

How Australia's medicines are managed - under the PBS and CSO

We're working behind the scenes all year round to ensure Australians have access to medicines no matter where they live.

MANUFACTURING

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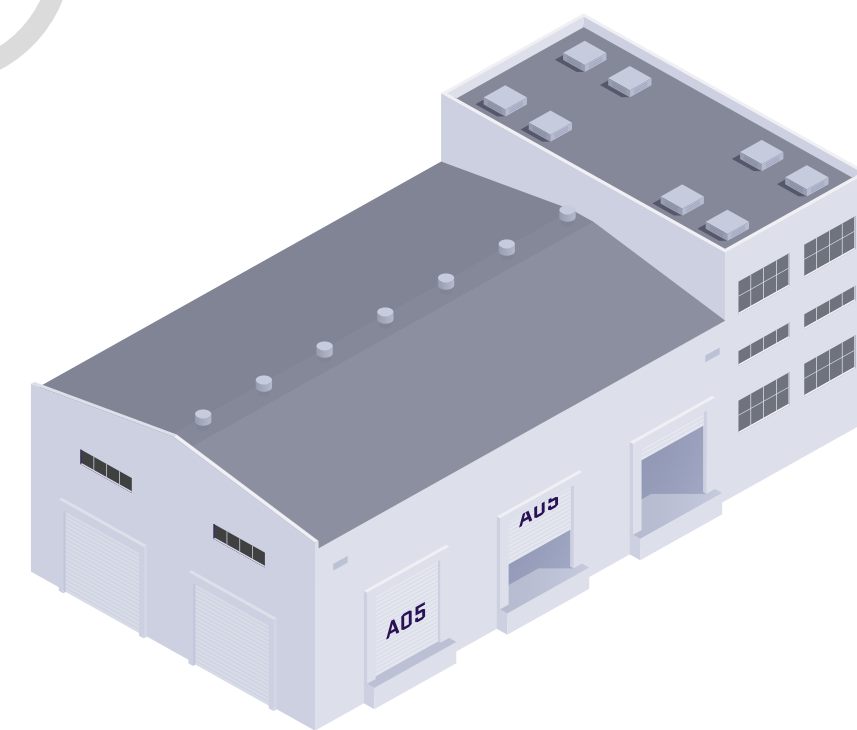


Around 90% of all medicines in Australia are subsidised by the Government under the Pharmaceutical Benefits Scheme (PBS).

PBS medicines are manufactured and transported to Australia from all over the world.

PRE-WHOLESALE

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Medicine manufacturers initially store these medicines at bulk facilities commonly known as 3PLs before they are released into the NPSA national network of Distribution Centres.

NPSA WHOLESALE DISTRIBUTORS

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Medicine wholesalers (NPSA members) on behalf of Government procure, store and manage all PBS medicines. These medicines are delivered from 3PLs into our network of 25 secure state-of-the-art Distribution Centres around Australia.

PBS medicines whilst under our management are monitored and managed in temperature controlled environments to ensure their safety and quality.

PRIMARY CARE

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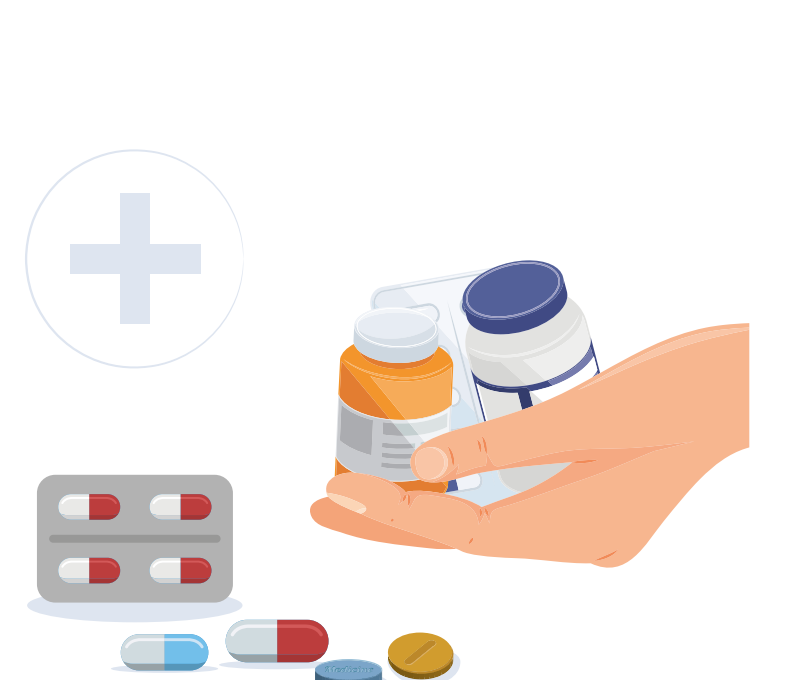


Community pharmacies all over Australia order their PBS medicines from a medicine wholesaler (NPSA member).

Through Government's partnership with medicine wholesalers, via the Community Service Obligation (CSO), medicines are delivered to pharmacies across the country (metro, rural or remote locations) generally within 24 hours.

PATIENT ACCESS

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No matter whether a patient lives in Carnarvon or Cairns they can expect to have their PBS medicines available at their community pharmacy - and if it isn't, medicine wholesalers will ensure it gets to them within 24 hours regardless of where they live - as guaranteed under the CSO.