



# National Standard for Certification of Community HBV s100 Prescribers

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General practitioners and community-based medical practitioners applying for authority to prescribe highly specialised drugs independently, for the treatment of people with chronic hepatitis B in a community setting, must fulfil each of the following four criteria.

1. They must have:
  - i. successfully completed an hepatitis B advanced management course endorsed by their state or territory health department and any associated assessment (contact ASHM or State Health Departments for information on course providers)or
  - ii. (a) had substantial experience as either: a consultant physician with responsibility for the management of hepatitis B in a teaching hospital with a significant hepatitis B caseload or, or as a general practitioner with responsibility for the management of hepatitis B in a practice with a significant hepatitis B caseload, and  
  
(b) been deemed by the ASHM National HBV Clinical Standards and Accreditation Panel or an appropriate state or territory approving body to have appropriate grounding and experience in the practice of hepatitis B medicineor
  - iii. Been an authorised prescriber in another Australian state or territory
2. They must demonstrate adequate knowledge of relevant legal issues including their duties in relation to hepatitis B specific aspects of relevant public health legislation and patient responsibilities in terms of transmission prevention and/or partner notification
3. They must provide evidence of appropriate support from senior clinicians with expertise in the management of HBV infection from a tertiary setting, and demonstrate knowledge of highly specialised drugs for the treatment of HBV.
4. They must demonstrate commitment to ongoing education in relation to hepatitis B and compliance with the program of continuing professional development recognised by the relevant state or territory.