# PBS Changes Explainer

This table outlines the PBS co-payment and Safety Net threshold changes. It can be used by pharmacists as an aid to provide general advice to patients.

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|  | **Before 1 July 2022**Maximum cost per prescription | **From 1 July 2022***PBS Safety Net thresholds were lowered for concessional patients, to equivalent of 12 fully priced scripts.*Maximum cost per prescription | **From 1 January 2023***The cost of general prescriptions under the PBS falls for first time in 75-year history.*Maximum cost per prescription | **From 1 January 2024***Co-payment and Safety Net threshold amounts increase in line with Consumer Price Index.*Maximum cost per prescription |
| **General patients** | $42.50*PBS Safety Net threshold for general patients is* ***$1,542.10****.* | $42.50*PBS Safety Net threshold lowered for general patients to* ***$1,457.10*** *– $85 reduction or equivalent to approximately two fully priced scripts.* | $30.00*PBS Safety Net threshold increased to* ***$1,563.50*** *in line with Consumer Price Index.* | $31.60*PBS Safety Net threshold increased* *to* ***$1,647.90*** *in line with Consumer* *Price Index.* |
| **Concessional patients** | $6.80*PBS Safety Net threshold for concessional patients is* ***$326.40****.* | $6.80*PBS Safety Net threshold lowered for concessional patients to* ***$244.80*** *–$81.60 reduction or equivalent to 12 fully priced scripts.* | $7.30*PBS Safety Net threshold increased to* ***$262.80*** *in line with Consumer Price Index.* | $7.70*PBS Safety Net threshold increased to* ***$277.20*** *in line with Consumer Price Index.* |
| **Closing the Gap program (general patients)** | $6.80(general patients) | $6.80(general patients) | $7.30*General Closing the Gap program patients will pay the concessional rate of $7.30 per script. Their scripts will continue to count toward the general PBS Safety Net at the pre‑1 January 2023 amount of $42.50, rather than at the reduced amount of $30.00.* | $7.70*General Closing the Gap program patients pay the concessional rate of $7.70 per script. Their scripts will continue to count toward the general PBS Safety Net at the amount of $42.50.* |
| **Closing the Gap program (concessional patients)** | $0 (concessional patients) | $0(concessional patients) | $0(concessional patients) | $0(concessional patients) |