

## Electronic Prescription Scanning Incentive (ePSI)



### Overview

Funding is provided under the Fifth Community Pharmacy Agreement (SCPA) for the Electronic Prescription Scanning Incentive (ePSI). The objective of the ePSI is to encourage pharmacies to scan the barcodes on all available electronic prescriptions.

Electronic Transfer of Prescriptions (ETP) is the transfer of prescription information between prescribers and dispensers using electronic means. It is an important foundation for community pharmacy in the movement towards a connected healthcare system.

### Becoming 'ETP Active'

To enable ETP a pharmacy is required to register with a Prescription Exchange Service (PES). There are currently two providers operating in Australia – eRx Script Exchange and MediSecure.

To register with a PES, a pharmacy is required to have a compatible pharmacy dispensing system. The pharmacy dispensing system may dictate which PES a pharmacy registers with, as not all systems are integrated with a PES.

### PES Compatibility Requirements

	eRx Script Exchange**	MediSecure**
<b>Requirements</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ Windows XP SP2 or above</li> <li>✓ Broadband Internet connection</li> <li>✓ Recent version of PDS</li> <li>✓ Scanners on dispensing computers</li> <li>✓ PBS Online</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ Windows XP or above</li> <li>✓ Broadband Internet connection</li> <li>✓ Recent version of PDS</li> <li>✓ Scanners on dispensing computers</li> </ul>
<b>Compatible Pharmacy Dispensing Systems</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> AMFAC</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Dispense IT</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Fred Dispense</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> LOTS (Pharmasol)</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Minfos</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> PharmacyPro</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Simple Aquarius</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> CDC Forte</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Dispense IT</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> LOTS</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Minfos</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> PharmacyPro</li> </ul>
<b>Contract</b>	No contract. Use is subject to terms and conditions.	No contract. Use is subject to terms and conditions.
<b>Joining Fee</b>	No Joining Fee	No Joining Fee
<b>Ongoing Fees</b>	15 cents per eligible transaction*	15 cents per eligible transaction*

\* a 15 cent Electronic Prescription Fee (EPF) is payable to Community Pharmacies for eligible prescriptions under the Fifth Community Pharmacy Agreement which is passed on to the PES providers by participating pharmacies. This results in a no-cost scenario for participating pharmacies.

#### \*\*Prescription Exchange Service (PES) Providers:

##### eRx Script Exchange

Phone: 1300 700 921

Email: [support@erx.com.au](mailto:support@erx.com.au)

Web: [www.erx.com.au](http://www.erx.com.au)

##### MediSecure

Phone: 1800 472 747

Email: [helpdesk@medisecure.com.au](mailto:helpdesk@medisecure.com.au)

Web: [www.medisecure.com.au](http://www.medisecure.com.au)



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### ePSI Eligibility

To qualify for ePSI, a pharmacy needs to:

	Review Period One	Review Period Two
<b>Applicable minimum ETP Scan Rate</b>	15%	30%
<b>Scan Rate Review Period</b>	March 2014	September 2014
<b>Payment Value</b>	At least \$800	At least \$1,200 (final amount will be notified after Review Period One)
<b>Payment Period</b>	August 2014 ( <i>approx.</i> )	February 2015 ( <i>approx.</i> )

### Claiming

The ePSI has no new forms or claiming arrangements as the information required is already transferred to the Department of Human Services (DHS/Medicare) as part of your pharmacy's claim.

To assist with the assessment of your ETP Scan Rate your pharmacy should ensure that all its PBS claims are complete within the statutory time frames. Failure to do so may result in your ETP Scan Rate being assessed lower than it actually is.

The annual payment process for the PPI Community Services Support priority area remains unchanged. The ePSI payment is separate and in addition to the existing PPI incentive payments.

### Being ETP Active and Scan Rate Monitoring

Once a pharmacy is registered with a PES and is eligible for the PPI Community Services Support priority area, ensure all your pharmacists and pharmacy assistants scan the barcodes on all available electronic prescriptions.

To be truly 'ETP Active' a pharmacy should aim to change its workflow in order to ingrain the scanning of barcodes on all available electronic prescriptions, whether they are originals or repeats.

**NOTE:** Report all ETP related issues to your dispense vendor and [ehealth@guild.org.au](mailto:ehealth@guild.org.au) so that they can be investigated.

**All obligations and requirements of the Electronic Prescription Scanning Incentive (ePSI) are detailed in the Pharmacy Practice Incentive (PPI) Program Specific Guidelines available at: [www.5cpa.com.au/resources](http://www.5cpa.com.au/resources)**

For general enquiries contact: [support@5cpa.com.au](mailto:support@5cpa.com.au) or phone: 1300 555 262

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