



# Budget October 2022-23

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## Pharmaceutical Benefits Scheme Data Distribution Project

This measure will help modernise and transform the way Pharmaceutical Benefits Scheme (PBS) data is shared between stakeholders.

The Department of Health and Aged Care is:

- enhancing PBS systems, process, and data
- improving the way the PBS shares data with stakeholders who support prescriber and dispensing software, such as medical software vendors.

An Application Programming Interface (API) is being developed to enable PBS schedule data to be more easily transferred to:

- stakeholders using and managing this medical software
- Services Australia who administers the PBS.

This will ensure that Services Australia and software vendors are using the same PBS data sources. It will align prescribing and dispensing systems data with the data held by Services Australia.

This change will help stakeholders to maintain the most efficient PBS listing process and will help ensure that:

- any urgent changes can be made when needed
- all Australians have continued access to PBS eligible medicines.

Services Australia has been allocated \$2.8 million in 2022-23 and \$13.2 million over 4 years to support the implementation of this measure.

You can read more about [the PBS](#) on its website.

This measure is not subject to the passage of legislation.

### Who does this measure affect?

This affects Services Australia and the Department of Health and Aged Care, as they work to improve the PBS for all Australians.

### When will this start and finish?

This will start on 1 January 2023, with changes to start from 1 November 2024.