**Example of Claiming a Top-up Payment**

The following three examples have been calculated using the payment thresholds in this table:

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| Number of items per month | Practice Payments for 6 month period |
| Up to 1,099 | £300 |
| 1,100 – 1,599 | £2,673 |
| 1,600 – 2,499 | £3,742 |
| 2,500+ | 52.2p per item |

**Pharmacy 1: No top-up can be claimed**

|  |  |
| --- | --- |
| Month | Rx Vol |
| 1 | 2,000 |
| 2 | 2,000 |
| 3 | 2,000 |
| 4 | 2,000 |
| 5 | 2,000 |
| 6 | 2,000 |
| Avg. | **2,000** |

The pharmacy prescription volume is flat. The pharmacy dispensed 2000 prescriptions each month, and the calculated average across the 6 month period is 2000. The pharmacy fell into the same payment band each month and there is no entitlement to a top up payment.



**Pharmacy 2: Top up can be claimed**

|  |  |
| --- | --- |
| Month | Rx Vol |
| 1 | 2,100 |
| 2 | 1,550 |
| 3 | 2,250 |
| 4 | 2,350 |
| 5 | 2,250 |
| 6 | 1,500 |
| Avg. | **2,000** |

The pharmacy prescription volume fluctuates. In month 2 and month 6, the pharmacy dropped into a lower payment band, and the pharmacies total payment was (4 x £623.66) + (2 x £445.50) = £3,385.64

The calculated average prescription volume across the 6 month period is 2,000. If the pharmacy had been paid on the basis of their average prescription volume, they would have received (6 x £623.66) = £3,741.96. As such the pharmacy is entitled to claim a top up payment of (£3,741.96 - £3,385.64) = £356.32

**Pharmacy 3: No top up can be claimed**

|  |  |
| --- | --- |
| Month | Rx Vol |
| 1 | 2,560 |
| 2 | 1,550 |
| 3 | 2,250 |
| 4 | 2,700 |
| 5 | 2,250 |
| 6 | 1,500 |
| Avg. | **2,135** |

The pharmacy prescription volume fluctuates. In months 2 and 6 the pharmacy has dropped to a lower payment band, and in months 1 and 4 the pharmacy has climbed to a higher payment band. The pharmacies total payment was (2 x £623.67) + (2 x £445.50) + (2,560 x 0.522) + (2,700 x 0.522) = £4,884.05

The calculated average prescription volume across the 6 month period is 2,135. If the pharmacy had been paid on the basis of their average prescription volume, they would have received (6 x £623.67) = £3,742, which is lower than the amount they actually received. As such the pharmacy is not entitled to claim a top up payment.