

Signature Exempt Prescriptions – Frequently Asked Questions

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What are Signature Exempt Prescriptions?

Signature Exempt Prescriptions are electronic prescriptions that do not require a physical wet ink signature from an authorised prescriber.

For general practices and others that have access to a prescribing system that is integrated to the New Zealand Electronic Prescription Service, there is an enduring Director-General of Health authorisation of an alternative form of prescription that permits Signature Exempt Prescriptions if certain conditions are met. The section below, **NZePS Signature Exempt Prescriptions (with barcode)** provides guidance for prescribers, community pharmacies and vendors on how to generate, send and manage prescriptions without a signature that have been made valid under this authorised alternative form.

For systems and settings where NZePS is not currently an option e.g. hospital discharge and outpatient prescribing, community prescribing from dentists, midwives, allied health clinicians and prescribers at general practices using Profile for Mac (NOTE: the waiver does NOT apply to users of Profile for Windows) or Best Practice there is a temporary waiver which recognises prescriptions not signed personally by a prescriber with their usual signature, as legal when certain conditions are met. These conditions and guidance on how to manage these prescriptions can be found in the section **Temporary Exemption from Signatures on Prescriptions without NZePS (no barcode)**. This authorisation will now expire on **31 October 2024**.

For questions about the content below please email onlinehelpdesk@health.govt.nz

NZePS Signature Exempt Prescriptions (with barcode)

How can I generate a Signature Exempt Prescription?

The following conditions must be met for a signatureless prescription with an NZePS barcode to be valid:

- The prescription does not include Controlled Drugs (Class A, B or C) but can include exempt and partially exempt Class C Controlled Drugs as defined by the Misuse of Drugs Act 1975 (see Appendix 2 for Class C Controlled Drugs that are NOT exempt or partially exempt)
- The system that generates the prescription has been authorised by the Ministry of Health for Signature Exempt Prescriptions. The following systems have currently been certified for this capability:
 - MedTech32, MedTech Evolution
 - Indici
 - Profile for Windows
 - Elixir Medical Software
 - Expect Maternity Software
 - MyPractice
 - Medimap
 - Pulse (MedOnline).
 - Waikato DHB Clinical Workstation
 - TrakCare

For these prescriptions to be valid, the pharmacy **must** use the barcode at the point of dispensing otherwise the signed original prescription is required.

If you currently use Medtech 32 or Medtech Evolution, MyPractice, Indici, Medimap Profile for Windows, Elixir Medical Software, Waikato DHB Clinical Workstation, TrakCare or Expect Maternity Software and you're not already on NZePS (i.e. generating prescriptions with an NZePS barcode), please contact onlinehelpdesk@health.govt.nz with NZePS in the subject line to begin the process of prescribing with NZePS.

This waiver is enduring, unlike the temporary waiver for non NZePS systems, and is expected to be codified in the legislation before January 2023, at which point the waiver will no longer be required.

Why can't I generate a Signature Exempt Prescription for a Controlled Drug?

Regulations relating to the prescribing and dispensing of Controlled Drugs are made under the Misuse of Drugs Act and the Director-General does not have the ability to authorise an alternative form of prescription under those regulations.

Prescriptions for Controlled Drugs (Class A, B and C – except for exempt or partially exempt Class C Controlled Drugs) as defined by the Misuse of Drugs Act, and must still meet the requirements in the Misuse of Drugs Regulations:

- NZePS Class A, B and Class C prescriptions require a physically signed prescription to be sent to pharmacy within 2 working days of the prescription date, unless it is an exempt or partially exempt Class C Controlled Drug, as defined by the Misuse of Drugs Act 1975.
- Non-NZePS Class B controlled drugs require the Controlled Drug triplicate forms to be completed and sent to pharmacy.

Exempt or partially exempt Class C Controlled Drugs, as defined under the Misuse of Drugs Act 1975, are covered by the authorisation for Signature Exempt prescriptions. See Appendix 2 for Class C Controlled Drugs that are NOT exempt or partially exempt.

With the Signature Exempt Prescription waiver why can't Class C and non-Controlled Drugs be on the same prescription form as in the past?

The Signature Exempt Prescription authorisation does not apply to Controlled Drugs as the Misuse of Drugs legislation requires prescriptions for all Controlled Drugs, including Class C, to be on a paper prescription and signed physically, by the prescriber, in their own handwriting.

The only exceptions to this are exempt or partially exempt Class C Controlled Drugs which can be treated in the same way as non-controlled drugs.

Why do I need to send the original for either faxed or scanned and emailed barcoded prescriptions for Class C controlled drugs (except for exempt or partially exempt) when I never used to in the past?

This has always been the requirement. All existing waivers to the Medicines Regulations requirements, including the waiver which has enabled faxed prescriptions to be accepted as valid, do not apply to Controlled Drugs, including Class C Controlled Drugs (NOT exempt or partially exempt).

For faxed or scanned and emailed barcoded prescriptions for Controlled Drugs, including Class C (NOT exempt or partially exempt), the signed, original prescription is still required.

Confusion seems to have arisen when the requirement for a triplicate prescription form (H572) to prescribe Class B Controlled Drugs was eliminated, if NZePS was used to prescribe Class B Controlled Drugs.

Which Prescribing Systems have been approved for Signature Exempt Prescriptions?

The following systems have been approved for Signature Exempt Prescriptions:

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Intrahealth's Profile for Mac, Best Practice Software, amongst others are not integrated to the NZePS and cannot produce Signature Exempt Prescriptions under this waiver. Users will be able to generate signatureless prescriptions under the temporary waiver if the conditions set out in the section

Temporary Exemption from Signatures on Prescriptions without NZePS (no barcode) are met.

If your prescribing system does not support NZePS prescribing send an email to onlinehelpdesk@health.govt.nz to discuss the available options.

As a pharmacist, is it legal for us to receive a Signature Exempt Prescription?

Under the current Director-General of Health authorisation, a prescription without the physical, wet ink signature of an authorised prescriber is valid if:

- the prescription is for non-controlled drugs, or for exempt and partially exempt Class C controlled drugs ONLY; and
- the prescription is a NZePS barcoded prescription; and
- the barcode is used at the point of dispensing at the pharmacy; and

If these conditions are not met, you will still need to receive the signed original prescription from the prescriber. Below are examples of valid, signature exempt NZePS prescriptions.

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1	The electronic prescription has an NZePS barcode which is used at the point of dispensing at the Pharmacy. This barcode may currently be either on the top of the prescription or the bottom.
2	On some electronic prescriptions, a label for "Signature Exempt" may appear on the signature line. Even if this label is not present, this prescription is still valid.

How can I send a Signature Exempt Prescription to a pharmacy directly?

There are a number of available secure channels to send a Signature Exempt Prescription directly to a pharmacy:

- The following systems allow you to attach the Signature Exempt Prescription to an email to send it to the community pharmacy on behalf of the patient:
 - MedTech32, MedTech Evolution
 - Indici
 - Profile for Windows
 - Elixir Medical Software
 - Expect Maternity Software
 - MyPractice
 - Medimap
 - Pulse (MedOnline)
 - Waikato DHB Clinical Workstation
 - TrakCare
- Some PMS systems and practices are also able to use Healthlink (including Healthlink's Secure Script product) to send the prescription to a pharmacy that also has a Healthlink EDI (mailbox). Practices should check with the pharmacy first to ensure that it is able to receive Healthlink messages or Secure Scripts.
- Group Healthcare's reScript product is also able to send a Signature Exempt Prescription to a community pharmacy that the patient chooses.
- In the Canterbury DHB region, prescriptions can also be sent to a pharmacy using the Electronic Request Management System (ERMS) if the prescription is a NZePS barcoded prescription or meets the requirements of the Director General of Health's authorisation of alternative form of prescription pursuant to regulation 43 of the Medicines Regulations 1984 (without an NZePS

barcode) (18 October 2022) which does NOT apply to practices that use a prescribing system that is NZePS capable.

Why does my GP Practice Management System need to be integrated to NZePS for me to do Signature Exempt Prescriptions?

An NZePS barcoded prescription has controls that reduce the risk of a prescription being fraudulently generated or altered. It also prevents the prescription from being dispensed multiple times at different pharmacies. These controls have enabled the change in regulations to allow prescriptions for non-controlled drugs to be valid, even without signatures.

There are additional benefits over and above security that the NZePS offers to prescribers including:

- Improved safety as electronic prescriptions using the NZ Universal List of Medicines are precise, unambiguous, coded and interpretable by other systems
- Not having to handwrite prescriptions for the triplicate controlled drug prescription form (H572) for Class A and B controlled drugs so long as the prescription has a barcode and is electronically generated by the controlled drug prescriber from an approved system such as NZePS (the barcode must also be used at the point of dispensing at the pharmacy)
- Not having to send original prescriptions for barcoded prescriptions that are for non-controlled drugs and exempt/partially exempt Class C controlled drugs when a copy of the barcoded prescription is sent, via secure email or other forms of secure messaging, to the pharmacy
- Enables prescribers to address issues of patient medicines adherence by having the ability to choose to receive notification when a patient's medicines have not been dispensed
- Improves quality of patient medication history information as the status of the prescription can be viewed in the prescriber's PMS e.g. Dispensed, Repeats remaining
- Reduces calls from pharmacies querying prescriptions as the prescriber can write a 'Comment for a Pharmacist' when prescribing.

How can I electronically prescribe from home?

The PMS vendors have created training material on how to:

- access your PMS from home or other locations;
- generate a PDF of a prescription which can be attached to your practice email address and sent to a pharmacy;
- print from home, or any location, should you need to physically sign a prescription (e.g. prescriptions for all controlled drugs – Class A, B and Class C – with the exception of Class C exempt or partially exempt controlled drugs).

Please contact your PMS vendor to access this guidance.

Where can I find the email address of a community pharmacy?

The contact details of community pharmacies can be found on Healthpoint (www.healthpoint.co.nz)

Some PMS systems have updated their address books with the email addresses of community pharmacies from Healthpoint.

As a pharmacist, should I use a different email address for prescriptions?

Separating the prescriptions emailed to your pharmacy helps you to:

- monitor one mailbox for incoming prescriptions
- manage emailed prescriptions that have already been printed and dispensed.

Healthpoint has now provided pharmacy a separate field for prescription email addresses.

You will need to turn on email security on this email account. Please refer to the Frequently Asked Questions on Secure Messaging for guidance on how to make your email secure, or check that it is:
<https://www.health.govt.nz/system/files/documents/pages/secure-messaging-faq-2019-4-dec-2019.pdf>

You may also wish to contact the general practices in your vicinity to ensure they have your up-to-date prescription email address so that they can update their practice address books.

How can I trust that an email address is secure?

It is important to be vigilant and ensure you are confident that you are sending or receiving prescriptions from a valid general practice or pharmacy email address. If you have any doubts you can:

- check Healthpoint for the email address. All information on Healthpoint is updated quarterly to ensure it is up-to-date;
- if the email address is not on Healthpoint, then phone the practice or pharmacy to confirm.

Some PMS systems are working on updating their address books directly from Healthpoint.

Temporary Exemption from Signatures on Prescriptions without NZePS (no barcode)

How can I generate a Signature Exempt Prescription?

Any systems that cannot integrate with the NZePS yet, but that include all of the required information under this authorisation, can be used to generate a prescription. This includes but is not limited to: e.g. hospital discharge and some outpatient prescribing, community prescribing from dentists, some midwives and allied health clinicians. This **temporary** authorisation recognises an alternative form of prescription that is not signed personally by a prescriber, with their usual signature, as valid when all the following conditions are met:

- The prescription is generated and/or sent by an electronic system that requires the prescriber to log on with a unique ID and password
- The prescription does not include Controlled Drugs (Class A, B or C) but can include Class C exempt or partially exempt controlled drugs as defined by the Misuse of Drugs Act 1975. See Appendix 2 for Class C Controlled Drugs (NOT exempt or partially exempt).

- The prescription includes all of the following:
 - The prescriber's registration authority number (e.g. MCNZ) that uniquely identifies the prescriber
 - The contact details of the prescriber to enable the pharmacy to contact the prescriber to verify, identify or request amendments to the prescription and
 - The following statement "**This prescription meets the requirement of the Director-General of Health's authorisation of October 2022 for prescriptions not signed personally by a prescriber with their usual signature**".
- The prescription must be in a format that cannot be easily altered by anyone other than the prescriber (e.g. PDF, photograph) and
- The prescription must be sent directly to the community pharmacy using a secure, electronic system that identifies the prescriber's name and facility. The following would satisfy this requirement:
 - A secure email system that identifies the prescriber and the healthcare facility through its email address. Secure email is defined in the Secure Digital Communications within the NZ Health & Disability Sector Implementation Guidance, June 2019
<https://www.health.govt.nz/system/files/documents/publications/joint-acc-moh-advice-on-securing-email-and-fax-jun2019.pdf>
 - A secure clinical communication system that links prescriber and pharmacies such as the Electronic Request Management System (ERMS)
- The electronic prescription and the message are kept on file and submitted as required by the Integrated Community Pharmacy Services Agreement (ICPSA) as a criterion for payment.

This authorisation **will expire** on **31 October 2024**.

Why can't I generate a Signature Exempt Prescription for a Controlled Drug?

Regulations relating to the prescribing and dispensing of Controlled Drugs are made under the Misuse of Drugs Act and the Director-General does not have the ability to authorise an alternative form of prescription under those regulations. Prescriptions for controlled Drugs (Class A, B and C – except for exempt or partially exempt Class C Controlled Drugs), as defined by the Misuse of Drugs Act, and must still meet the requirements in the Misuse of Drugs Regulations:

- NZePS Class A, B and Class C prescriptions require a physically signed prescription to be sent to pharmacy within 2 working days of the prescription date, unless it is an exempt or partially exempt Class C Controlled Drug as defined by the Misuse of Drugs Act 1975.
- Non-NZePS Class B prescriptions (no barcode) require the Controlled Drug triplicate forms to be completed and sent to pharmacy.

Exempt or partially exempt Class C Controlled Drugs as defined by the Misuse of Drugs Act 1975 are covered by these Signature Exempt waivers. See Appendix 2 for Class C Controlled Drugs (NOT exempt or partially exempt). Class A and B drugs will continue to require a signed triplicate prescription form (H572) if not prescribed via NZePS. Class C (NOT exempt or partially exempt controlled drugs) will require a signed prescription form but do not require a triplicate prescription form (H572).

Where can I find a list of Class A, B, C exempted and partially exempt drugs?

The Universal List of Medicines has the classifications of most drugs. If the NZULM has not been integrated into your prescribing systems, you can also search for a medicine online by going to <https://info.nzulm.org.nz/>

Example of Drug Classification on NZULM (under the MS (Medsafe) tab)

Medsafe Information

Codeine Phosphate (Douglas) 15 mg tablet: film-coated, 100 tablets, bottle

Registered Details

Product	Codeine Phosphate
Bottle, glass, (100 tablets)	

Legal Classification Class C2 Controlled Drug

Controlled Drugs are also listed in the following schedules of the Misuse of Drugs Act 1975 which can be accessed online:

- [Class A – Schedule 1](http://www.legislation.govt.nz/act/public/1975/0116/latest/DLM436576.html?search=ts_act_misuse+of+drugs_resel&p=1)
 - [Class B – Schedule 2](http://www.legislation.govt.nz/act/public/1975/0116/latest/DLM436586.html?search=ts_act_misuse+of+drugs_resel&p=1)
 - [Class C – Schedule 3](http://www.legislation.govt.nz/act/public/1975/0116/latest/DLM436723.html?search=ts_act_misuse+of+drugs_resel&p=1)
- Appendix 2 of this FAQ also has a list of Class C controlled drugs.
- Exempt and partially exempt Class C Controlled Drugs are defined in the Misuse of Drugs Regulations 1977 in Schedule defined by the Misuse of Drugs Act 1975
 - Exempt Class C controlled drugs listed in [Part 6](#) of Schedule 3
<http://www.legislation.govt.nz/act/public/1975/0116/latest/DLM436723.html#DLM436765>
 - Partially Exempt Class C Controlled Drugs that is named in [clauses 1 to 5](#) of Part 3 of Schedule 3 of the Act
<http://www.legislation.govt.nz/act/public/1975/0116/latest/DLM436723.html#DLM436732> or a preparation of pseudoephedrine that is named in [clause 6](#) of Part 3 of Schedule 3 of the Act or in a modified or sustained release formulation that delivers no more than 240 mg of pseudoephedrine in a 24-hour period.

Can I send handwritten scripts as Signature Exempt Scripts?

No, handwritten scripts must be signed by the authorised prescriber.

As a pharmacist, is it legal for us to receive a prescription without a signature?

Under the Director-General authorisation of alternative form of prescription pursuant to regulation 43 of the Medicines Regulations 1984 (18 October 2022) which provides for an Exemption for Signatures on Prescriptions without NZePS (without an NZePS barcode), a prescription without the physical, wet ink signature of an authorised prescriber is valid if it meets the conditions set out under the question above: *How can I generate a Signature Exempt Prescription?*

The example prescription below shows an example of a valid non-barcoded prescription (non-NZePS) without a signature, under this temporary authorisation, if it is also sent in a format that cannot be easily altered by anyone other than the prescriber (e.g. PDF, photograph) AND is sent directly to the community pharmacy using a secure, electronic system that identifies the prescriber's name and facility.

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Subsidy Card

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Rx

10 OCT 2019

Dispense stat list medicines once only unless Frequent Dispense specified

Prokinex 10mg Tab

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Mitte: 270 tabs
(No Brand Substitution)

Propranolol Hydrochloride 40mg Tab (section 29) Frequent Dispense.

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Mitte: 270 tabs

This Prescription meets the requirement of the Director-General of Health's authorisation of October 2022 for prescriptions not signed personally by a prescriber with their usual signature

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<p>1</p>	<p>On electronic scripts without a barcode, there must be a statement that "This Prescription meets the requirement of the Director-General of Health's authorisation of October 2022 for prescriptions not signed personally by a prescriber with their usual signature"</p>
<p>2</p>	<p>The prescription must also have:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• The registration authority number of the Prescriber (e.g. NZMC)• The contact details of the prescriber.

What systems can I use to generate or send Signature Exempt Prescriptions to a pharmacy under this temporary waiver?

Any systems or processes that include all of the required information under this waiver can be used to generate a prescription. This includes but is not limited to prescriptions generated by hospital-based systems e.g. SMT (Orion's Soprano Medical Templates).

There are some key requirements that must be met in systems and processes that send the prescription including:

- be sent in a format that is difficult for anyone other than the prescriber to amend. This can include:
 - PDF
 - Photograph
- be sent through a secure electronic communication system e.g.
 - Secure email (Secure email is defined in the Secure Digital Communications within the NZ Health & Disability Sector Implementation Guidance, June 2019)
 - <https://www.health.govt.nz/system/files/documents/publications/joint-acc-moh-advice-on-securing-email-and-fax-jun2019.pdf> The South Island Electronic Request Management System (ERMS).
- ensures that only authorised prescribers are able to send and that clearly identifies the prescriber and their healthcare facility.

Where can I find the email address of a community pharmacy?

The contact details of community pharmacies can be found on Healthpoint (www.healthpoint.co.nz).

Some PMS systems have updated their address books with the email addresses of community pharmacies.

As a pharmacist, should I use a different email address for prescriptions?

Separating the prescriptions emailed to your pharmacy helps you:

- monitor one mailbox for incoming prescriptions
- manage emailed prescriptions that have already been printed and dispensed.

Healthpoint have now provided pharmacy a separate field for prescription email addresses.

You will need to turn on email security on this email account. Please refer to the Frequently Asked Questions on Secure Messaging for guidance how to make your email secure or check that it is:
<https://www.health.govt.nz/system/files/documents/pages/secure-messaging-faq-2019-4-dec-2019.pdf>

You may also wish to contact the general practices in your vicinity to ensure they have your up-to-date prescription email address so that they can update their practice address books.

How can I trust that an electronic address I receive a prescription from is secure?

It is important to be vigilant and ensure you are confident that you are sending or receiving prescriptions from a valid general practice or pharmacy email address. If you have any doubts check:

- Healthpoint for the email address. Healthpoint is currently contacting every pharmacy to update their prescription email addresses
- if the email address is not on Healthpoint, then phone the practice or pharmacy to confirm
- if an alternative system is used to send the prescription e.g. The South Island Electronic Request Management System (ERMS), Healthlink, then it should clearly identify the prescriber and the facility.

Some PMS systems are working on updating their address books directly from Healthpoint.

How will I know if the temporary waiver is still in force?

The Director-General authorisation of alternative form of prescription pursuant to regulation 43 of the Medicines Regulations 1984 (18 October 2022) which provides for an Exemption for Signatures on Prescriptions without NZePS (without an NZePS barcode) **will expire on 31 October 2024**.

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Appendix 1

PRESCRIBING WITHOUT A SIGNATURE

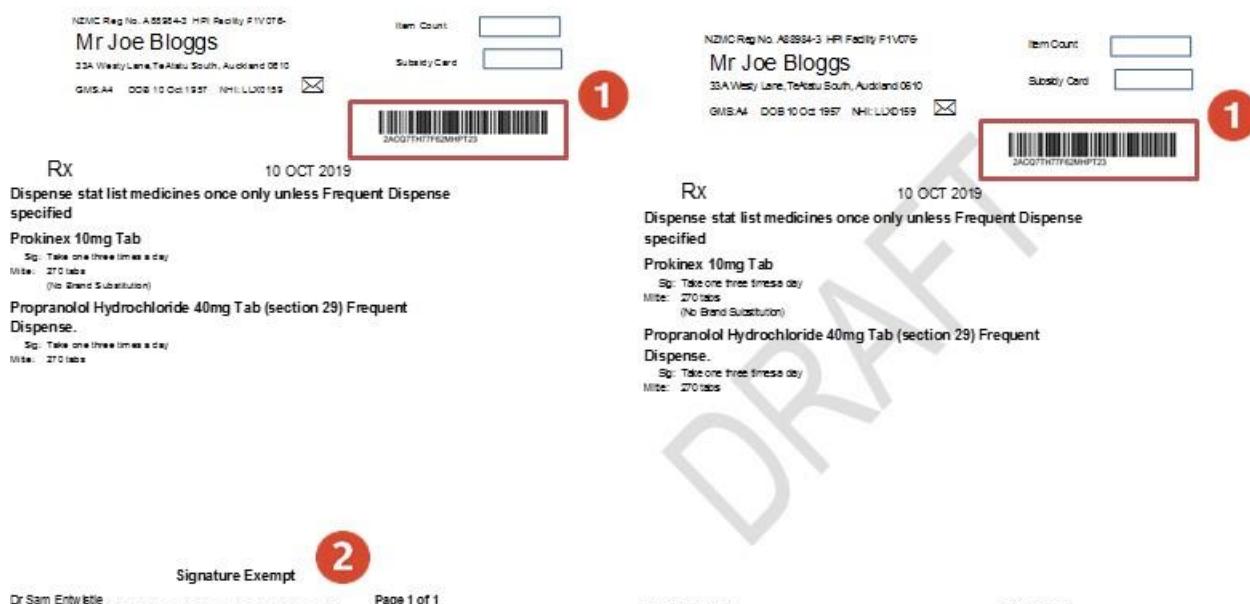
Prescription Using NZePS

Key Requirements

- prescription must not be for Controlled Drugs (Class A, B or C) (unless for a Class C exempt or partially exempt controlled drug)
- prescription is a NZePS barcoded prescription
- prescription is issued from system authorised by the Ministry of Health for electronic prescribing
- barcode on the prescription is used at the point of dispensing at the community pharmacy.

How can I spot a legal Signature Exempt Prescription?

Signature Exempt NZePS Prescriptions will always have an NZePS barcode. Some may have the text "Signature Exempt" on the signature line, and others may not yet have this. But the presence of the NZePS barcode that can be used at the point of dispensing at the pharmacy is the definitive sign that a prescription is now legal, even if it doesn't have a signature.



1	The electronic prescription has an NZePS barcode which is used at the point of dispensing at the Pharmacy. This barcode may currently be either on the top of the prescription or the bottom.
2	On some electronic prescriptions, a label for "Signature Exempt" may appear on the signature line. Even if this label is not present, this prescription is still legal.

Electronic Prescription Direct to Pharmacist for Non-NZePS systems (until 31 October 2024)

Key Requirements

Details of prescription:

- Prescription must not include Controlled Drugs (Class A, B or C) (with the exception of Class C exempt or partially exempt controlled drugs)
- Prescription contains the prescriber's registration authority number
- Prescription contains contact details of the prescriber
- Prescription must contain statement "**This Prescription meets the requirement of the Director-General of Health's authorisation of October 2022 for prescriptions not signed personally by a prescriber with their usual signature**".

How to issue?

- Prescription must be generated by an electronic system that requires the prescriber to log on with a unique ID and password
- Prescription must be in a format that cannot be easily altered e.g. PDF, photograph.
- Prescription must be sent directly to the community pharmacy using a secure, electronic system that identifies the prescriber's name and facility e.g. secure email or prescription must be faxed from a number that is recognised by the pharmacy as a valid prescriber.

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2	The prescription must also have: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The registration authority number of the Prescriber (e.g. NZMC) • The contact details of the prescriber.

Appendix 2

Class C Controlled Drugs (NOT exempt or partially exempt)

Prescriptions for the following list of medicines require the prescriber signature and the original prescription sent to the pharmacy (Misuse of Drugs Regulations 1977).

Class C Controlled Drugs (except Class C5)		
Generic name	Brand and form	Strength available
Buprenorphine	Buprenorphine Naloxone BNM sublingual tablet	2 mg with naloxone 0.5 mg 8 mg with naloxone 2 mg
Codeine	Tablet	15 mg, 30 mg, 60 mg
Dihydrocodeine	DHC Continus long-acting tablet	60 mg
Phenobarbitone	Tablet Max Health injection Aspen injection	15 mg, 30mg 200 mg/mL 200 mg/mL
Benzodiazepines (Class C5 Controlled Drug)		
Generic name	Brand and form	Strength available
Alprazolam	Xanax tablet Arrow-Alprazolam tablet	250 microgram, 500 microgram, 1 mg 250 microgram, 500 microgram, 1 mg, 2 mg
Clobazam	Frisium tablet	10 mg
Clonazepam	Paxam tablet Rivotril oral drops Rivotril injection	500 microgram, 2 mg 2.5 mg/mL 1 mg/mL
Diazepam	Arrow-Diazepam tablet Stesolid rectal tube Hospira injection	2 mg, 5 mg 5 mg, 10 mg 5 mg/mL

Lorazepam	Ativan tablet	1 mg, 2.5 mg
Midazolam	Midazolam-Claris injection Pfizer injection	1 mg/mL, 5 mg/mL 1 mg/mL, 5 mg/mL
Nitrazepam	Nitrados tablet	5 mg
Oxazepam	Ox-Pam tablet	10 mg, 15 mg
Phentermine	Duromine capsule Metermine capsule	15 mg, 30 mg 15 mg, 30 mg
Temazepam	Normison tablet	10 mg
Triazolam	Hypam tablet	125 microgram, 250 microgram

Class C Controlled Drugs (that ARE exempt or partially exempt)

Prescriptions for the following list of medicines **DO NOT** require the prescriber signature and original prescription sent to the pharmacy (Misuse of Drugs Regulations 1977).

Class C (exempt and partially exempt) C Controlled Drugs
Gee's Linctus
Paracetamol and codeine combination preparations
Pholcodine