

# HIV and Hepatitis B Section 100 Prescribers in Tasmania

## Application and Approvals Process

This document outlines the approval process to prescribe HIV and Hepatitis B s100 Highly Specialised Drugs in Tasmania. GPs, medical practitioners and non-specialist hospital doctors are required to complete this prescriber accreditation process administered by the Australasian Society for HIV, Viral Hepatitis and Sexual Health Medicine (ASHM).

### The process:

#### Course assessment processing:

GPs, medical practitioners and non-specialist hospital doctors must complete an approved prescriber course in HIV or Hepatitis B medicine and complete the associated post-course assessments as required.

This accreditation process is administered by the Australasian Society for HIV, Viral Hepatitis and Sexual Health Medicine (ASHM).

The clinician will be sent an electronic copy of the application form for s100 prescriber accreditation by ASHM.



#### Application form processing:

The completed application form is submitted to ASHM for processing.

ASHM will process and finalise the application to prescribe.



#### Recommendation of authorisation sent to Public Health Services Tasmania:

ASHM will send a letter to Public Health Services Tasmania recommending that the applicant be granted authorisation to prescribe s100 drugs by the Director of Public Health.

Please email Anita Morgan (Executive and Project Support Officer)

[anita.morgan@dhhs.tas.gov.au](mailto:anita.morgan@dhhs.tas.gov.au)



**Notification of a new prescriber:**

Once an applicant has been authorised, the DPH will notify the Chair of the Statewide Dispensary Managers Group (Duncan McKenzie) who will ensure all public hospitals are aware of the authorisation. The authorisation will be copied to Director, Sexual Health Services, Dr Louise Owen for HIV authorisations or Dr Mark Wilson, gastroenterologist for Hepatitis B authorisations.

ASHM will then send the prescriber confirmation of their approval to prescribe HIV or HBV s100 drugs in Tasmania. The list of prescribers will be updated on the ASHM Directory webpage.

**Annual renewal process:**

The annual renewal process for s100 prescribers will be administered by ASHM.

ASHM is funded to manage the HIV and Hepatitis B Prescriber Programs. ASHM is funded to accredit and support GPs to meet their CPD requirements and renew their accreditation annually.

ASHM maintains a record of CPD activities for each prescriber. At the end of each year ASHM sends each community prescriber a link to access their prescriber profile, which includes CPD activity, location of practice, and languages spoken. If a prescriber does not meet the annual target of CPD points per year then ASHM supports the prescriber to meet the requirement. If the CPD requirement cannot be met then the prescriber is placed on leave and removed from the webpage.

ASHM will notify the Director of Public Health (c/o Anita Morgan) if a prescriber fails to meet these criteria and is removed from the list of Authorised Prescribers.

Further information on the Highly Specialised Drugs (HSD) Program, administered through Medicare Australia can be found at <https://www.humanservices.gov.au/health-professionals/services/medicare/highly-specialised-drugs>

Note: pharmacists are not involved in CPD monitoring. Pharmacists are instructed to check the ASHM list to confirm s100 accreditation status:

HIV: <http://www.ashm.org.au/hiv/prescriber-lists>

Hepatitis B: <http://www.ashm.org.au/HBV/hbv-prescriber-lists>