# PBS restrictions for T2DM medicines - summary tables

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The following tables provide an abridged description of the revised Pharmaceutical Benefits Scheme (PBS) restrictions for type 2 diabetes mellitus (T2DM) medicines.

**Table 1. PBS Unrestricted medicines and Restricted Benefit medicines for T2DM by class**

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| **Class** | **Drug** |
| ***Biguanides*** | Metformin |
| ***Sulfonylureas*** | Glibenclamide |
| Gliclazide |
| Glimepiride |
| Glipizide |
| ***Alpha glucosidase inhibitors*** | Acarbose |
| ***Insulins*** | Insulins, except insulin detemir which is a Restricted Benefit for use in type 1 diabetes mellitus |
| ***Thiazolidinediones*** | Pioglitazone |

**Table 2. PBS-subsidised combinations of Authority Required T2DM medicines by class and drug**

Key: Green = PBS-subsidised, Red = NOT PBS-subsidised, Orange = PBS-subsidised with contraindication/intolerance requirements.

| **Class** | **Drug** **(Brand name)** | **Dual therapy with** **Met or Su** | **Triple therapy with****Met + Su** | **Dual/triple therapy with** **Ins+/- Met** | **Triple therapy with****Met + SGLT2i** | **Triple therapy with****Met + DPP4i** |
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| DPP4i ‘Gliptins’ | Alogliptin**1**(Nesina®) | 🗸 | 🗸 | 🗸 | 🗸 | NA |
| Linagliptin**1,2** (Trajenta®) | 🗸 | 🗸 | 🗸 | 🗸 | NA |
| Saxagliptin**1,2**(Onglyza®) | 🗸 | 🗸 | 🗸 | 🗸 | NA |
| Sitagliptin**1,2** (multiple brands) | 🗸 | 🗸 | 🗸 | 🗸 | NA |
| Vildagliptin**1** (Galvus®) | 🗸 | 🗸 | 🗸 | 🗸 | NA |
| SGLT2i‘Flozins’ | Dapagliflozin**1,3** (Forxiga®) | 🗸 | 🗸 | 🗸 | NA | 🗸 |
| Empagliflozin**1,3**(Jardiance®) | 🗸 | 🗸 | 🗸 | NA | 🗸 |
| GLP-1 RAs | Dulaglutide (Trulicity®) | 🗸**4** | 🗸**4** | 🗸**4** | X | X |
| Semaglutide (Ozempic®) | 🗸**4** | 🗸**4** | 🗸**4** | X | X |

Abbreviations: DPP4i = dipeptidyl peptidase-4 inhibitor, Ins = insulin; Met = metformin, NA = Not applicable; SGLT2i = sodium-glucose cotransporter 2 inhibitor, Su = sulfonylurea.

Quadruple therapy: PBS-subsidised quadruple therapy options have not been included for simplicity. DPP4 inhibitors and SGLT2 inhibitors are subsidised for use in combination with insulin and other Unrestricted medicines.

60-day prescriptions: All T2DM medicines, except insulins and GLP-1 RAs, are available for 60-day prescriptions. The patient’s condition must be stable.

Notes:

1. Fixed dose combination (FDC) with metformin available. FDCs are not subsidised for initial therapy.
2. FDC with SGLT2 inhibitor available. FDCs are not subsidised for initial therapy.
3. FDC with DPP4 inhibitor available. FDCs are not subsidised for initial therapy.
4. Patient must have a contraindication/intolerance requiring treatment discontinuation to an SGLT2 inhibitor, or the patient must not have achieved a clinically meaningful glycaemic response to an SGLT2 inhibitor. Telephone/electronic authority required for initiation.