

FREE collection of prescription items



What has changed

From 1 July 2023 the standard \$5 charge to collect prescription items from a pharmacy no longer applies. There is now no charge to collect most prescription items

What stays the same

- You may still have to pay to collect some items, for example from prescriptions written by private specialists and private dentists. The charge for each such prescription item is \$15 (Adult) or \$10 (14-17 years). This may be reduced to \$5 if you have a community services card, a high use health card, or your oral contraceptive was prescribed by a private specialist
- You may also have to pay to pick up prescription items which are not fully funded
- If you or your family unit pay for 20 prescription items in a year you can get a Prescription Subsidy Card, which means you will not have to pay for any more prescriptions until 1 February the following year. Your family unit includes your partner and dependent children aged from 14 to 18
- Collecting prescriptions for children aged under 14 is already free



For further information talk to your pharmacist or doctor