

Accreditation Process for Medication Management Reviews

Introduction

Registered pharmacists can be accredited by SHPA to undertake medication management reviews, including Home Medication Reviews (HMRs) and Residential Medication Management Reviews (RMMRs) for individuals in community or aged care settings.

SHPA is recognised and approved by Department of Health (DoH) and Department of Veterans Affairs (DVA) as one of only two professional bodies able to accredit pharmacists to undertake MMRs.

Accredited pharmacists will be issued an **SHPA accreditation number** and an **accreditation certificate**. Each year on completion of annual re-accreditation requirements, SHPA will issue a **re-accreditation certificate**.

Eligibility for SHPA accreditation

The SHPA accreditation system is available to **all registered pharmacists with the appropriate experience**, who are seeking to be accredited to undertake medication reviews. This is regardless of their affiliation with, or membership of other professional organisations, or employment background.

Requirements for applicants seeking SHPA accreditation for medication reviews

- ✓ Evidence of current registration with AHPRA.
- ✓ Evidence of at least two years of pharmacy practice experience via a statement from an employer, supervisor, or statutory declaration.
- ✓ Evidence of active participation in continuing professional development activities such as those conducted by SHPA or other professional organisations.
- ✓ Evidence of completing at least 60 CPD credits (of which no more than 10 credits are Group 1). Applicants will have to submit their CPD learning plan as well as their CPD record.
- ✓ Evidence of successful completion of competency-based assessment addressing topics of relevance to the skills required for medication management reviews, which are presently:
 - **Certification as a Geriatric Pharmacist** by the US Board of Pharmacy Specialties. Certified pharmacists are entitled to use the post-nominals BCGP.
 - **Certification in Pharmacotherapy** by the US Board of Pharmacy Specialties. Certified pharmacists are entitled to use the post-nominals BCPS.

Duration of Accreditation

An accreditation certificate of one year's duration will be issued by SHPA. Prior to issuing the accreditation certificate, the pharmacist will be asked to make a written commitment confirming his/her intention to complete all annual re-accreditation requirements to maintain:

- BCGP or BCPS certification
- registration as a pharmacist in Australia
- participation in continuing professional development activities relevant to their scope of practice as an accredited pharmacist. Evidence of completing at least 60 CPD credits (of which no more than 10 credits are Group 1) will be required for annual re-accreditation.

These requirements must also be maintained, and evidence provided to meet SHPA's annual requirements for re-accreditation. Provided these requirements are met, a re-accreditation certificate will be issued.

Re-accreditation may only occur within the terms of the underlying BCGP or BCPS certification. Once this date is passed then accreditation will be deemed to have **lapsed** until BCGP or BCPS re-certification occurs. Currently these terms are:

- 7 years for BCGP and BCPS

The onus remains on individual accredited pharmacists to ensure their re-accreditation occurs in a timely manner. **Failure to do so will result in accreditation privileges being suspended.**

Fees

An initial fee is charged to evaluate the application documentation and administer the SHPA approval number and accreditation certificate as a pharmacist accredited to undertake medication reviews. This one-off fee is \$280 for SHPA members and \$390 for non-members (incl. GST).

Annual re-accreditation certificates will be issued for \$170 to SHPA members and to non-members for \$280 (incl. GST). *Fees charged by SHPA are subject to change without notice.*