

NHS Pharmacy First Eligibility Checking

The NHS Pharmacy First Scotland changes will take effect from 29th July 2020 and will appear in ProScript Connect from this date onward.



Only patients who are registered with a Scottish GP or those who live in Scotland are eligible for the Pharmacy First service. The patient's CHI number is used during the eligibility check to obtain this information.

If a medication or appliance is being supplied under Pharmacy First, an eligibility check will take place upon initiating the service. The following table outlines the responses that will potentially be returned.

Eligibility Check Response	Explanation
<i>Eligible</i>	The patient has a valid CHI number, it has been confirmed that they are registered with a Scottish GP and they are not a resident in a care home. The supply can be recorded under the Minor Ailment Service (MAS) prescription Type.
<i>Not Eligible</i>	The patient does not meet the normal requirements in order to be eligible. However, the pharmacist can use their own professional judgement and decide to supply medication based on the clinical condition presented.
<i>Patient Not Found / Check Fails</i>	The patient's CHI number cannot be matched to information in ePharmacy or cannot be found. However, the pharmacist can use their own professional judgement and decide to supply medication based on the clinical condition presented.



If during the eligibility check the response returned states that the patient is *Not Eligible*, *Patient Not Found* or *Check Fails*, the pharmacist can select the **[F10 – Check Eligibility]** button to check the patient's eligibility again or select the **[F1 – Continue]** button if deciding the use their own judgement and supply medication to the patient based on the symptoms they are presenting.

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