

PBS XML Release Notes

Effective date: 1st July 2014

Release 1

PBS XML Schema version: 2.9

Notes

1. The PBS XML data and associated files for 1 July 2014 are being released on the understanding that all fees subject to increase on 1 July 2014 have not yet been approved by the Pharmaceutical Benefits Remuneration Tribunal (PBRT) and are therefore subject to change. Consequently all prices which incorporate those fees are subject to change.
The data may be used on this basis until advice is received from the Department of Health that the listed fees and prices have been approved by the PBRT, or files containing updated fees and prices are distributed.
2. There are changes to item descriptions resulting from updates to the AMT. Please refer to the document – AMT changes

Known Issues

3. Start dates for PBS Items have been restored to pre-February 2013 values, with the exception of new and changed items from March 2013 onward.
Start dates later than February 2013 that do not start on the 1st of the month have been adjusted to start on the 1st of the month.
Two PBS XML documents have been made available:
`pbs-2014-07-01-v1.xml` does not have start dates altered
`sd-2014-07-01-v1.xml` has start dates restored and adjusted.
4. Some changes to Maximum Patient Charge amounts may not be the subject of a `pbs:alteration` element.