

# Acute lymphoblastic leukaemia – blinatumomab – initial grandfather authority application

## When to use this form

Use this form to apply for **initial grandfather** PBS-subsidised blinatumomab for patients with acute lymphoblastic leukaemia who have received non-PBS-subsidised treatment with blinatumomab for the same condition prior to **1 March 2025**.

## Important information

**Initial grandfather** applications to start PBS-subsidised treatment must be in writing and must include sufficient information to determine the patient's eligibility according to the PBS criteria.

Under no circumstances will phone approvals be granted for acute lymphoblastic leukaemia **initial grandfather** authority applications.

The information in this form is correct at the time of publishing and may be subject to change.

## Consolidation treatment

This form is ONLY for **initial grandfather** treatment.

After an authority application for **initial grandfather** treatment has been approved, applications for continuing treatment can be made in real time using the **Online PBS Authorities** system or by phone.

Call 1800 700 270 Monday to Friday, 8 am to 5 pm, local time.

## Section 100 arrangements for blinatumomab

This item is available to a patient who is attending:

- an approved private hospital, **or**
- a public participating hospital

**and** is a:

- day admitted patient
- non-admitted patient, **or**
- patient on discharge.

This item is not available as a PBS benefit for in-patients of a public hospital.

## Treatment specifics

The treatment must not be more than **4 treatment cycles** of therapy (**non-PBS** and **PBS**) under this restriction in a lifetime.

## For more information

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