



RPBS Medicinal Cannabis Tier 2 Application

The Department of Veterans' Affairs (DVA) considers funding medicinal cannabis on a case by case basis through the Repatriation Pharmaceutical Benefits Scheme (RPBS) in accordance with DVA's medicinal cannabis policy framework. Please see www.dva.gov.au/medcannabisproviders for further information.

DVA processes requests for funding under a 2-tiered classification:

- **Tier 1** must meet all three criteria below.
 - Doctor can obtain an RPBS Authority Prescription via phone call to Veterans' Affairs Pharmaceutical Advisory Centre (VAPAC) on 1800 552 580 and providing the information required. Please see www.dva.gov.au/medcannabisproviders for further information.
- **Tier 2** if any one of the criteria exist as noted below.
 - Doctor applies to DVA for funding by completing this form and returning to PPO@dva.gov.au or via fax **(07) 3223 8651**.
 - Doctor to include a written assessment from the treating **non-GP** specialist that medicinal cannabis would clinically benefit the patient.

DVA's Medicinal Cannabis Framework Two-tier Classification

	Tier 1	Tier 2
Number of products	The client is receiving a maximum of 2 products at any one time.	The client is receiving 3 or more products at any one time.
Total THC dosage	The client is receiving any product or products containing the equivalent, or less, of a total 40 mg per day of THC, or no THC.	The client is receiving any product or products that contain a total of over 40 mg per day of THC.
Health conditions - see www.dva.gov.au/medcannabisproviders	For these health conditions where we have already established that the treatment is supported under our framework.	For these health conditions where we have already established that the treatment is supported under our framework <i>and</i> where either of the tier 2 circumstances above exist. <i>Or</i> For other health conditions not listed on the website where the application would need to include evidence to support efficacy of the proposed treatment.

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Date of application

Veteran details

1. Name
Surname
Given name(s)

2. Date of birth

3. DVA file number

4. Card type Gold Orange White

5. DVA accepted conditions to be treated (white card only)

Medical practitioner details

6. Provider name	<input type="text"/>		
7. Prescriber number	<input type="text"/>		
8. Provider type (e.g. GP, Pain specialist, Neurologist)	<input type="text"/>		
9. Address	<input type="text"/>	Postcode	<input type="text"/>
10. Contact numbers (including area code if applicable)	Phone <input type="text"/>	Fax	<input type="text"/>
11. Email address	<input type="text"/>		

Product details

12. Total daily dose	THC	<input type="text"/> mg	CBD	<input type="text"/> mg
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13. Have you obtained all relevant state/territory/commonwealth approvals, including TGA authorisations to prescribe medicinal cannabis products?

No Please lodge this application after you have received the approval(s) from TGA and/or your state health department.

Yes

14. Product details (Attach a separate page if more than 4 products)	Product 1	Trade name <input type="text"/>	TGA category <input type="text"/>
		Active ingredient(s) and strength <input type="text"/>	
		Directions/dosage <input type="text"/>	Form (eg. oil, solution) <input type="text"/>
	Product 2	Trade name <input type="text"/>	TGA category <input type="text"/>
		Active ingredient(s) and strength <input type="text"/>	
		Directions/dosage <input type="text"/>	Form (eg. oil, solution) <input type="text"/>
	Product 3	Trade name <input type="text"/>	TGA category <input type="text"/>
		Active ingredient(s) and strength <input type="text"/>	
		Directions/dosage <input type="text"/>	Form (eg. oil, solution) <input type="text"/>
	Product 4	Trade name <input type="text"/>	TGA category <input type="text"/>
		Active ingredient(s) and strength <input type="text"/>	
		Directions/dosage <input type="text"/>	Form (eg. oil, solution) <input type="text"/>

Clinical justification

15. List the medical condition(s) being treated with medicinal cannabis

16. Has DVA approved funding for this client via a previous Tier 2 application for medicinal cannabis?

No ▶ Continue to next question

Yes ▶ **Go to question 21**

17. Relevant clinical indication(s)

Tick all that apply

- Chronic cancer pain
- Chronic pain e.g. neuropathy or other condition
- Cancer related nausea and vomiting
- Palliative care indications
- Anorexia and wasting associated with chronic illness (such as cancer)
- Spasticity from neurological conditions
- Refractory paediatric epilepsy
- Other – please specify

If other, please **attach** evidence that the proposed treatment is supported by several high quality scientific studies with very few or no credible opposing findings that it is effective in treating the condition.

18. Has a relevant treating non-GP specialist provided their own written assessment that medicinal cannabis is clinically indicated and may benefit the patient?

Note: Under the DVA framework, the speciality should have direct relevance to the condition being treated.

The non-GP specialist written assessment should also include detailed clinical information about the medical conditions being treated, and previous treatment strategies which lead to their recommendation that medicinal cannabis should be trialled as part of the treatment protocol for the patient.

No ▶ A written assessment from a relevant non-GP specialist is required by DVA

Yes ▶ Please **attach** the assessment letter from the treating non-GP specialist

19. Have evidence-based standard treatments (if available and appropriate) for the condition(s) been attempted and failed?

No ▶ DVA is unable to consider funding medicinal cannabis unless standard treatments have been attempted and failed.

Yes ▶ Please list attempted treatment(s) and their outcomes
(If you need more space attach a separate sheet)

20. Please confirm the following statements:

- The patient has been advised of potential contra-indications with medicinal cannabis treatment.
- A suicide and mental health assessment has been undertaken and documented, determining there is no increased risk from medicinal cannabis on suicide ideation or mental health.
- The patient has no current substance use disorder, and has low risk for substance use disorder.
- The patient has agreed to their personal information being provided to DVA for the purpose of assessing their eligibility for the medicinal cannabis treatment.

▶ **If this is not a re-application, go to *Submitting this form* below**

Re-application

21. Please specify the reason(s) for re-application

- Ongoing treatment
- Increasing total daily dose of THC or CBD
- Changing prescriber
- Other - please specify

22. Please report on the outcomes of this therapy including objective treatment results (e.g. pain scores), any functional improvement, changes to prescribed medicines

23. Please report on the ongoing monitoring of the patient's mental health status

Submitting this form

24. Submitting this form

Once this form is fully completed, please provide to DVA by either:

Email: PPO@dva.gov.au

Fax: **(07) 3223 8651**

Please ensure all information provided is clearly written, complete and correct as missing or incorrect information, including clinical justification for request, may delay the processing of your request.