

Participation Requirements

Queensland Community Pharmacy Scope of Practice Pilot

This document is referenced in the Extended Practice Authority *Pharmacists – Community pharmacy scope of practice pilot* and defines the participation requirements for participating pharmacists and participating pharmacies.

Participation Requirements for participating pharmacists

The following requirements must be met by participating pharmacists in order to be authorised to provide services under the Queensland Community Pharmacy Scope of Practice Pilot (the Pilot).

1. The pharmacist must hold general registration with the Pharmacy Board of Australia with no conditions on practice.
2. The pharmacist must hold appropriate professional indemnity insurance to cover the services provided as part of the Queensland Community Pharmacy Scope of Practice Pilot.
3. The pharmacist must hold, for the duration of the Pilot, certification for First Aid and CPR.
4. The pharmacist must demonstrate successful completion of an approved training program that covers the knowledge and skills required to deliver Pilot services.
5. An approved training program is a course delivered through an education institution accredited by the Tertiary Education Quality and Standards Agency or the Australian Skills Quality Authority, comprising two components:
 - a. **Prescribing training component-** covering the knowledge, skills and behaviours set out in the National Prescribing Service (NPS) Medicinewise Prescribing Competencies Framework 2nd edition. Assessment must include the essential competencies of clinical therapeutics, safe prescribing and quality use of medicines.
 - i. The prescribing training component must include an appropriate work-integrated learning and supervised practice component. The participating pharmacist must be supervised by an authorised prescriber for this element.
 - ii. The current approved prescribing training component program/s are:
 - The Queensland University of Technology *Safe prescribing and quality use of medicines* course.
 - b. **Clinical training component** - covering clinical assessment, diagnosis and management of the conditions included within the scope of the Pilot. Assessment must include the essential competencies in the steps leading to accurate diagnosis and management of the Pilot services namely communication, history, examination, diagnosis and treatment.

- i. The clinical training component must include an appropriate face to face practical skills component.
 - ii. The current approved clinical training component program/s are:
 - The James Cook University *Extended community practice for pharmacists* course.
- 6. The approved training program can be an integrated study program including both the prescribing and clinical training components or may be separate study programs that provide these two components. Separate study programs may be delivered by the same or different providers.
- 7. The pharmacist must demonstrate completion of an approved foundation course for working with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities.
 - a. The current approved foundation courses are:
 - i. The Pharmaceutical Society of Australia *Deadly pharmacists foundation training course: Training for pharmacists working within Aboriginal Community-Controlled Health Services*
 - ii. The Centre for Cultural Competence Australia *Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Cultural Competence Course*.
- 8. The pharmacist must agree to the rules and conditions of the Pilot, including providing services in accordance with the clinical practice guidelines and clinical protocols, adherence to the specified Pilot fee schedule, use of the specified Clinical Information System to record clinical consultations and collect data for the evaluation of the Pilot, and participation in other activities that are required to enable evaluation of the Pilot.

Participation Requirements for participating pharmacies

The following requirements must be met by participating pharmacy owners in order to be authorised to provide services under the Queensland Community Pharmacy Scope of Practice Pilot.

1. The pharmacy must hold current Quality Care Pharmacy Program (QCPP) accreditation, including QCPP accreditation for relevant professional services offered by the pharmacy.
2. The pharmacy owner must demonstrate compliance with appropriate infrastructure requirements as set out in the Queensland Community Pharmacy Scope of Practice Pilot Handbook.
3. The pharmacy owner must demonstrate implementation of the specified Clinical Information System software onto a computer in the consultation room to record clinical consultations and collect data for the evaluation of the pilot.
4. The pharmacy owner must hold, for the duration of the Pilot, professional indemnity insurance that explicitly covers the pharmacy's involvement in the Pilot.
5. The pharmacy owner must provide access for participating pharmacists to the required resources and reference materials.
6. The pharmacy owner must provide access for participating pharmacists to the current online version of the Therapeutic Guidelines.

Definitions

These definitions are set out in the *Medicines and Poisons (Medicines) Amendment Regulation (No.4) 2023*.

Term	Definition
Participating pharmacist	A pharmacist approved by the chief executive to participate in the Queensland community pharmacy scope of practice pilot
Participating pharmacy	A pharmacy approved by the chief executive as a place to which the Queensland community pharmacy scope of practice pilot applies