



Quick reference guide

Prescribing medicine under the PBS for the treatment of osteoporosis

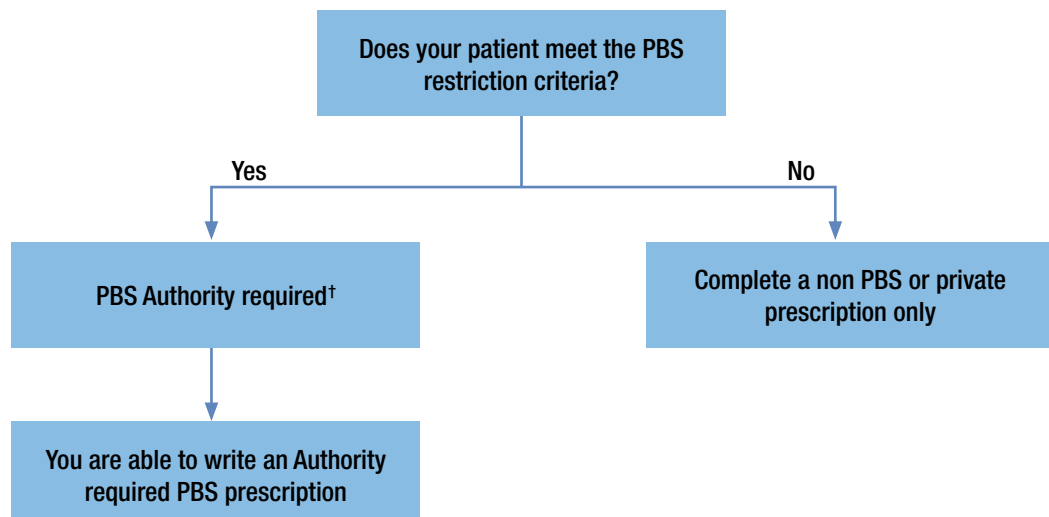
Medicines for the treatment of osteoporosis are subsidised under the PBS as PBS Authority required or PBS Authority required (STREAMLINED) medicine.

The prescribing criteria vary for each individual medicine and can include:

- age
- sex
- established post-menopausal osteoporosis patients
- Bone Mineral Density score
- established osteoporosis in patients with a fracture due to minimal trauma that has been demonstrated radiologically
- corticosteroid induced osteoporosis.

Important: the above list is not exhaustive. For more information about prescribing criteria go to www.pbs.gov.au

If you want to prescribe medicine for the treatment of osteoporosis outside of the prescribing criteria listed in the Pharmaceutical Benefits Schedule, you must write a non PBS prescription.



[†]Authority prescription approvals are subject to a number of criteria. For more information call the PBS authority prescription approvals on **1800 888 333****.

It is strongly recommended that you refer to the latest Pharmaceutical Benefits Schedule for full information about these medicines.

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Important information

Medicare Australia recognises that you have the responsibility for choosing your patient's treatment. However, the PBS restriction criteria as stated in the Pharmaceutical Benefits Schedule is not discretionary. Matching the patient's condition with the PBS restriction is a mandatory requirement.

If your patient does not meet the PBS restriction criteria and you still want to prescribe the medicine, you must write a non PBS or private prescription. Endorse the prescription as 'non PBS' to make your intentions clear to the dispensing pharmacist. You can help your patient understand why their prescription is 'non PBS' by attaching a non PBS prescription sticky note. The sticky notes are supplied free of charge.

To download an order form go to www.medicareaustralia.gov.au > **For health professionals** > **PBS** > **PBS Education** > **PBS resources**

For more information

Call General PBS and stationery enquiries **132 290***

PBS authority prescription approvals **1800 888 333****

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to access other education resources.

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