

# PBS Authorities –Changes to digital access

From 1 July 2022, prescribers can submit the following Authority Required (written) PBS listed medicines using the Online PBS Authorities system (system).

You'll no longer need to submit authority applications, prescriptions and test results. Instead, you'll be able to use the system to apply for authority approval and provide evidence digitally. Changes have also been made to the wording of certain prescribing instructions and administrative notes. The PBS patient eligibility criteria for these medicines won't change.

These changes will make it easier for you to request authority approval from Services Australia.

## Summary of July changes







request Authority Online









request Authority by Telephone



upload form via HPOS or post or available as **Streamlined**

Condition	Drug	1 July 2022 Authority level	1 July 2022 changes
<b>Early HER2 positive breast cancer</b> <b>Metastatic (Stage IV) breast cancer</b>	- <b>Trastuzumab emtansine</b>	<b>Written (electronic):</b> Initial 	Adding an online channel to existing written restrictions
	- <b>Lapatinib</b>	<b>Written (electronic):</b> Initial 	Adding an online channel to existing written restrictions
	- <b>Trastuzumab emtansine</b>	<b>Telephone/Electronic</b> Initial 	Changing the authority level of initial from Written to Telephone/Electronic
	- <b>Pertuzumab</b>	<b>Telephone/Electronic:</b> Initial 	Changing the Authority level of initial from Written to Telephone/Electronic

<p><b>Chronic Myelomonocytic Leukaemia (CMML)</b></p>	<p>- <b>Azacitidine</b></p>	<p><b>Written (electronic):</b> Initial </p>	<p>Adding an online channel to existing written restrictions</p>
<p><b>Acute myeloid leukaemia (AML)</b></p>	<p>- <b>Midostaurin</b></p>	<p><b>Written (electronic):</b> Initial </p>	<p>Adding an online channel to existing written restrictions</p>
	<p>- <b>Azacitidine</b></p>	<p><b>Telephone/Electronic:</b> Initial </p>	<p>Changing the Authority level of initial from Written to Telephone/Electronic</p>
<p><b>Myelodysplastic syndrome (MDS)</b></p>	<p>- <b>Lenalidomide</b></p>	<p><b>Written (electronic):</b> Initial &amp; Continuing </p>	<p>Adding an online channel to existing written restrictions</p>
	<p>- <b>Azacitidine</b></p>	<p><b>Telephone/Electronic:</b> Initial </p>	<p>Changing the Authority level of initial from Written to Telephone/Electronic</p>
<p><b>Chronic myeloid leukaemia (CML)</b></p>	<p>- <b>Ponatinib</b></p>	<p><b>Written (electronic):</b> Initial &amp; 1<sup>st</sup> Continuing </p>	<p>Adding an online channel to existing written restrictions</p>

## Additional information

### Where to find the changes

You can find out if a PBS medicine can be submitted digitally by checking the Administrative advice for that condition.

You can find the Administrative advice for each item under the note in the PBS Schedule on the Department of Health website.

The PBS Authority Required application forms for these medicines will reflect the requirements for digital submission.

### Example Administrative advice

**Note:**

*Any queries concerning the arrangements to prescribe may be directed to Services Australia on 1800 700 270 (hours of operation 8 am to 5 pm Monday to Friday).*

*Prescribing information (including Authority Application forms and other relevant documentation as applicable) is available on the Services Australia website at [www.servicesaustralia.gov.au](http://www.servicesaustralia.gov.au).*

***Applications for authorisation under this restriction should be made in real time using the Online PBS Authorities system (see [www.servicesaustralia.gov.au/HPOS](http://www.servicesaustralia.gov.au/HPOS)).***

*Alternatively, applications for authority to prescribe can be submitted online using the form upload facility in Health Professional Online Services (HPOS) at [www.servicesaustralia.gov.au/hpos](http://www.servicesaustralia.gov.au/hpos)*

*Or mailed to:  
Services Australia  
Complex Drugs  
Reply Paid 9826  
HOBART TAS 7001*

If you're using the authority application form via post or HPOS form upload facility, you'll still need to submit authority applications, prescriptions and test result details. This will delay the approval.

## Can PBS authority approval be submitted by post?

You can still submit applications for authority to prescribe by:

- mailing your application
- uploading documents in HPOS.

Updated versions of application forms will remain available on our website.

## How will you know what the changes are?

Whenever there are changes to the PBS listings, we'll send you an email summary.

We'll explain what the change is, for what condition, and the drugs that treat it.

## Important information

This information relates to the administration of these listings by Services Australia. For further information on broader PBS changes, please visit the [PBS website](#).