



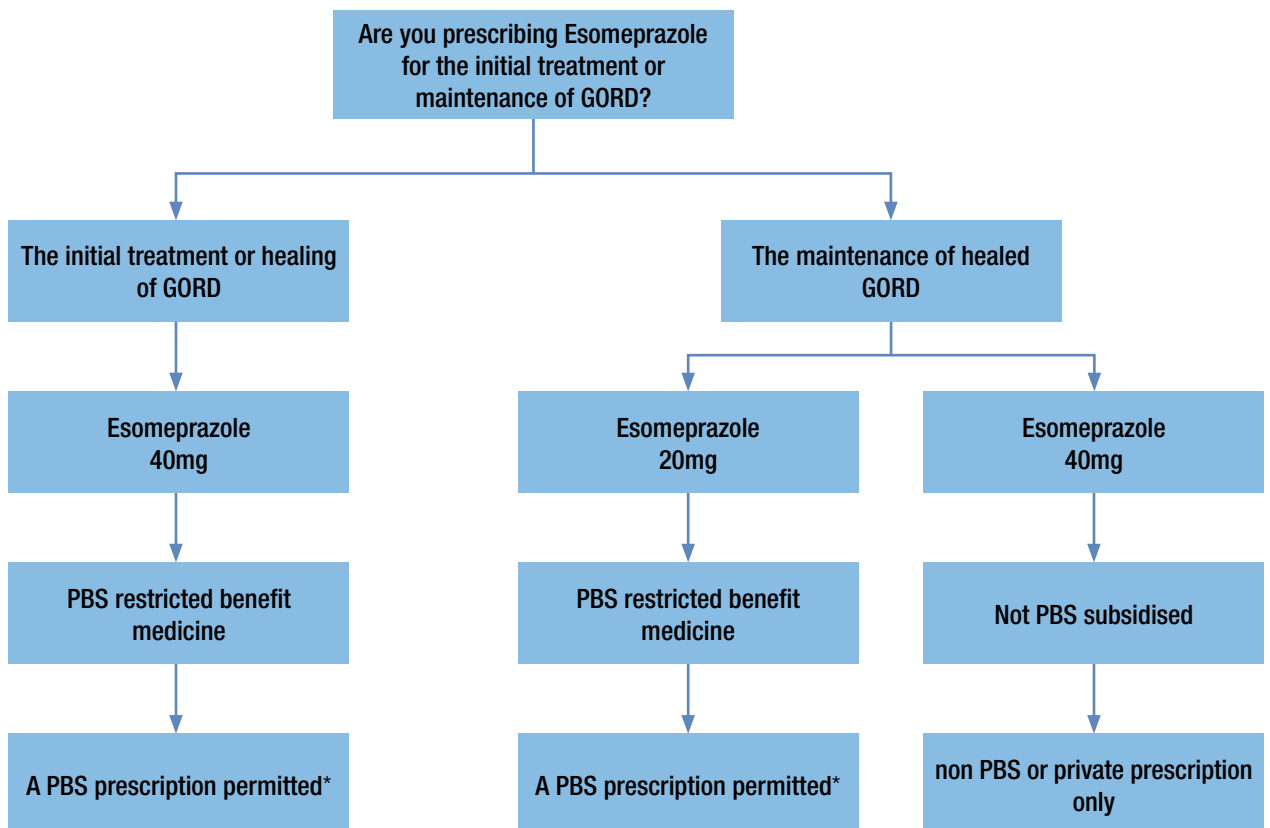
Quick reference guide

Prescribing Esomeprazole under the PBS for Gastro-oesophageal Reflux Disease (GORD)

Esomeprazole is subsidised under the PBS for the initial treatment and maintenance of GORD.

- Esomeprazole 40mg is **not** subsidised under the PBS for maintenance of healed GORD.
- Esomeprazole 40mg **is** subsidised under the PBS for the initial treatment or healing of GORD.
- Esomeprazole 20mg **is** subsidised under the PBS for the maintenance of healed GORD.

The following flowchart will help you decide when to prescribe Esomeprazole for GORD under the PBS.



* No applications for increased maximum quantities and/or repeats will be authorised for Esomeprazole prescribed for GORD.

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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