

The NHS English Prescription Charge has **INCREASED**

To **£9.90** for each item dispensed
From 1st May 2024

Prescriptions are **FREE** for a patient who is:

Under 16 years old

Aged 16-18 and in full-time education

60 years of age or over

Named on a valid HC2 charges certificate

Named on a working tax credit/child tax credit NHS exemption certificate

Named on an NHS certificate for partial help with health costs (HC3)*

Prescriptions are **FREE** for a patient who has:

A valid cancer patient exemption certificate

A valid maternity exemption certificate(MatEx)

A valid medical exemption certificate (MedEx)

A valid Prescription Prepayment Certificate (PPC)**

A valid war pension exemption certificate

Been prescribed free-of-charge contraceptives

Prescriptions are **FREE** for a patient who receives:

Income support

Income-based jobseeker's allowance

Income-related Employment and Support Allowance

Pension Credit Guarantee Credit

Universal Credit and meet the criteria

* With a HC3 you **may** get help. **Prepayments are now £32.05 for 3 months and £114.50 for an annual prepayment certificate. **The recently introduced HRT PPC will cost £19.80, for 12 months.** PPCs offer savings for some. PPCs can be ordered from www.nhs.uk/ppc - For a detailed NHS prescription exemption list please visit <https://www.nhs.uk/nhs-services/prescriptions-and-pharmacies/who-can-get-free-prescriptions/>

The prescription charge is a contribution to the NHS. It is **NOT** a payment to the Practice. It bears no relationship to the cost of the item.