



# Schedule 8 authorisation requirements

## Authorisation

Prior written authorisation from the Chief Executive Officer of Health is required by medical practitioners wishing to prescribe a Schedule 8 (S8) medicine for a patient:

- whose details correspond with a notified addict; or
- for a period longer than 60 days in any 12 month period.

## Specialist support

Written specialist support for the use of S8 medicines will be required for:

- a notified addict; or
- high dose S8 medicines prescribed for longer than 60 days; or
- short acting S8 preparations (immediate release or injectable formulations); or
- when existing support is several years old renewal of written specialist support may be requested.

The specialist report should detail the:

- patient's condition and need for ongoing treatment with S8 medicines; and
- **drug, dose and frequency of administration** of the S8 medicine(s) required.

## How to send specialist reports to the Department of Health

Specialist reports can be forwarded to the Department by:

- mail to the Pharmaceutical Services Branch,  
PO Box 8172 Perth Business Centre  
WA 6849
- or fax to (08) 9222 2463

## Useful contacts

For more information regarding authorisations to prescribe S8 medicines contact:

Pharmaceutical Services Branch (M-F 8:30-16:30)    Tel: (08) 9222 4424

Pharmaceutical Services web address    [www.health.wa.gov.au/S8](http://www.health.wa.gov.au/S8)

