

Dispensing Factsheet: using the Drug Tariff

The Drug Tariff provides information on what pharmacies will be paid for NHS Services including both reimbursement (i.e. the cost of drugs and appliances) and remuneration (i.e. professional fees/allowances). Each section is described briefly below to help you identify where to find relevant information (please note sections unrelated to pharmacy contractors have been omitted).

Part	Name and Description of Part	Find out more
	<p>Preface Lists additions, deletions and any other alterations to the Drug Tariff for both the edition it is in and the next. Take note: Lists deletions to Parts IXA, IXB, IXC and IXR.</p>	tinyurl.com/optruq5
I	<p>Requirements for the Supply of Drugs, Appliances & Chemical Reagents Outlines general requirements for dispensing and claims for payment on the NHS.</p>	psnc.org.uk/monthly-payments
II	<p>Requirements Enabling Payments to be made Explains how payments made to pharmacy contractors are calculated. Includes guidance on endorsement requirements and quantity to be supplied.</p>	psnc.org.uk/endorsement-guidance
IIIA	<p>Professional Fees Sets out arrangements for the dispensing fee and additional fees contractors may claim.</p>	psnc.org.uk/fees
IV	<p>Consumables & Containers Pharmacies must supply medicines in suitable containers and are required to provide consumables for certain products. This Part sets out details of payments for these.</p>	psnc.org.uk/consumables
V	<p>Deduction Scale The deduction (discount) scale shows the percentage deducted from a pharmacy contractor's monthly payments according to the value of prescriptions dispensed.</p>	psnc.org.uk/discount
VIA	<p>Payment for Essential Services Provides information on payments for Essential Services, including the Establishment Payment, Practice Payment, Repeat Dispensing Payment and the Transitional Payment. Also includes information on ETP/IT Allowances.</p>	psnc.org.uk/pharmacy-funding & psnc.org.uk/it-and-eps-allowances
VIC	<p>Advanced Services (<i>note: Part VID is for Wales only</i>) Reproduces the Secretary of State Directions for Advanced Services for pharmacies.</p>	psnc.org.uk/advanced
VIE	<p>Enhanced Services Details arrangements for providing and determining payment for some local services.</p>	psnc.org.uk/services-database
VIIIA	<p>Basic Prices of Drugs Lists basic prices for generic drugs. This Part is divided into: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Category A includes popular generics, which are widely available. Price is based on a weighted average of list prices from wholesalers and generic manufacturers. Category C items based on a particular brand or manufacturer's price. Category M includes readily available drugs, where the Department of Health calculates the price based on information submitted by manufacturers. Additional claims: Broken Bulk (BB) may be claimed on Category C items, or Category A or M items if the smallest listed pack size is equal to or greater than £50 (if not special containers). Out of Pocket (OOP) expenses may only be claimed on Category C items.</p>	psnc.org.uk/medicines
VIIIB	<p>Arrangements for payment for Specials & Imported Unlicensed Medicines Lists basic prices for some unlicensed medicines. The pack size listed against a product will be used as the minimum amount for reimbursement. A prescription ordering any more than the minimum amount will be paid on the listed pack size plus the 1ml or 1g list price for every additional 1ml or 1g prescribed. Additional claims: 'SP' or 'ED' claims can be made instead of OOP expense claims. BB may only be claimed on ingredients used in extemporaneous dispensing.</p>	Dispensing Factsheet: Unlicensed Specials and Imports tinyurl.com/pokb84a
IXA	<p>Appliances These are permitted appliances and dressings set out in alphabetical order of category. Additional claims: BB and OOP expenses cannot be claimed.</p>	psnc.org.uk/appliances
IXB	<p>Incontinence Appliances Divided into sections for different item types (e.g. belts, sheaths, tubes). Each sub-section is an alphabetical list of manufacturers with products, codes, pack sizes and prices. There is a components and accessories index at the beginning and a list of manufacturers' contact details at the end of this section of the tariff. Additional claims: BB and OOP expenses may be claimed.</p>	psnc.org.uk/appliances

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IXC	Stoma Appliances Has a similar layout to the Incontinence Appliances section. Also includes an index and manufacturers' contact details. Additional claims: BB and OOP may be claimed.	psnc.org.uk/appliances
IXR	Chemical Reagents These are the only chemical reagents allowed on an NHS prescription. Only the pack sizes stated will be allowed. Additional claims: BB and OOP cannot be claimed.	psnc.org.uk/appliances
X	Home Oxygen Therapy Service Discusses the Home Oxygen Therapy Service, including details of suppliers.	See Part X of the Drug Tariff ppa.org.uk/ppa/edt_intro.htm
XII	Essential Small Pharmacies Local Pharmaceutical Services (ESPLPS) Provides information on the Essential Small Pharmacies Scheme. Although the scheme continues in Wales, it ceased in England on 31st March 2006 and was replaced by a standard LPS Contract.	psnc.org.uk/esplps
XIII	Payments in respect of Pre-Registration Trainees Outlines the grant payable to contractors training pharmacy graduates.	psnc.org.uk/prereg
XIVA	Reward Scheme – Fraudulent Prescription forms Details the reward paid when a pharmacy correctly identifies a fraudulent prescription.	nhsbsa.nhs.uk/protect
XIVB	Arrangements for Contractors Concerning Prescription Pricing Errors Explains how pharmacy contractors can request a pricing recheck for one or more of their prescription bundles.	psnc.org.uk/recheck
XIVC	Devolving the Global Sum – Temporary Safeguarding Payments Provides information on temporary safeguarding of payments made to protect pharmacy contractors from prescription volume changes beyond their control.	psnc.org.uk/temporary-safeguarding-payments/
XV	Borderline Substances Sets out the foods and toiletry preparations which may be regarded as drugs. List A is an alphabetical index of accepted products and List B is an alphabetical index of conditions and those products suitable for the conditions.	psnc.org.uk/medicines
XVI	Notes on Charges Covers prescription charges, exemptions and examples of the application of charges. Also includes instructions on the Prescription Charge Refund Procedure.	psnc.org.uk/charges
XVIIA	Dental Prescribing The Dental Prescribing Formulary is the list of substances permitted on Form FP10D. Although products are listed generically, a product may be ordered by brand name providing that the brand is not listed in Part XVIIIA of the Drug Tariff (the 'blacklist').	psnc.org.uk/prescribing
XVIIIB	(i) Nurse Prescribers' Formulary for Community Practitioners Community Practitioner Nurse Prescribers are only entitled to prescribe medicines from this list or appliances from Part IX of the Drug Tariff. (ii) Nurse, Pharmacist, Optometrists, Physiotherapists and Chiropodists Independent Prescribing Details on what each Independent Prescriber is able to prescribe.	psnc.org.uk/prescribing
XVIIIC	National out-of-hours formulary Sets out the minimum list of drugs that patients should be able to access; exact mechanisms for the provision of these drugs are decided locally.	Speak to your LPC psnc.org.uk/lpcs
XVIIIA	Drugs not to be ordered under a GMS Contract Commonly known as the 'blacklist'. Items listed are not permitted on NHS prescription.	psnc.org.uk/medicines
XVIIIB	Drugs that may be ordered only in certain circumstances The Selected List Scheme lists items that may only be prescribed under certain conditions. Prescriptions must be marked 'SLS' by the prescriber. Please note there are separate lists for English and Welsh prescribers to follow.	Dispensing and Supply Factsheet: Is This Item Allowed? tinyurl.com/o6y7ag6
XVIIIC	Criteria notified under the Transparency Directive Outlines criteria originally used in selecting products for inclusion in the Blacklist/ Selected List.	psnc.org.uk/medicines
XIX	Payments to Chemists Suspended by the NHS Commissioning Board Details payments to chemists suspended by NHS England or under the direction of the NHS First-Tier Tribunal.	See Part X Electronic Drug Tariff ppa.org.uk/ppa/edt_intro.htm
XX	Requisitions and Private Prescriptions for Controlled Drugs Outlines legal requirements for controlled drug requisitions and private prescriptions.	psnc.org.uk/cdforms