



Regional Pharmacy Transition Allowance for 60-day prescriptions

The Regional Pharmacy Transition Allowance (RPTA) will provide additional Australian Government assistance to pharmacy owners in regional, rural, and remote Australia, as they transition business arrangements for 60-day prescriptions. When combined with the Regional Pharmacy Maintenance Allowance, the total support for some eligible pharmacies, on average, will largely offset reductions in dispensing revenue for 2023-24.

About the program

The Regional Pharmacy Transition Allowance will temporarily support pharmacies in Modified Monash Model 2-7 locations with funding phasing down across four years, as pharmacy owners transition business arrangements to account for 60-day prescriptions.

The allowance will commence on 1 September 2023, with first claims being paid in October 2023, and finish on 30 June 2027.

Approved Section 90 pharmacies in Modified Monash Model 2 locations with:

- historical script volumes from April 2022 to March 2023 providing approximate PBS dispensing remuneration of less than one million dollars
- opening hours of at least 20 hours per week, with a registered pharmacist on site for 48 weeks of the year, will receive the following allowances:
 - \$12,489.42 in 2023-24
 - \$13,180.21 in 2024-25, 2025-26, and 2026-27.

For pharmacies in Modified Monash Model 3 to 7 locations receiving the Regional Pharmacy Maintenance Allowance and who also have historical script volumes from April 2022 to March 2023 providing approximate PBS dispensing remuneration of less than one million dollars the allowance will offset, on average, the estimated average reduction in dispensing related remuneration (from both the government and patient co-payments) by:

- 100% in 2023-24
- 90% in 2024-25
- 75% in 2025-26
- 60% in 2026-27.

Pharmacies receiving the Regional Pharmacy Maintenance Allowance which are forecast, on average, to offset the estimated reduction in dispensing related remuneration (from both the government and

patient co-payments) following the doubling of that allowance, will not receive the Regional Pharmacy Transition Allowance.

Eligibility

Modified Monash Model 2 locations

Pharmacies in Modified Monash Model 2 locations may be eligible to receive the allowance in 2023-24 if they:

- had PBS and RPBS Script Volumes of less than 68,739 scripts between April 2022 and March 2023
 - For 2024-25 onwards, pharmacies in Modified Monash Model 2 locations must have had PBS and RPBS Script Volumes of less than 57,283 scripts between April 2022 and March 2023.
- have a registered pharmacist on-site and are open:
 - 20 hours per week,
 - 48 Weeks per year.

Modified Monash Model 3–7 locations

Pharmacies in Modified Monash Model 3-7 locations may be eligible to receive the allowance in 2023-24 if they:

- are receiving the Regional Pharmacy Maintenance Allowance and are on average not already receiving a total offset of expected 60-day dispensing revenue reductions
- had PBS and RPBS Script Volumes of less than 68,739 scripts between April 2022 and March 2023
 - For 2024-25 onwards, pharmacies in Modified Monash Model 3-6 Locations must have had PBS and RPBS Script volumes of less than 57,283 Scripts between April 2022 and March 2023
 - For 2024-25 onwards, pharmacies in MMM7 Locations must have had PBS and RPBS Script volumes of less than 68,739 Scripts between April 2022 and March 2023

The tables at [Attachment A](#) outline the April 2022 to March 2023 script volume bands and Modified Monash Model classifications that determine whether a pharmacy may be eligible for RPTA, and how much they will receive per financial year.

The funding amounts outlined in this document should be considered in conjunction with the [2023-24 Regional Pharmacy Maintenance Allowance Payment Matrix](#) (PDF, 35KB).

How to apply

The Regional Pharmacy Transition Allowance is a new program and will be delivered by the Pharmacy Programs Administrator (PPA).

Pharmacies in Modified Monash Model 2-7 locations will need to register for the allowance through the Pharmacy Programs Administrator Portal. When registering, pharmacies in Modified Monash

Model 3-7 locations will need to confirm they are currently receiving the Regional Pharmacy Maintenance Allowance when they register.

Registration for the Regional Pharmacy Transition Allowance program will be available in October 2023. Further information, including the program’s rules, will be made available on the PPA website in coming weeks.

How do payments work

The Regional Pharmacy Transition Allowance will commence on 1 September 2023, with registration being available via the PPA Portal in October 2023. The first payments will also be made to pharmacies in October 2023. Payments will be paid a month in arrears.

Pharmacies will not be entitled to claim for months where they weren’t registered for the program – for example, a pharmacy that registers in January 2024 will not be eligible to claim payments for September to December 2023.

Attachment A – Regional Pharmacy Transition Allowance Payments

“N/E” means not eligible. Pharmacies in these script volume bands and Modified Monash Model locations will not receive Regional Pharmacy Transition Allowance because the funding received from Regional Pharmacy Maintenance Allowance offsets, on average, the expected reduction in dispensing related remuneration due to 60-day dispensing; or, they are above the script volume threshold.

2023–2024

April 22 to March 23 Script Volumes	Modified Monash Model Classification					
	2	3	4	5	6	7
0 – 22,913	\$12,380	\$6,043	N/E			
22,914 – 45,825	\$12,380	\$28,636	\$8,603	N/E		
45,826 – 57,282	\$12,380	\$45,399	\$30,591	\$14,164	N/E	N/E
57,283 – 68,738	\$12,380	\$56,959	\$44,265	\$32,027	\$17,316	N/E

2024–2025

April 22 to March 23 Script Volumes	Modified Monash Model Classification					
	2	3	4	5	6	7
0 – 22,913	\$13,065	\$22,754	\$2,983	N/E		
22,914 – 45,825	\$13,065	\$72,552	\$56,128	\$36,274	\$12,816	N/E
45,826 – 57,282	\$13,065	\$113,175	\$99,531	\$82,437	\$62,620	\$56,214
57,283 – 68,738	N/E					\$62,933

2025–2026

April 22 to March 23 Script Volumes	Modified Monash Model Classification					
	2	3	4	5	6	7
0 – 22,913	\$13,065	\$25,766	\$10,105	N/E		
22,914 – 45,825	\$13,065	\$80,426	\$69,848	\$49,821	\$29,125	\$4,733
45,826 – 57,282	\$13,065	\$126,880	\$113,732	\$151,793	\$78,851	\$73,724
57,283 – 68,738	N/E					\$52,444

2026–2027

April 22 to March 23 Script Volumes	Modified Monash Model Classification					
	2	3	4	5	6	7
0 – 22,913	\$13,065	\$22,857	\$10,910	N/E		
22,914 – 45,825	\$13,065	\$70,634	\$63,134	\$46,012	\$28,986	\$8,731
45,826 – 57,282	\$13,065	\$111,455	\$100,843	\$90,083	\$71,920	\$68,325
57,283 – 68,738	N/E					\$41,955