



# PBS prescription prices

## PBS co-payments & fees

Effective 1 January 2009

Dear Colleague

The following patient co-payment levels, additional fees and safety net thresholds apply as at 1 January 2009:

### Patient Co-payments:

<i>Concessional patient</i>	\$5.30
<i>General patient</i>	\$32.90

### Safety Net Thresholds:

<i>Concessional</i>	\$318.00
<i>General</i>	\$1,264.90

### Professional Fees made up of:

<i>Dispensing fees</i>	\$5.99 (RP) \$8.03 (EP)
<i>Dangerous drug fee</i>	\$2.71
<i>Safety Net recording fees for items priced below the general co-payment<sup>1</sup></i>	\$1.03 (RP) \$1.39 (EP)
<i>Allowable fee for items priced below the general co-payment<sup>2</sup></i>	\$3.79
<i>Fee for Entitlement Card issue</i>	\$8.25

For more information on the PBS patient fees and charges, please refer to 'Price to Consumer' column for each item listed on [www.pbs.gov.au/html/consumer/home](http://www.pbs.gov.au/html/consumer/home).

Yours sincerely

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National President

<sup>1</sup>Adjusted on 1 August each year

<sup>2</sup>There is no obligation to comply with this charge. It is up to the individual pharmacist to determine their own additional charge. (Refer clause 21.1(c) of the Fourth Community Pharmacy Agreement.)