

# FP10 Update – Changes to Exemption

## Background

New NHS prescription forms and EPS Tokens (hereafter referred to as “new stationery”) are being introduced in England from January 2020. The new versions (1219) of all FP10 prescription types (FP10SS, FP10D, FP10PN, etc.) and dispensing tokens (FP10DT) have been updated to make the exemption categories clearer.

There will be a transition period during which existing FP10 forms and dispensing tokens will remain in circulation until their stocks are exhausted. Both the current and new versions will be accepted for dispensing.

Working with NHS Digital and the NHS BSA the EPS module will be updated in line with these changes.

In the interim, this guidance document will advise on the steps that ProScript Connect (PSC) users will need to take if the new stationery has been used by the pharmacy.

**NEW FORM**  
in circulation from Jan 2020 FP10 (1219)

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**If you paid** Enter amount paid and sign below £    -

**If you didn't pay** Mark a line in one box and sign below

A  is 60 years of age or over or is under 16 years of age (unless your date of birth is printed on the form)

B  is 16, 17 or 18 and in full time education

D  Maternity exemption certificate

E  Medical exemption certificate

F  Prescription prepayment certificate

G  Prescription exemption certificate issued by Ministry of Defence

L  HC2 (full help) certificate

H  Income Support or Income-related Employment and Support Allowance

K  Income-based Jobseeker's Allowance

M  Tax Credit exemption certificate

S  Pension Credit Guarantee Credit (including partners)

U  Universal Credit and meets the criteria. *Find out more at [www.nhsbsa.nhs.uk/UC](http://www.nhsbsa.nhs.uk/UC)*

**Read the declaration and sign the form**

The information I have given is correct and complete and I confirm proper entitlement to exemption.

**I understand that if I falsely claim, I may be issued a Penalty Charge Notice, and I may have to pay up to £100 - as well as my prescription charge(s).**

I understand the NHS Business Services Authority may use and share my information within the NHS and with relevant Government bodies to check for fraud and mistakes. Find out more at: [www.nhsbsa.nhs.uk/yourinformation](http://www.nhsbsa.nhs.uk/yourinformation)

Signature  Date    On behalf of patient

SIGNATURE OF COLLECTOR OF SCHEDULE 2 & 3 CDs  PHARMACY USE ONLY EVIDENCE NOT SEEN

**EXISTING FORM**  
being phased out FP10 (0515)

FP10SS0515

**NOTE** Patients who don't have to pay must fill in parts 1 and 3 (unless they are exempt on age grounds, and their age is printed on the front of this prescription). Those who pay must fill in parts 2 and 3. Penalty charges may be applied if you make a wrongful claim for free prescriptions. If you're unsure about whether you are entitled to free prescriptions, pay and ask for an FP57 form. You cannot get one later. The FP57 tells you about getting a refund.

**Part 1** The patient doesn't have to pay because he/she:

A  is under 16 years of age Collectors of Schedule 2 & 3 CDs should sign their name:

B  is 16, 17 or 18 and in full-time education

C  is 60 years of age or over

D  has a valid maternity exemption certificate

E  has a valid medical exemption certificate

F  has a valid prescription pre-payment certificate

G  has a valid War Pension exemption certificate

L  is named on a current HC2 (full help) certificate

X  was prescribed free of charge contraceptives

H  \*gets Income Support or income-related Employment and Support Allowance

K  \*gets income based Jobseeker's Allowance

M  \*is entitled to, or named on, a valid NHS Tax Credit Exemption Certificate

S  \*has a partner who gets Pension Credit guarantee credit (PCGC)

\* Name:  Date of birth:  /  /  NI /

\* I am included in an award of income-based Jobseeker's Allowance, income-related Employment and Support Allowance, Income Support, Pension Credit Guarantee Credit or Tax Credit. *Print the name of the person who gets the benefit.*

**Declaration** For patients who do not have to pay I declare that the information I have given on this form is correct and complete. I understand that if it is not, appropriate action may be taken. I confirm proper entitlement to exemption. To enable the NHS to check I have a valid exemption and to prevent and detect fraud and incorrectness, I consent to the disclosure of relevant information from this form to and by the NHS Business Services Authority, the Department for Work and Pensions and Local Authorities.

Now sign and fill in Part 3

**Part 2** I have paid £  Now sign and fill in Part 3

**Part 3** Cross out box I am the patient  patient's representative

Sign here  Date / /

Print name and address\*

Postcode

\* If different from overleaf © Crown Copyright

## Contraceptives

### ***What is the change?***

Box X “was prescribed free of charge contraceptives” has been removed from the new stationery.

### ***What do users need to do?***

Where the prescription form contains other items that would incur a levy, the user must ensure that the appropriate exemption is selected.

Where the free-of-charge (FOC) contraceptive item is the only item on the form:

- **EPS:** Nothing, PSC will automatically apply the “was prescribed free of charge contraceptives” exemption where a FOC contraceptive item has been dispensed alone on a prescription form. The EPS message code will show “0010” in the claim message.
- **Paper:** Nothing, the patient (or their representative) is not required to make a declaration or sign the back of the current stationery.

## Sexually Transmitted Infections (STI’s)

### ***What is the change?***

A new prescriber endorsement “FS” (free of supply sexual health treatment) has been introduced to enable prescribers in indicating products being prescribed for the treatment of an STI.

Only items endorsed with FS will be FOC, including if the item is prescribed with other items that may normally incur a levy. If FS is missing for an item, it will incur a levy, unless the patient is otherwise exempt.

### ***What do users need to do?***

Where the prescription form contains other items that would incur a levy, the user must ensure that the appropriate exemption is selected.

Where the item is endorsed with FS and is the only item on the form:

- **EPS:** as the prescriber code FS has not yet been added to prescribing systems, there are unlikely to be any EPS prescriptions for items endorsed in this way.
  - In the unlikely event that the prescribing systems are issuing EPS prescriptions for items endorsed with FS, and the user has inadvertently marked the prescription as “paid”, the NHS BSA will treat this as an exempt item.
- **Paper:** Nothing, the patient (or their representative) is not required to make a declaration or sign the back of the current stationery. Paper prescriptions containing FS items should be placed in the red separator.

## Universal Credit (UC)

### ***What is the change?***

A new exemption box “U” has been introduced for “Universal Credit and meet the criteria” on the new stationery.

### ***What do users need to do?***

- **EPS:** continue to select “K” for “Income based Job Seeker’s Allowance”.
- **Paper:** continue to select “K” for “Income based Job Seeker’s Allowance”.

## Age-Exemptions

### **What is the change?**

A single combined exemption category “A” has been introduced for “*is 60 years of age of over; or is under 16 years of age*” on the new stationery.

### **What do users need to do?**

- **EPS:** continue to select “A” for “*under 16 years of age*” or “C” for *is 60 years of age of over*”.
- **Paper:** continue to select “A” for “*under 16 years of age*” or “C” for *is 60 years of age of over*”.

## War Pension

### **What is the change?**

The current exemption of “G” for “*has a valid War Pension exemption certificate*” has been re-worded to “*Prescription exemption certificate issued by Ministry of Defence*” on the new stationery.

### **What do users need to do?**

- **EPS:** nothing, continue to select “G” for “*has a valid War Pension exemption certificate*”.
- **Paper:** nothing, continue to select “G” for “*has a valid War Pension exemption certificate*”.

## **General FAQs**

Please refer to the [PSNC Briefing 002/20: Changes to FP10 NHS prescription form and EPS Tokens](#) for further FAQs.

## **Revision History**

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