

Application for a Prescription Pre-payment Certificate

How to buy a PPC

Do you have to pay prescription charges?

Do you need more than 5 prescription items in 4 months or 14 in 12 months?

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But:

IMPORTANT - check whether you can get free prescriptions before filling in this form.

Remember people 60 or over get free prescriptions.

To see if you can get free prescriptions, look in leaflet HC11, '**Are you entitled to Help with Health Costs**', available from main Post Offices, some pharmacists and GP surgeries.

You can also get a copy of leaflet HC11 by writing to DoH PO Box 777, LONDON SE1 6XH.

Or look at...

www.dh.gov.uk/mpi

PPC cost

Costs of PPCs usually increase every April. New costs apply to any application received on or after the 1st April, regardless of the certificate start date. The old costs apply to any application received before the 1st April, regardless of the certificate start date.

To check the cost of a PPC, you can either visit our website at www.ppa.org.uk or ring our order line 0845 850 0030 or alternatively look in leaflet HC12 (available from main Post Offices, some pharmacists or GP surgeries).

CHOOSE **ONE** OF THE FOLLOWING OPTIONS ONLY

Visit our website at:
www.ppa.org.uk

OR

Ring our order line:
0845 850 0030

Have your credit or debit card ready. If you have previously had an exemption certificate, please have your certificate number ready. You will need a pen to record your new certificate number.

OR

Fill in and send this application form with your credit/debit card details or with your cheque or postal order to:

**Prescription Pricing Authority
PPC Issue Office
PO Box 854
Newcastle upon Tyne
NE99 2DE**

Important: Do not send cash. You will normally hear from us within 21 days from the date we get this form. Please note: Health Authorities no longer issue PPCs.

Conditions of Issue

You can only use the PPC for your own NHS prescriptions.

You can claim a full refund of the cost of a 4 or 12 month PPC if, within the first month, you become entitled to free prescriptions.

You can claim a partial refund of the cost of a 12 month PPC if, within months 2-4 of the PPC, you become entitled to free prescriptions.

For full details on PPC refund arrangements, including the time limit for claiming a refund, check leaflet HC11.

Refund of Prescription Charges

Remember to apply for a new PPC in good time, otherwise you will have to pay charges when your old PPC runs out. If you claim you have a valid PPC when you do not, you may have to pay a penalty charge.

If you have to pay a prescription charge while you are waiting for your PPC, you cannot get a refund unless you get an NHS receipt form (an FP57) and your new certificate covers the date you paid the charge. When you apply, you can ask for your PPC to be backdated up to one month.

The pharmacist or dispensing doctor can only issue an FP57 at the time you pay a prescription charge; they cannot give you one later. The FP57 tells you how to get a refund.

This form only applies to people resident in England. This form will be processed more quickly if you fill it in using **BLACK INK** in **BLOCK CAPITALS** INSIDE THE BOXES.

TITLE Mr. Mrs. Miss. Ms. Other

SURNAME

FIRST NAME

DATE OF BIRTH (IMPORTANT - We need to know this so we can check you are not age exempt)

ARE YOU RENEWING YOUR CERTIFICATE? NO YES

Previous Certificate Number:

Expiry Date:

National Health Service Number:
(as shown on medical card)

WHERE SHOULD WE SEND YOUR CERTIFICATE?

(Please give full address including postcode):

House No

Street

Town

Postcode

Telephone number in case we need to contact you:



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I wish to buy: (Please place a cross in one box)

a 4 MONTH certificate

or

a 12 MONTH certificate

starting from (date)

The PPC will start from the date we get this form unless you put a different start date above. This cannot be more than one month earlier, or one month later, than the date we get this form.

Payment (Please tick one box). Do not send cash.

I would like to pay by:

Mastercard Visa Solo/Switch Delta
 Cheque Postal Order (Details below)

Name on card:

Card No:

Switch issue No

Start Date Expiry Date

Make Cheques/Postal Orders payable to the "Prescription Pricing Authority" and crossed "Payee Only". Please write your postcode on the back of your Cheque/Postal Order.

Make sure your Cheque/Postal Order is for the correct amount. You can ring 0845 850 0030 or visit our website at www.ppa.org.uk to find out the cost of a certificate.

I have read the conditions of issue overleaf and I am aware of the circumstances and time limits, in which a refund may be made. The amount payable is set out in legislation and applies at the time this application is received.

Signed Date

Data Protection Act 1998: The Prescription Pricing Authority will use the information that you have provided on this application form for the processing of your application. We will not disclose your Personal Data to any third party or transfer it outside of the European Economic Area. We may contact you to discuss your application. Your Personal Data will be deleted from our systems and files no later than 7 years from when the certificate was purchased.

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