



PBS Changes Explainer

This table outlines the PBS co-payment and Safety Net threshold changes. It can be used by pharmacists as an aid to provide general advice to patients.

	Before 1 July 2022	From 1 July 2022	From 1 January 2023	From 1 January 2024
	Maximum cost per prescription	Maximum cost per prescription	Maximum cost per prescription	Maximum cost per prescription
General patients	\$42.50 <i>PBS Safety Net threshold for general patients is \$1,542.10.</i>	\$42.50 <i>PBS Safety Net threshold lowered for general patients to \$1,457.10 – \$85 reduction or equivalent to approximately two fully priced scripts.</i>	\$30.00 <i>PBS Safety Net threshold will increase to \$1,563.50 in line with Consumer Price Index.</i>	TBD <i>Co-payment and Safety Net threshold amounts will increase in line with Consumer Price Index.</i>
Concessional patients	\$6.80 <i>PBS Safety Net threshold for concessional patients is \$326.40.</i>	\$6.80 <i>PBS Safety Net threshold lowered for concessional patients to \$244.80 – \$81.60 reduction or equivalent to 12 fully priced scripts.</i>	\$7.30 <i>PBS Safety Net threshold will increase to \$262.80 in line with Consumer Price Index.</i>	TBD <i>Co-payment and Safety Net threshold amounts will increase in line with Consumer Price Index.</i>
Closing the Gap program (general patients)	\$6.80 (general patients)	\$6.80 (general patients)	\$7.30 <i>General Closing the Gap program patients will pay the concessional rate of \$7.30 per script. Their scripts will continue to count toward the general PBS Safety Net at the pre-1 January 2023 amount of \$42.50, rather than at the reduced amount of \$30.00.</i>	TBD <i>Co-payment and Safety Net threshold amounts will increase in line with Consumer Price Index.</i>
Closing the Gap program (concessional patients)	\$0 (concessional patients)	\$0 (concessional patients)	\$0 (concessional patients)	\$0 (concessional patients)