

SA Community Pharmacy Expanded Scope of Practice Initiative

Post graduate training and subsidy information

Frequently Asked Questions

Where can pharmacists complete the additional training required to provide expanded scope of practice services in SA?

SA Health approved post graduate training programs will be listed on the [SA Health Community Pharmacy Expanded Scope of Practice](#) webpage as they are approved.

SA Health is currently in the process of seeking course submissions. Approved courses are anticipated to be listed on the webpage in December 2025.

When will the training be available?

Post graduate training programs are currently available. SA Health approved post graduate training programs will be listed on the [SA Health Community Pharmacy Expanded Scope of Practice](#) webpage.

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Will there be a local course in SA that I can enrol in?

Adelaide University have announced that they will be offering a post graduate certificate in pharmacy prescribing from early 2026. Further information will be available from Adelaide University once the course is ready to receive enrolments.

Can I apply for the subsidy if I am not enrolled in a course?

Yes, you can apply for the subsidy before you enrol in an approved course. You will be advised if you have been successful or not prior to enrolment in an approved course. However, evidence of enrolment in an approved course must be provided before the subsidy is administered.

When will I find out the outcome of the subsidy application process?

The Expression of Interest (EOI) process for round 1 of the training subsidy closes on 14 November 2025. Applicants will be advised in early December if they have or have not been successful.

If I get a subsidy, do I need to enrol in a course right away, or could I save the subsidy for a later time?

If you are successful in receiving a subsidy you will need to enrol in an SA Health approved training program at the next available intake in 2026 for that course. You will need to provide evidence of enrolment prior to receiving the subsidy.

You will not be able to hold on to the subsidy for use at a later date.

How will it be decided on who will receive the subsidy?

To be eligible for consideration of the training subsidy, pharmacists must meet the eligibility criteria outlined on the [SA Health Community Pharmacy Expanded Scope of Practice](#) webpage.

A fair and equitable allocation of the subsidy to ensure broad coverage of metropolitan, rural and regional areas is essential in promoting optimal and sustainable consumer access.

Do I need to pay back the subsidy if I withdraw or fail to complete the training?

Yes, if you withdraw from the course or fail to successfully complete the course within 18 months of commencement, then the Department of Health and Wellbeing will require reimbursement of the subsidy.

Will pharmacists who have completed a course in another state or territory be recognised in SA?

The Department for Health and Wellbeing has established a Training Course Assessment Panel to assess training courses. Interstate courses that are assessed by the Training Course Assessment Panel and approved by the Department for Health and Wellbeing will be recognised in SA. Approved training courses will be listed on the [SA Health Community Pharmacy Expanded Scope of Practice](#) webpage in coming months.

I am a pharmacist owner and would like to enrol in a training program, can I apply for the subsidy?

Yes, you may apply for the subsidy if you are a pharmacy owner, and you meet the eligibility criteria. You will need to provide a letter of support as the business owner outlining the suitability of the community pharmacy where services will be provided eg. Have a fit-for-purpose consultation room and hold appropriate pharmacy accreditation.

I am a pharmacy intern, am I eligible for the subsidy?

No. To be eligible to receive the subsidy you must hold unconditional general registration and have been working as a pharmacist at your principal place of practice for at least the previous 6 months.

Further rounds for the subsidy will become available in 2026.

If I am unsuccessful will there be another opportunity to apply for a training subsidy?

Yes. Round 1 of the EOI for training subsidies closes on 14 November and there will be another opportunity to apply for the subsidy in the next financial year.

If I get a subsidy, which training course can I enrol in?

You can enrol in your choice of any SA Health approved training course. SA Health is currently in the process of seeking course submissions. Approved courses are anticipated to be listed on the webpage in December 2025.