

State and Territory Legislation to support electronic prescriptions- status update

The Department of Health canvassed the jurisdictions in relation to jurisdictional readiness and any additional software provider processes required.

Table1

The following table details the **readiness** of jurisdictions to enable Electronic Prescribing in their state or territory.

| Jurisdiction | Readiness | More Information | Contact Details |
|--------------|-----------|---|---|
| NSW | Enabled | https://www.health.nsw.gov.au/pharmaceutical/Pages/electronic-prescribing.aspx | <p>Primary Contact: Judith Mackson - Chief Pharmacist and Director P: (02) 9391 9944 E: MOH-PharmaceuticalServices@health.nsw.gov.au</p> |
| VIC | Enabled | https://www2.health.vic.gov.au/public-health/drugs-and-poisons/drugs-poisons-legislation/secretary-approvals | <p>Primary Contact: Stefan Tulloch - Assistant Chief Officer P: 0431 245 803 E: dpcs@dhhs.vic.gov.au</p> <p>Secondary Contact: George Papazoglou P: (03) 9096 5050 E: dpcs@dhhs.vic.gov.au</p> |
| ACT | Enabled | https://www.legislation.act.gov.au/a/2008-26 | <p>Primary Contact: Michael Fitzsimons - Acting Chief Pharmacy Information Officer and Senior Director P: 0435 963 473 E: Michael.Fitzsimons@act.gov.au</p> <p>Secondary Contact: Vivien Bevan P: (02) 6205 0961 E: vivien.bevan@act.gov.au</p> |
| WA | Enabled | https://www.legislation.wa.gov.au/legislation/statutes.nsf/main_mrtitle_13861_homepage.html | <p>Primary Contact: Neil Keen - Chief Pharmacist, WA health P: (08) 9222 2161 E: Neil.Keen@health.wa.gov.au</p> <p>Secondary Contact: Jane Carpenter E: jane.carpenter@health.wa.gov.au</p> |
| NT | Enabled | https://legislation.nt.gov.au/en/Bills/Electronic-Transactions-Northern-Territory-Bill-2000?format=assented | <p>Primary Contact: Helgi Stone P: (08) 8922 7035 E: poisonscontrol@nt.gov.au</p> |
| TAS | Enabled | www.dhhs.tas.gov.au/psbtas/electronically_transmitted_prescriptions | <p>Primary Contact: Martin Neumeyer - Senior Pharmacist, Information Technology P: (03) 6166 0400 E: pharmserv@health.tas.gov.au</p> <p>Secondary Contact: Sam Halliday- Acting Chief Pharmacist P: (03) 6166 0400 E: pharmserv@health.tas.gov.au</p> |
| SA | Enabled | https://www.sahealth.sa.gov.au/wps/wcm/connect/public+content/sa+health+internet/clinical+resources/clinical+programs+and+practice+guidelines/medicines+and+drugs/medicines+and+drugs | <p>Primary Contact: Angela FitzHenry - Manager, SA health P: (08) 8226 6169 E: Health.MTPP@sa.gov.au</p> <p>Secondary Contact: Naomi Burgess Interim Chief Pharmacist P: (08) 8204 1944 E: Health.MTPP@sa.gov.au</p> |
| QLD | Pending | | <p>Primary Contact: Bill Loveday - Director - Monitored Medicines Unit P: (07) 3708 5268 E: bill.loveday@health.qld.gov.au</p> <p>Secondary Contact: Julie Stokes N: 07 3708 5317 E: Julie.stokes@health.gov.au</p> |

Table 2

Once your product is added to the Australian Digital Health Agency’s conformance register¹ please proceed with the process(es) below for each state and territory your product will be released in. Please note, prior to publishing the conformance register online, the Agency will notify the jurisdictional contacts listed above with the updated conformance register (e.g. new product added).

| Jurisdiction | Process Summary |
|--------------|---|
| NSW | No additional process required. |
| VIC | No additional process required. |
| ACT | No additional process required. |
| WA | <p>Applies to: Any software developer wishing to use an electronic prescribing system in Western Australia</p> <p>How to: Apply in writing to the WA Department of Health Chief Pharmacist including: name and address of vendor; name of contact person and their contact details; name of the product including version number; conformance ID text string; Evidence that the Declaration of Conformance has been received by the Australian Digital Health Agency; and Information to show the product satisfies the requirements of the <i>Medicines and Poisons Regulations 2016</i>. Applicants will be assessed on a case by case basis and may be required to provide a demonstration of the working product.</p> |
| NT | No additional process required. |
| TAS | <p>Applies to: Software developers</p> <p>How to: Download the Electronically Transmitted Prescription Software System Approval Form from the Tasmanian Department of Health website and email the completed form to the Chief Pharmacist. Applicants will be required to provide a demonstration of the system. Any approval will be subject to conditions.</p> <p>More information: http://www.dhhs.tas.gov.au/psbtas/publications/fact_sheets/electronically_transmitted_prescriptions_fact_sheet_for_software_vendors</p> |
| SA | No additional process required <legislation changes to recognise the form of the electronic prescription pending> |
| QLD | No additional process required <legislation changes to recognise the form of the electronic prescription pending> |

¹ <https://www.digitalhealth.gov.au/get-started-with-digital-health/set-up/electronic-prescribing-overview-and-conformance-register/electronic-prescribing-conformance-register>