

Pharmacy expenses

- The TAC can pay for the reasonable cost of pharmacy expenses for the treatment of an injury or illness directly resulting from your transport accident. Pharmacy expenses include medications purchased from a pharmacy, either by prescription or over the counter (OTC).
- **For accidents that happened before 14 February 2018, pharmacy items are subject to the medical excess.** The medical excess is the cost of medical treatment you may need to reach before the TAC can start paying for your claim. Please contact the TAC if you are unsure about how the medical excess applies to you.
- The TAC funds up to the maximum dose recommended by the manufacturer (this information is usually found on the back of the packet or on the accompanying information leaflet).
- Your medication must be **registered** on the Australian Register of Therapeutic Goods (ARTG). Items on this register have been thoroughly tested for safety and effectiveness; please speak to your Medical Practitioner if you are unsure whether your medication is registered.
- Your prescription medication should, where appropriate, be **prescribed in accordance with the Pharmaceutical Benefits Scheme (PBS)**. If you are unsure about how this applies to your medication, talk to your doctor or pharmacist.

Restricted pharmacy items (please see the TAC website for further details).

- The TAC has specific policies to regulate the way some pharmacy items are prescribed.
- Some medications, referred to as 'schedule 8 drugs', (for example morphine and pethidine) are highly addictive and can be dangerous if not taken properly. The TAC will only fund schedule 8 drugs when they are prescribed in accordance with the PBS.
- Sedative medications such as Valium and Temazepam have a high potential for harm and dependence. The TAC will only pay for a single prescription of any sedative within the first three years following an accident unless clinical justification is provided from your doctor.
- Topical non-steroidal anti-inflammatory creams or gels, such as Voltaren gel, can be funded for a maximum of six weeks post-accident or surgery. This funding limit is based on the manufacturer's recommendation and normal clinical use.
- If it is unclear how the item relates to your accident injuries, the TAC needs to approve funding before we can reimburse the cost. For example, medication to treat weight loss, medication to treat erectile dysfunction and glucosamine.

Pharmacy items not covered by the TAC

- Pharmacy items that are not related to your transport accident injuries
- Chinese, natural or herbal medicine.
- Some vitamins, minerals or complementary medications (to find out which ones, contact the TAC or refer to the website).
- Items not **registered** on the ARTG.

Claiming

- Please send this form to the TAC, PO Box 2751 Melbourne VIC 3001. Please provide fully itemised receipts for your pharmacy items; and for non-prescription items, a supporting letter from your doctor outlining why you need the item and how it is related to your transport accident injuries.
- The itemised tax receipt needs to contain the following information:
 - Pharmacy name and address
 - Details of the medication, including:
 - Full name of the medication or item (including brand name where possible)
 - Date dispensed or supplied
 - Status of the medication i.e. PBS (including PBS code), private or over the counter (this can be hand written)
 - Quantity of the medication (for example, number of tablets)*
 - Strength of the medication (for example, 5mg, 50mg)*
 - Form of the medication (for example, tablet, capsule, caplets)*
 - Total amount charged per item*
 - Total amount paid
- The TAC will accept original itemised tax receipts only. Facsimiles will not be accepted. When you drop off your scripts for your prescription medications, ask your Pharmacist for a dispensary computer-generated tax receipt to ensure all necessary information is included. Please note that a cash register receipt may not contain all this information.
- If you wish to claim expenses in the future, you can ask your pharmacist to bill the TAC directly for your accident-related pharmacy items.

* May not be required for non-drug pharmacy items