

Registering for and using QScript when practising outside of Queensland

Fact sheet for prescribers and pharmacists (Version 2.0)

QScript is available for use by all practitioners in eligible professions, whether they are practising in Queensland or another Australian state/territory.

This fact sheet provides guidance on which health practitioners can register for QScript, when QScript use is authorised, and how prescribers and pharmacists practising in Australian jurisdictions other than Queensland can register for QScript.

1 Who can register for QScript

The following Ahpra-registered health practitioners are able to register for QScript:

- medical practitioners
- pharmacists (including intern pharmacists)
- nurse practitioners
- endorsed midwives
- dentists
- podiatric surgeons and endorsed podiatrists.

2 When QScript can be used

The abovementioned health practitioners are only authorised to use QScript for specified purposes, as described in the table below.

Context	Purposes for which authorised practitioners may use QScript
When practising ¹ in Queensland	For the purposes of: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • recording or reviewing information for the therapeutic treatment of patients or <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • complying with requirements under the <i>Medicines and Poisons Act 2019</i> (Qld) applying to the practitioner.

¹ In this fact sheet, 'practising' in a jurisdiction means the practitioner is providing health services while physically located in that jurisdiction, irrespective of where the patient may be located.

Context	Purposes for which authorised practitioners may use QScript
When practising in an Australian state/territory other than Queensland	For the purpose of recording or reviewing information for the therapeutic treatment of patients if: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> the patient is ordinarily resident in Queensland or the practitioner reasonably believes the patient has been prescribed or dispensed a monitored medicine in Queensland.

Health practitioners are **not authorised** to use QScript outside of Australia.

There is no requirement under the *Medicines and Poisons Act 2019* for relevant practitioners to check QScript when practising outside of Queensland. However, practitioners practising outside of Queensland may have independent obligations under local laws to check local real-time prescription monitoring databases.

For further guidance on when QScript can (or must) be used, please view the [Checking QScript](#) guide.

Health practitioners who engage in unauthorised or inappropriate use of QScript may be subject to penalties under Queensland law, including Section 408E of the Criminal Code (irrespective of where the health practitioner is located).

3 How to register for QScript

1. Go to www.qscript.health.qld.gov.au
2. Click on the **Register for QScript** tile. The QScript Practitioner Registration screen will display.
3. Enter your full **Ahpra number** and **Date of birth**, tick the **consent checkbox** and click **Next**.

QScript will check your Ahpra registration status. If your date of birth is correct and your registration is current, further details from your Ahpra registration will display.

4. The next steps depend on the information Ahpra holds about your Principal Place of Practice (**PPP**).
 - 4.1. If your PPP (as recorded with Ahpra) **is in Queensland**, QScript will send a verification code to the email address associated with your Ahpra registration.
 - 4.2. If your PPP (as recorded with Ahpra) **is in a state/territory other than Queensland or is in another country**, you will need to complete the additional fields which display.

4.2.1. Select the most appropriate option from the **Reason for registering** drop-down list:

- *I currently practice in Queensland occasionally.*
 - *I currently practice in Queensland but my primary place of practice is not up-to-date.*
 - *I currently practice outside of QLD but I am providing clinical care to a patient who resides in or has received monitored medicine treatment in QLD, e.g. virtual care such as telehealth.*
 - *My Ahpra Place of Practice is outside of Australia, but I am practicing in Australia and providing clinical care to a patient who resides in or has received monitored medicine treatment in QLD.*
5. Complete the remaining fields with details of your primary place of practice in Australia (in whichever state/territory that may be), then click **Next**. QScript will send a verification code to the email address associated with your Ahpra registration.
 6. Follow the onscreen instructions to complete the remainder of the registration process. Guidance on this can be found in the [Register for QScript](#) help topic.

4 More information

For more information about QScript, please:

- visit www.qscript.health.qld.gov.au
- take a look at the resources available on the Queensland Health website: www.health.qld.gov.au/clinical-practice/guidelines-procedures/medicines/qscript/resources-for-health-practitioners

or

- contact the Monitored Medicines and Compliance Unit at MMCU@health.qld.gov.au

5 Version control

Version	Date	Comments
1.0	01/07/2024	Published online.
2.0	03/04/2025	Instructions updated to reflect new Reason for registration drop-down options implemented in QScript. Minor formatting/structure changes.