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Electronic Prescribing – Technical Framework Documents Release Note

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Document ID: DH-3942:2024

Related end-product identifier: EP-3937:2024

Release rationale

This release of the end-product EP-3937:2024 provides the following updates:

1. DH-3939:2024 Electronic Prescribing – National Prescription Delivery Service and Active Script List Registry Conformance Profile v3.1 replaces the following product on its effective September 2024:

    -   DH-3878:2024 Electronic Prescribing – Prescription Delivery Services and Active Script List Registry Services Conformance Profile v3.1

    -   DH-3939:2024 Electronic Prescribing – National Prescription Delivery Service and Active Script List Registry Conformance Profile v3.1 includes the following important updates:

        a. Removal of Direct PDS model requirements

2. DH-3940:2024 Electronic Prescribing – General Prescribing Systems and Other Connecting Systems Conformance Profile v3.0.1 replaces the following product on its effective September 2024

    -   DH-3869:2023 Electronic Prescribing – Connecting Systems Conformance Profile v3.0.1

    -   DH-3940:2024 Electronic Prescribing – General Prescribing Systems and Other Connecting Systems v3.0.1 includes the following important updates:

        a. Removal of Direct PDS model requirements

        b. Removal of medication chart prescribing system requirements

        c. Minor changes to wording due to medication chart requirements removal

        d. Minor changes to wording to clarify or correct wording

        e. Updated language to reflect NPDS

Package inclusions

Updated (supersedes previous versions)

Identifier	New Name and Version	Previous Doc ID, Name and Version
DH-3942:2024	Electronic Prescribing – Technical Framework Documents - Release Note v3.5	DH-3879:2024 Electronic Prescribing – Technical Framework Documents - Release Note v3.4
DH-3939:2024	Electronic Prescribing – National Prescription Delivery Service and Active Script List Registry Conformance Profile v3.1	DH-3878:2024 Electronic Prescribing – Prescription Delivery Services and Active Script List Registry Conformance Profile v3.1
DH-3940:2024	Electronic Prescribing – General Prescribing Systems and Other Connecting Systems Conformance Profile v3.0.1	DH-3869:2023 Electronic Prescribing – Connecting Systems Conformance Profile v3.0.1

No change to the documents for EP

Identifier	Name and version
DH-3542:2021	Electronic Prescribing Solution Architecture v3.0
DH-2625:2017	Electronic Prescribing - National Requirements for Electronic Prescriptions v1.0
DH-3174:2019	Electronic Prescribing – Conformance Assessment Scheme v2.1

Change Details

The following items are addressed by this release of DH-3939:2024 Electronic Prescribing – National Prescription Delivery Services and Active Script List Registry Conformance Profile v3.1

Requirement ID	Summary	Change Description
DS-595	Administrative change	Corrected the wording in the requirement

The following items are addressed by this release of DH-3940:2024 Electronic Prescribing – General Prescribing Systems and Other Connecting Systems Conformance Profile v3.0.1

Requirement ID	Summary	Change Description
PRES-4A, PRES-19A, PRES-71, DISP-6A, DISP-71	Requirements Removed	Direct PDS Requirements are removed

PRES-705, PRES-47A, PRES-710, PRES-715	Requirements Removed	Chart-based electronic prescription requirement is removed
PRES-16	Administrative change	Requirement wording updated to align with transition from two PDS to NPDS
PRES-18	Administrative change	Chart-based electronic prescription specific fields are removed
PRES-56, PRES-47, PRES-40	Administrative change	Chart-based electronic prescription references are removed
PRES-34	Administrative change	References to multiple PDSs are removed
PRES-315	Administrative change	Clarified instructions for repeat electronic prescriptions
PRES-31, PRES-87, DISP-87, MA-87, MI-5	Requirements Removed	Removed redundant requirement
PRES-345, PRES-345A	Administrative change	Corrected the second part of the requirement
PRES-5, MA-650 DISP-315	Administrative change	Corrected the wording in the requirement

No change has been made to:

- DH-3542:2021 Electronic Prescribing Solution Architecture v3.0
- DH-2625:2017 Electronic Prescribing - National Requirements for Electronic Prescriptions v1.0
- DH-3174:2019 Electronic Prescribing – Conformance Assessment Scheme v2.1

Stakeholders

The following stakeholders have been involved in the development of this release:

- Department of Health and Aged Care
- National PDS Operator

Audience

- Software developers developing electronic prescribing-enabled products.

Support

For further support or to provide feedback, please email Insert support email

Future releases

Future releases will reflect any changes required to electronic prescribing.

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Previous releases

Date	Version
31/01/2024	The following items are addressed by this release of DH-3878:2024 Electronic Prescribing – Prescription Delivery Services and Active Script List Registry Conformance Profile v3.1

Requirement ID	Summary	Change Description
DS-27 DS-27A DS-28 DS-30	Requirements removed	PDS connections (interoperability requirements are removed)
DS-26 ASLR-200	Notes removed	Removed references to 'multiple PDSs & ASLRs'

DH-3867:2023 Electronic Prescribing – Prescription Delivery Services and Active Script List Registry Services Conformance Profile v3.0.1 is replaced by:

- DH-3878:2024 Electronic Prescribing – Prescription Delivery Services and Active Script List Registry Conformance Profile v3.1

No change has been made to:

- DH-3869:2023 Electronic Prescribing – Connecting Systems Conformance Profile v3.0.1
- DH-3542:2021   Electronic Prescribing Solution Architecture v3.0
- DH-2625:2017   Electronic Prescribing - National Requirements for Electronic Prescriptions v1.0
- DH-3174:2019   Electronic Prescribing – Conformance Assessment Scheme v2.1

Date	Version
30/11/2023	This release includes an editorial split to DH-3734:2022 Electronic Prescribing - Conformance Profile v3.0.1 and DH-3338:2020 Electronic Prescribing – Participating Software Conformance Profile v2.3.

DH-3734:2022 Electronic Prescribing – Conformance Profile v3.0.1 is replaced by the following products:

- **DH-3867:2023** Electronic Prescribing – Prescription Delivery Services and Active Script List Registry Services Conformance Profile v3.0.1
- **DH-3869:2023** Electronic Prescribing – Connecting Systems Conformance Profile v3.0.1

DH-3338:2020 Electronic Prescribing – Conformance Profile v2.3 is replaced by the following products:

- **DH-3866:2023** Electronic Prescribing – Prescription Delivery Services and Active Script List Registry Services Conformance Profile v2.3
- **DH-3868:2023** Electronic Prescribing – Connecting Systems Conformance Profile v2.3

There are no changes to the conformance requirements in each profile.

Date	Version
13/12/2023	This release of the end product DH-3734:2022 provides the following revisions:
	DH-3734:2022 Electronic Prescribing – Conformance Profile v3.0.1 replaces the following product on its effective date (1 January 2023):
	- DH-3442:2021 Electronic Prescribing – Conformance Profile v3.0
	DH-3734:2022 Electronic Prescribing – Conformance Profile v3.0.1 includes the following important revisions:
	- Inclusion of additional conformance requirements specific to:
	o Electronic prescribing - Active Script List Registry systems (ASLR)
	o Electronic prescribing - dispensing systems (DISP)
	o Electronic prescribing - prescribing systems (PRES)
	o Electronic prescribing - Prescription Delivery Service systems (DS) and
	o Electronic prescribing - mobile applications and intermediaries (MA, MC, MI).
	- Editorial changes in response to stakeholder feedback including:
	o revised requirement wording
	o revised and added clarification notes
	o formatting, spelling, grammar, and terminology updates.
11/11/2021	EP-3543:2021 Electronic Prescribing Technical Framework Documents v3.1
	This release of the DH-3542:2021 Electronic Prescribing –Solution Architecture v3.0 replaces the following product:
	- DH-2988:2019 Electronic Prescribing – Solution Architecture v2.0
	DH-3542:2021 Electronic Prescribing –Solution Architecture v3.0 includes important revisions to align with the latest version of the conformance profile DH-3442:2021 Electronic Prescribing - Conformance Profile v3.0.

Date	Version
16/04/2021	**EP-3444:2021 Electronic Prescribing Technical Framework Documents v3.0** This release of the DH-3442:2021 Electronic Prescribing –Conformance Profile v3.0 replaces the following product: - DH-3338:2020 Electronic Prescribing – Participating Software Conformance Profile v2.3 DH-3442:2021 Electronic Prescribing –Conformance Profile v3.0 includes the following important revisions: - Inclusion of additional conformance requirements specific to electronic prescribing - prescribing systems (PRES); - Inclusion of additional conformance requirements specific to Active Script List Registry systems (ASLR); - Inclusion of additional conformance requirements specific to electronic prescribing - dispensing systems (DISP); - Inclusion of additional conformance requirements specific to electronic prescribing – Prescription Delivery Service systems (DS); - Inclusion of additional conformance requirements specific to mobile applications and intermediaries (MA, MC, MI); - Changes throughout including revised requirement wording, revised and added clarification notes, and formatting, spelling, and terminology changes to meet stakeholder feedback.
14/10/2020	**EP-3340:2020 Electronic Prescribing Technical Framework Documents v2.3** This release of the end product EP-3340:2020 provides the following revisions: 1. This release of the DH-3338:2020 Electronic Prescribing – Participating Software Conformance Profile v2.3 replaces the following product: a. DH-3275:2020 Electronic Prescribing – Participating Software Conformance Profile v2.2.1 DH-3338:2020 Electronic Prescribing – Participating Software Conformance Profile v2.3 includes the following important revisions: - Inclusion of Active Script List (ASL) requirements for Prescribing, Dispensing, and Prescription Delivery Service systems; - Addition of Active Script List (ASL) requirements for Active Script List Registry systems; and - Minor changes throughout including revised requirement wording, revised and added clarification notes, and formatting, spelling, and terminology changes.

Date	Version
11/08/2020	**EP-3283:2020 Electronic Prescribing Technical Framework Documents v2.3**

11/08/2020   EP-3283:2020 Electronic Prescribing Technical Framework Documents v2.3

This release of the end product EP-3283:2020 provides the following revisions:

1. This release of the DH-3275:2020 Electronic Prescribing – Participating Software Conformance Profile v2.2.1 replaces the following product:

    a. DH-3188:2020 Electronic Prescribing – Participating Software Conformance Profile v2.2

DH-3275:2020 Electronic Prescribing – Participating Software Conformance Profile v2.2.1 includes the following important revisions:

- Modification of one Prescription Delivery Service requirement; and

- Modification of one Mobile Intermediary requirement.

05/06/2020   EP-3175:2020 Electronic Prescribing v2.2

https://developer.digitalhealth.gov.au/specifications/ehealth-foundations/ep-3175-2020

Release rationale

This release of the end product EP-3175:2020 provides the following revisions:

1. This release of DH-3174:2020 Electronic Prescribing – Conformance Assessment Scheme v2.1 replaces the following product:

    a. [DH-2986:2019] Electronic Prescribing – Conformance Assessment Scheme v2.

The DH-3174:2020 Electronic Prescribing – Conformance Assessment Scheme v2.1 permits the co-existence of multiple conformance profiles.

2. This release of the DH-3188:2020 Electronic Prescribing – Participating Software Conformance Profile v2.2 replaces the following product:

    a. DH-3125:2020 Electronic Prescribing – Participating Software Conformance Profile v2.1

DH-3188:2020 Electronic Prescribing – Participating Software Conformance Profile v2.2 includes the following important revisions:

- Temporary relaxation of all Active Script List (ASL) requirements

- New requirements in alignment with State and Territory regulations

- Requirement revision

- Clarification notes throughout

Date	Version
18/03/2020	EP-3041:2020 Electronic Prescribing v2.1 https://developer.digitalhealth.gov.au/specifications/ehealth-foundations/ep-3041-2020 **Release rationale** This release of the DH-3125:2020 Electronic Prescribing Participating Software Conformance Profile v2.1 replaces the following product: • [DH-2985:2019] Electronic Prescribing – Participating Software Conformance Profile v2.0. DH-3125:2020 Electronic Prescribing Participating Software Conformance Profile v2.1 is intended to promote the correct application of the electronic prescribing conformance requirements and greater consistency between software products. It includes additional guidance on the following topics: • Open prescription delivery service token model requirements • Prescribing and dispensing system token model requirements • Glossary
31/10/2019	EP-2984:2019 Electronic Prescribing v2.0. https://developer.digitalhealth.gov.au/specifications/ehealth-foundations/ep-2984-2019 https://developer.digitalhealth.gov.au/specifications/ehealth-foundations/ep-2984-2019/dh-2987-2019 **Release rationale** Electronic prescribing provides an option for prescribers and their patients to have a digital prescription as an alternative to a paper prescription. Electronic prescribing is not mandatory, and patients and prescribers will be able to choose an electronic or a paper version of their prescription. This release includes the final technical documents. These technical documents include: ▪ A Solution Architecture to provide an overview of the architectural components of the end-to-end national electronic prescribing framework; ▪ A Conformance Assessment Scheme which describes the scheme for assessing the conformance of software against the Conformance Profile involved in the electronic prescribing process; and ▪ A Conformance Profile to summarise the functional and non-functional requirements for software that supports participation in electronic prescribing.

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