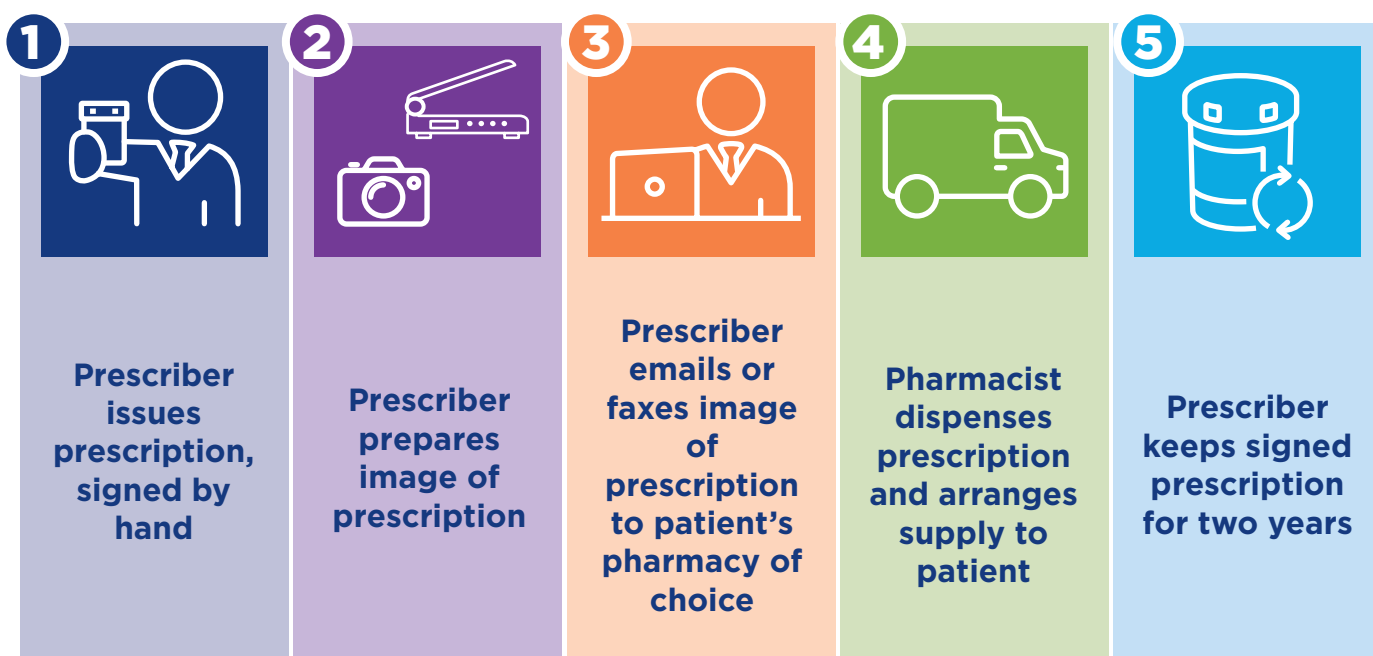


Information for Prescribers

Image-Based Prescriptions

From 17 April 2020, medical practitioners and nurse practitioners in NSW can issue an image-based prescription for most medicines to a community pharmacy by email or fax for dispensing.

This temporary measure will facilitate telehealth consultations and access to medicines during the COVID-19 response. This measure is in place until 4 April 2021.



What you need to know

- Image-based prescriptions cannot be prescribed or dispensed for Schedule 4 Appendix D medicines (e.g. benzodiazepines) or Schedule 8 medicines (e.g. opioids).
- An image-based prescription is issued the same way as a regular prescription. You must sign it by hand. A digital signature is not permitted.
- You can fax the signed prescription to a community pharmacy, scan it and email it to a pharmacy, or photograph it and email it to a pharmacy. Do not email or text it to a patient.
- You can include instructions for a repeat supply. Repeats will be held in the same pharmacy as the original supply.
- You must keep the signed physical prescription securely at your practice for two years.
- Find an email address for a community pharmacy using your search engine or tools such as www.findapharmacy.com.au. It is advisable to confirm details before sending an email or fax.

Need more information

Visit the NSW Health website at

<https://www.health.nsw.gov.au/pharmaceutical/doctors/Pages/image-based-prescriptions.aspx>