



MEDICINE SELLERS' LICENCES

In most cases Schedule 2 poisons may be sold from pharmacies only. Schedule 2 poisons have the words **PHARMACY MEDICINE** at the top of the label.

Schedule 2 poisons may be sold by a person who is not a pharmacist when licensed as a Medicine Seller. The penalty for selling one of these poisons without a licence may be a fine up to \$10,000.

A Medicine Seller's Licence may be issued to a person who has a shop for the sale of goods by retail:

- which is open for business for at least 38 hours per week; and
- is 25 kilometres or more by the shortest practical route from the nearest pharmacy which is open for at least 3 hours daily (excluding Saturdays, Sundays and public holidays) or
- if there is a genuine local community need for a medicine seller.

Applicant bona fides

Before issuing a licence SA Health may make any enquiries necessary to establish the bona fides of the applicant and to ascertain if they are a fit and proper person to hold a licence.

Please include the following with your application:-

- The current certificate(s) of registration of your company and/or trading names including the names and addresses of the company directors; **or**
- The names of the persons running the business where there is no company name but there is a trading name, and the current certificate(s) of registration of trading names; **or**
- The names of the persons running the business where there is no company name or trading name.

Term of Licence and Expiry Date

Applicants have the option of applying and paying for a licence that will expire either 1 year or 3 years from the date of issue. The licence will therefore expire on the day before the 1 or 3 year anniversary of the date of issue. Thereafter, if renewed, the licensee will have the option of renewing the licence for a 1 year or 3 year period.

Licence Fees: 1/7/2021 to 30/6/2022

The current fees for a medicine seller's licence for a 1 year or 3 year period are as follows:

1 year \$49.00	OR	3 years \$147.00
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Licence Conditions

Special Regulations apply to the storage and sale of these medicines. Medicine Sellers' Licences also have conditions attached to them and the licensee must comply with these conditions as well as the regulations.

The penalty for non-compliance with a condition of the licence is a fine up to \$5000. In addition if the licensee is convicted of an offence under the Act or regulations or, in the opinion of SA Health, has failed to comply with a condition the licence may be revoked.

Regulations and licence conditions include, but are not necessarily limited to, the following:

Schedule 2 poisons (medicines) must be stored in a part of the shop which is **not** accessible to the public for self selection of goods; or on a shelf 1.2 metres or more above floor level and located away from steps, stairways, ramps or escalators (that is, out of reach of a five year old child) unless the container:

- is fitted with a child-resistant lid;
- is enclosed in a blister pack; or
- contains more than 5 litres or 5 kilograms; and
- is away from human or animal food; or in such a manner that if leakage or spillage occurs human or animal food will not be contaminated.

Schedule 2 poisons (medicines) must **not** be displayed in floor or dump bins or at the check-out or cash register.

Other conditions may be included on a licence for special circumstances which may apply to one licensee or to medicine sellers generally.

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