing Doctors)

When an item is dispensed by a dispensing doctor and is delivered to a patient outside the surgery, every reasonable effort should be made to obtain a signed declaration from the patient that they have received the items. If it is not practicable for the patient to sign the form, a dispensing doctor should mark the reverse of the form as 'Remote Delivery' and sign the form.

PRESCRIPTION PREPAYMENT CERTIFICATES

Prescription Prepayment Certificates are no longer sold in Scotland following the abolition of prescription charges. However PPCs sold in England will be valid to use in Scotland.

2. ARRANGEMENTS RELATING TO CONTRACEPTIVE SERVICES ON AN ENGLISH PRESCRIPTION FORM

2.1 The great majority of family planning prescriptions will be for: -

2.1.1 contraceptive devices listed in the Drug Tariff;

2.1.2 spermicidal gels, creams, films, pessaries and aerosols; or

2.1.3 those systemic drugs, promoted as contraceptives, which are listed below;

2.2 prescriptions for other drugs:-

2.2.1 if the prescription is to be used for contraceptive purposes, the prescriber may mark the item with the symbol "♀" and a prescription charge should not be levied against an English prescription form for any items so marked. In the absence of such an endorsement by the prescriber on an English prescription form, the normal prescription charge will apply to that item;

2.2.2 where a dispensing doctor supplies, for contraceptive purposes, a drug which is not on the list the prescriber should mark the item with the symbol "♀" on an English prescription form before it is submitted for pricing

LIST OF CONTRACEPTIVE DRUGS TO BE DISPENSED FREE OF CHARGE ON AN ENGLISH PRESCRIPTION FORM

a. Progestogen only

Depo-Provera 150mg/ml
(Medroxyprogesterone Acetate Injection (Aqueous Suspension) 150mg/1ml)

Aizea	Levonorgestrel Tablets 1.5mg
Cerelle	Micronor
Cerazette	Microva
Desorex	Mirena System
Desogestrel Tablets 75micrograms	Nacrez
Ellaone	Neogest
Etonogestrel 68mg implant	Nexplanon
Feanolla	Norgeston
Femulen	Noriday
Isteranda	Noristerat Injection
Levonelle One-step	Sayana Press Injection

b. 50 Micrograms of Oestrogen

Norinyl-1

c. Under 50 Micrograms of Oestrogen

Aidulan 20	Ethinylestradiol 20microgram/Noret histerone acetate 1mg	Microgynon 30
Aidulan 30	Ethinylestradiol 30microgram/Noret histerone acetate 1.5mg	Microgynon 30 ED
Alenini	Ethinylestradiol 35mcg/Nothisteron e 500mcg	Millnette 20
Alenvona	Ethinylestradiol 35mcg/Norgestimat e 250mcg	Millnette 30
Binovum	Femodene	Munalea 20
Brevinor	Femodene ED	Munalea 30
Cilest	Gedarel 20	Norimin
Cimizt	Gedarel 30	Ovranette
Cleosensa	Katya	Ovysmen
Daylette	Levest	Rigevidon
Dretine	Lizinna 35microgram / 250microgram	Sunya
Elevin	Loestrin 20	Synphase
Eribelle	Loestrin 30	Triadene
Ethinylestradiol 20microgram	/ Logynon	Trinovum
Desogestrel 150 microgram		
Ethinylestradiol 30microgram	/ Logynon ED	TriRegol
Desogestrel 150 microgram		
Ethinylestradiol 20microgram	/ Lucette	Yasmin
Drospirenone 3mg		
Ethinylestradiol 30microgram	/ Maexeni	

Drospirenone 3mg
Ethinylestradiol 20microgram / Marvelon
Gestodene 75microgram
Ethinylestradiol 30microgram / Mercilon
Gestodene 75microgram

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d. External application

Evra patches

e. Others

Jaydess 13.5mg intrauterine device
Levonorgestrel 13.5mg intrauterine device
Levonorgestrel 20micrograms/24hours intrauterine device
Levosert 20micrograms/24hours intrauterine device

Nuvaring

Qlaira

3 NUMBER OF CHARGES PAYABLE ON AN ENGLISH PRESCRIPTION FORM - GUIDANCE

3.1 Single Prescription Charge Payable

On chargeable English prescriptions a single prescription charge of £8.40 is payable where:

- 3.1.1 The same drug or preparation is supplied in more than one container;
- 3.1.2 Different strengths of the same drug are ordered as separate prescriptions at the same time;
- 3.1.3 More than one appliance of the same type (other than elastic hosiery (see 3.3 below) is supplied;
- 3.1.4 A set of parts making up a complete appliance is supplied;
- 3.1.5 Drugs are supplied in powder form with the solvent separate for subsequent admixing;
- 3.1.6 A drug is supplied with a dropper, throat brush or vaginal applicator;
- 3.1.7 Several flavours of the same preparation are supplied;

3.2 Multiple Prescription Charge Payable

On chargeable English prescriptions more than one prescription is payable where:-

- 3.2.1 Different drugs, types of dressings or appliances are supplied;
- 3.2.2 Different formulations or presentations of the same drug or preparation are supplied;
- 3.2.3 Additional parts are supplied together with a complete set of apparatus or additional dressing(s) together with a dressing pack;
- 3.2.4 More than one piece of elastic hosiery (see 3.3 below) is supplied.

3.3 Items Of Elastic Hosiery

A single prescription charge of £8.40 is payable for each item that is supplied against an English prescription form. Where a pair of, for example, stockings is supplied, 2 charges are payable, i.e. £16.80.

Examples of the application of these general rules are included in paragraph 4.

4. EXAMPLE OF PRESCRIPTION CHARGES ON AN ENGLISH PRESCRIPTION FORM

INJECTIONS

1.	Sets containing graded strengths of the same drug Allpyral G - sets of 3 graduated strength vials		1
2.	Dispensed in powder form with solvent		
	Diamorphine Inj	10g x 5)	1
	Water for Injection	2ml x 5)	
	Amps Digoxin	0.5mg x 6)	1
	Amps Normal Saline	5ml x 6)	
3.	Influenza Vaccine (2 different strains) in separate ampoules		1

LIQUIDS

Extemporaneously dispensed and required by the prescriber to be supplied in more than one container.

Ephedrine Nasal Drops	10ml x 2	1
Sulphur Lotion	150ml x 3	1
Pholcodine Linctus	100ml x 2	1
Phenol Gargle	200ml x 2	1
Sterile Liquid Paraffin	25ml x 4	1
Sulphacetamide Eye Drops	10ml x 2	1

TABLETS, CAPSULES etc.

(a)	Different strengths of the same drug ordered as separate prescriptions at the same time		
	Tabs, Warfarin 5mg one at night,	30)	1
	Tabs, Warfarin 1mg three at night	90)	
	Tabs, Prednisolone 5mg one in the morning,	28)	1
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(b)	Different formulations of the same drug ordered as separate prescriptions		
	Caps, Chlordiazepoxide	)	2
	Tabs, Chlordiazepoxide Hydrochloride)	
	Tabs, Prednisolone 1mg)	
	Tabs, Prednesol 5mg (i.e. Prednisolone Sodium Phosphate)	)	2
	Tabs, Prednisolone 1mg)	
	Tabs, Prednisolone 2.5mg enteric coated	)	2
	Tabs, Diclofenac 25mg)	
	Tabs, Diclofenac MR 100mg	)	2

COMBINATION PACKS		
Cyclo-Progynova		2
Naprtec Combination Pack		2
Hytrin Starter Pack		1
Climagest		2
Migrave Duo Pack		2
FemSeven Sequi Pack		2
Tridestra		2
Trisequens		2
MULTIPLES OF SAME DRESSING OF SAME OR DIFFERENT SIZES		
Crepe Bandages 2 x 5cm		1
Open-Wove Bandages 1x2.5cm, 1x5cm, 1x7.5cm		1
SET OF APPLIANCES OR DRESSINGS		
Atomizer		1
Douche		1
Hypodermic Syringe		1
Multiple Pack Dressing No 1		1
Portable Urinal		1
Suprapubic Belt		1
Higginson's Enema Syringe		1
SET OF APPLIANCES OR DRESSINGS ORDERED WITH EXTRA PARTS		
Hypodermic Syringe	)	2
Hypodermic Needles)	
Portable Urinal	)	1
Spare Sheaths	)	1
DIFFERENT APPLIANCES		
Absorbent Cotton 25g)	
Gauze 90cm x 1m	)	3
Lint 25g)	

DRUGS PACKED WITH NON DRUG TARIFF APPLIANCES*
(INCLUDING METERED AEROSOLS WITH REFILLS)

Betadine Vaginal Preparations		
Pessaries (with applicator)		1
VC Kit		1
Syntaris Nasal Spray		1

*These appliances are being allowed because they are packed with drug/preparation)

ELASTIC HOSIERY

1 pr Knee-caps - Class I		2
1 pr Thigh Stockings - Class II		2
1 pr Spare Suspenders		1
1 Suspender Belt		1

MISCELLANEOUS

(a)	Preparations supplied as separate parts for admixing as required for use Chlorhexidine 0.2% Aqueous Solution 400ml)		1
	Sodium Fluoride 2% Aqueous Solution 400ml)		
(b)	Preparation having various flavours		
	Fresubin Original Liq x 3		1
	Fresubin Original Liq x 8		1
	At present 6 flavours available)		
	Juvela low protein cookies chocolate chip	)	1
	Juvela low protein cookies cinnamon)	
(c)	Different but related preparations		
	Imigran Subject syringe Inj 12mg/ml	)	1
	Imigran Subject refill syringe Inj 12mg/ml)	
	Tabs, Migralve, yellow		1
	Tabs, Migralve, pink		1
	Tabs, Migralve, yellow and pink		2
	Migralve Duo Pack with additional tablets (yellow and/or pink)		2
	Triptafen - M	)	1
	Triptafen)	

(d)	Eye, Ear and Nasal Drops (Supply in dropper bottles or with a separate dropper where appropriate)	1
(e)	A drug in powder form together with a solvent in the same pack (Treatment Pack) (2 vials of powder and 2 vials of solvent) Actinac	1
(f)	Oxygen Oxygen Therapy Set with cylinder(s) Oxygen Cylinders (See Drug Tariff Part 10, Oxygen Therapy Service)	1 1
(g)	Vaginal Creams and Applicators*	
	Ortho Creme)
	Vaginal Applicator - Type 1)

(*No attempt should be made to determine whether or not the applicator is required for use with a contraceptive)

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