





# Controlled Drugs (CDs)

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## Legislations applicable to CDs


- The Misuse of Drugs Act 1971 as amended (herein referred to as 'the 1971 Act')
- The Misuse of Drugs Regulations 2001 as amended (herein referred to as 'the 2001 Regulations')
- The Misuse of Drugs (Safe Custody) Regulations 1973 as amended (herein referred to as 'Safe Custody Regulations')
- The Health Act 2006
- Controlled Drugs (Supervision of Management and Use) Regulations 2013 which affect England and Scotland




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## Other than pharmacists, doctors & dentists, who else can possess CDs?



- Home Office Licence Holders
- Home Office Group Authority
- Class of Person
- Class of Drug
- Patients

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## Who can administer CDs to a patient?



- Doctor, dentist, pharmacist independent prescriber or nurse independent prescriber
- Supplementary prescriber
- Person acting in accordance with directions of a prescriber

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## Import, Export and Travel


- Import / export licence (Schedule 1-4)
- Personal licence
- Covering letter from prescriber

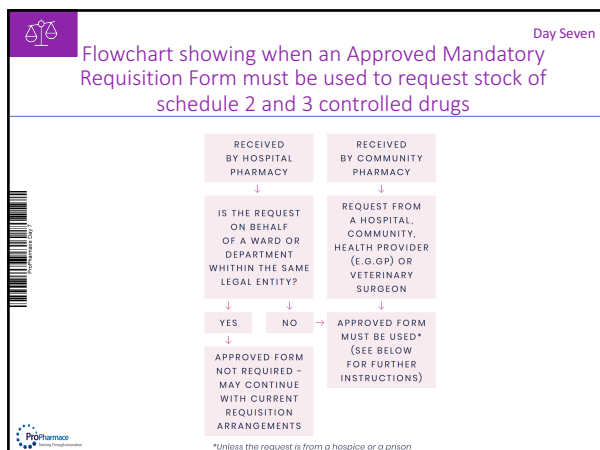



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## CD Requisition Form

- On 30 November 2015, amendments to the Misuse of Drugs Regulations 2001 made the use of an approved form for the requisitioning of Schedule 2 and 3 Controlled Drugs in the community **COMPULSORY**.
- Applies to both requisitions for human and for veterinary use. Hospices and prisons are exempt from the requirement to use the approved form.





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- ### What are the legal requirements for a CD requisition form?
- 1) Signature of the recipient
  - 2) Name of the recipient
  - 3) Address of the recipient
  - 4) Profession or occupation
  - 5) Total quantity of drug
  - 6) Purpose of the requisition

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- ### Instalment Prescriptions
- An instalment direction combines two pieces of information:
    1. Amount of medicine per instalment
    2. Interval between each time the medicine can be supplied
  - The Home Office has confirmed that an instalment prescription must have both a dose and an instalment amount specified separately on the prescription.


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- ### Controlled Drugs Electronic Prescriptions
- From March 2019, community pharmacies started receiving schedule 2 and 3 controlled drugs via EPS.
  - EPS cannot be used for prescribing in instalments (FP10MDA)
  - Exclusions include oral liquid methadone

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### Collection of dispensed CDs


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### Safe Custody


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## Destruction of CDs






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## NICE Guidance on Controlled Drugs: Safe Use and Management


For stock controlled drugs, when disposing of bottles containing irretrievable amounts of liquid drugs:

- Consider rinsing the bottle and disposing of the liquid into a pharmaceutical waste bin
- Remove or obliterate labels and other identifiers from the container
- Dispose of the clean, empty container into the recycling waste

Disposal of irretrievable amounts of controlled drugs does not need to be recorded.

NICE. Controlled drugs: safe use and management. April 2016. (<https://www.nice.org.uk/guidance/ng46>)







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## Record Keeping & CD Registers






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## Cannabis-Based Products for Medicinal use (CBPM)


In November 2018, medical cannabis was rescheduled from a schedule 1 controlled drug to a schedule 2. Medicinal products derived from cannabis are now available on prescription.


The new law does not limit the types of conditions that can be considered for treatment and doctors will no longer need to seek approval from an expert panel in order for patients to access the medicines.

Types of Cannabis-Based products include:

1. Unlicensed Cannabidiol (CBD) products
2. Licensed products/synthetics
3. Cannabis-Based products for medicinal use (CBPMS)






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## Reclassification of Pregabalin and Gabapentin

In April 2019, Pregabalin and Gabapentin were rescheduled as Schedule 3 CDs, but are excluded from the requirement to be stored in safe custody.

