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How to submit an application to establish a new pharmacy



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1. Purpose of this guide

This guide provides instructions on how to navigate the PBS Approved Suppliers Portal, complete the online application form and submit an application to establish a new pharmacy to supply pharmaceutical benefits at particular premises.

2. When to use this online form

Use the online form *Application for approval to establish a new pharmacy to supply pharmaceutical benefits at particular premises* if you are applying for such approval under section 90 of the *National Health Act 1953*.

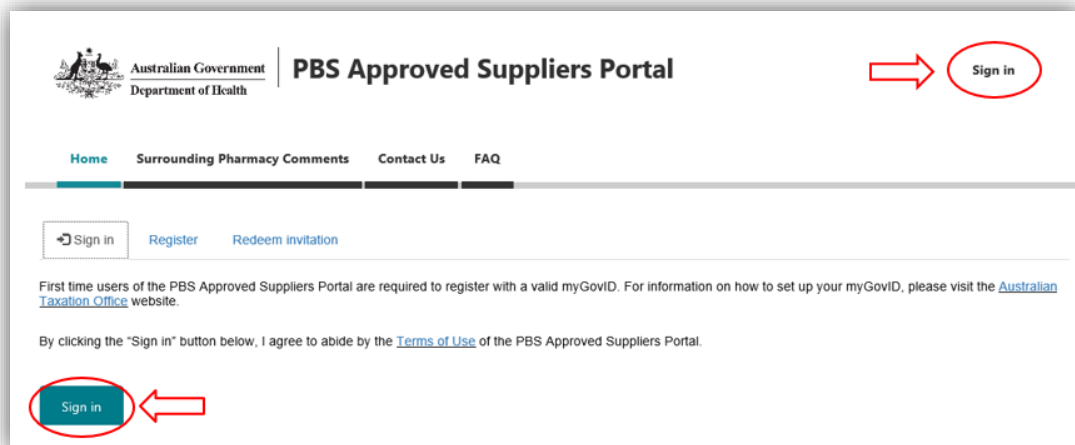
3. Pharmacy Location Rules – Applicant’s Handbook

Refer to the [Pharmacy Location Rules – Applicant’s Handbook](#) before completing this form. The Applicant’s Handbook provides information about the Pharmacy Location Rules and what types of documentation must be attached when submitting this form.

i If you are a first-time user of the Portal, please refer to the *PBS Approved Suppliers Portal Guide – How to register and sign in*.

4. Accessing the PBS Approved Suppliers Portal

- Type <https://pbsapprovedsuppliers.health.gov.au> into your browser.
- Select the top right *Sign in* option; the green *Sign in* button will then display.




- Selecting ‘Sign in’ will take you directly to the myGovID pin authentication screen where you will be required to login with your myGovID and enter the generated 4 digit pin code into your smart device.

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What's next?

1. Download the app
2. Prove who you are
3. Come back and login


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Remember me [Cancel](#)

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1. Open myGovID on your phone
2. Accept or enter the code 

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Waiting...

3. Come back

[Cancel](#)

- Entering the pin on your myGovID app will take you to your PBS Approved Suppliers Portal *Home* screen:



You can select one of the following options by clicking on any of the tabs in the navigation bar located across the top of the screen:

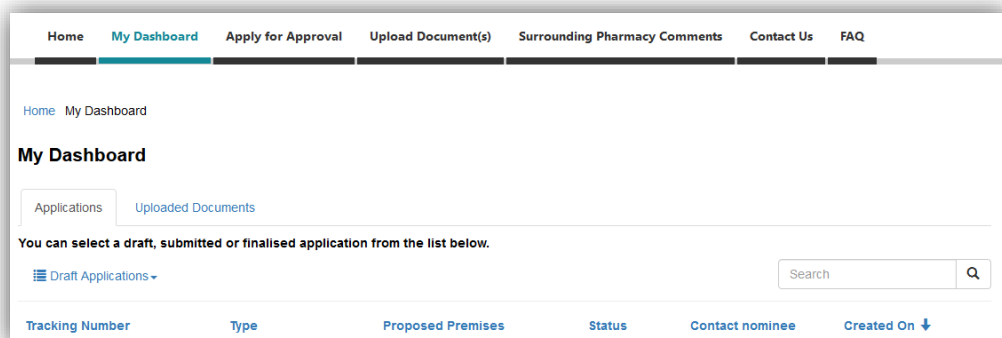
- My Dashboard
- Apply for Approval
- Upload Document
- Surrounding Pharmacy Comments (not relevant to completing an application)
- Contact Us
- FAQ

Alternatively, you can click on 'Apply for Approval' on the *Home* screen.

5. Applying for Approval

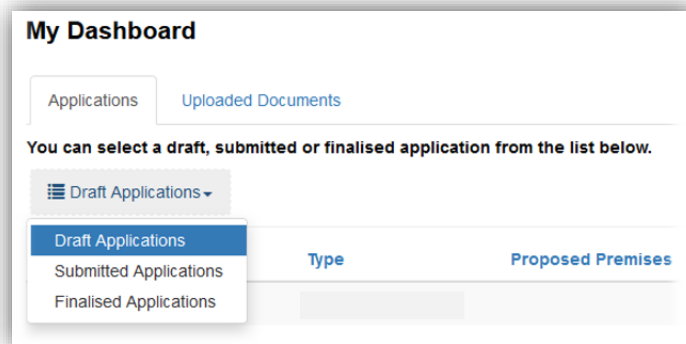
a) Continue an application in progress

When you select 'My Dashboard' from the navigation bar, the following screen will be displayed:



- To continue working on a draft application, select the application from 'Draft Applications'.

- i The 'Applications' tab displays a list of your draft, submitted and finalised applications and allows you to check their status. You can toggle between views of your draft, submitted and finalised applications by clicking the dropdown arrow next to the heading.



- i The 'Uploaded Documents' tab displays a list documents you have uploaded via 'Upload Documents' and allows you to check their status.

b) Start a new application

- To start a new application, select 'Apply for Approval' from the navigation bar or on the *Home* screen.

The following screen will be displayed:



- Select '**Application for approval to establish a new pharmacy to supply pharmaceutical benefits at particular premises**'.

After you select your application type, the following screen will be displayed:

Home > Apply for Approval > Start Application

Application for approval to establish a new pharmacy to supply pharmaceutical benefits at particular premises

Purpose of this form

Complete this form if you are applying for approval to establish a new pharmacy to supply pharmaceutical benefits at particular premises under section 90 of the *National Health Act 1953*.

Pharmacy Location Rules

Refer to the *Pharmacy Location Rules – Applicant's Handbook* before completing this form. The handbook provides information about the Pharmacy Location Rules and what types of documentation must be attached when submitting this form. It is available at [Pharmacy Location Rules - Applicant's Handbook](#).

Privacy and your personal information

Personal information is protected by law, including the *Privacy Act 1988*.

Personal information is being collected in this form by the Australian Government Department of Health for the purposes of assessing your application for approval to supply pharmaceutical benefits at particular premises under section 90 of the *National Health Act 1953* as a result of the establishment of a new pharmacy. If you do not provide this information, the Department will not be able to assess your application.

You can get more information about the way in which the Department will manage personal information, including our privacy policy, at [Form – Privacy Note](#).

If you are the representative applicant preparing and submitting this application on behalf of the other applicant(s), or you are another representative appointed by the applicant(s) to prepare and submit this application on their behalf, please download and attach the [Appointment of a Representative Form as part of the submission](#).

By clicking on Accept, I acknowledge that I have read the privacy note and I agree to the [Terms of Use of the PBS Approved Suppliers Portal](#).

Accept and Start Application

- ❗ Please read the information contained in this screen to ensure you have selected the correct application type.
- ❗ If you are submitting the application on behalf of the applicant(s) or multiple authorised person(s), ensure you have downloaded the [Appointment of a representative to prepare and submit an application](#) form.

Read the privacy note and accept the Terms of Use

- By clicking on *Accept and Start Application*, you acknowledge that you have read the privacy note and agree to abide by the [Terms of Use of the PBS Approved Suppliers Portal](#).
- To proceed, click on:

Accept and Start Application

6. Completing an application

After you click on the 'Accept and Start Application' button, the following screen will be displayed:

Application for approval to establish a new pharmacy to supply pharmaceutical benefits at particular premises

Application Tracking Number: PBS-APP-0001173 - Draft

Pharmacy Location Rules

Select item under which you are applying *

Note: Selected item cannot be changed once you progress to the next screen

Save and Next

- To display a list of Pharmacy Location Rules item numbers relevant to establishing a new pharmacy, click on the search icon

a) Select the Pharmacy Location Rules item number

After you click on the search icon, the following selection box will be displayed:

Select an item

Search

Item Number ↑

Item 130 - New pharmacy (at least 1.5 km)

Item 131 - New pharmacy (at least 10 km)

Item 132 - New additional pharmacy (at least 10 km)

Item 133 - New pharmacy in a designated complex (small shopping centre)

Item 134 - New pharmacy in a designated complex (large shopping centre with no existing pharmacy)

Item 134A - New additional pharmacy in a designated complex (large shopping centre with approved premises)

Item 135 - New pharmacy in a designated complex (large private hospital)


Item 136 - New pharmacy in a designated complex (large medical centre)

Select Cancel

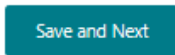
- If the item of the Pharmacy Location Rules under which you wish to apply is not listed, you have selected the wrong application type from the *Apply for Approval* screen. You will need to click on the 'Cancel' button and navigate back to the *Apply for Approval* screen to select the correct application type.

- Highlight the relevant item number and click on the 'Select' button.

You will be returned to the *Pharmacy Location Rules* screen and your selected item will be displayed.

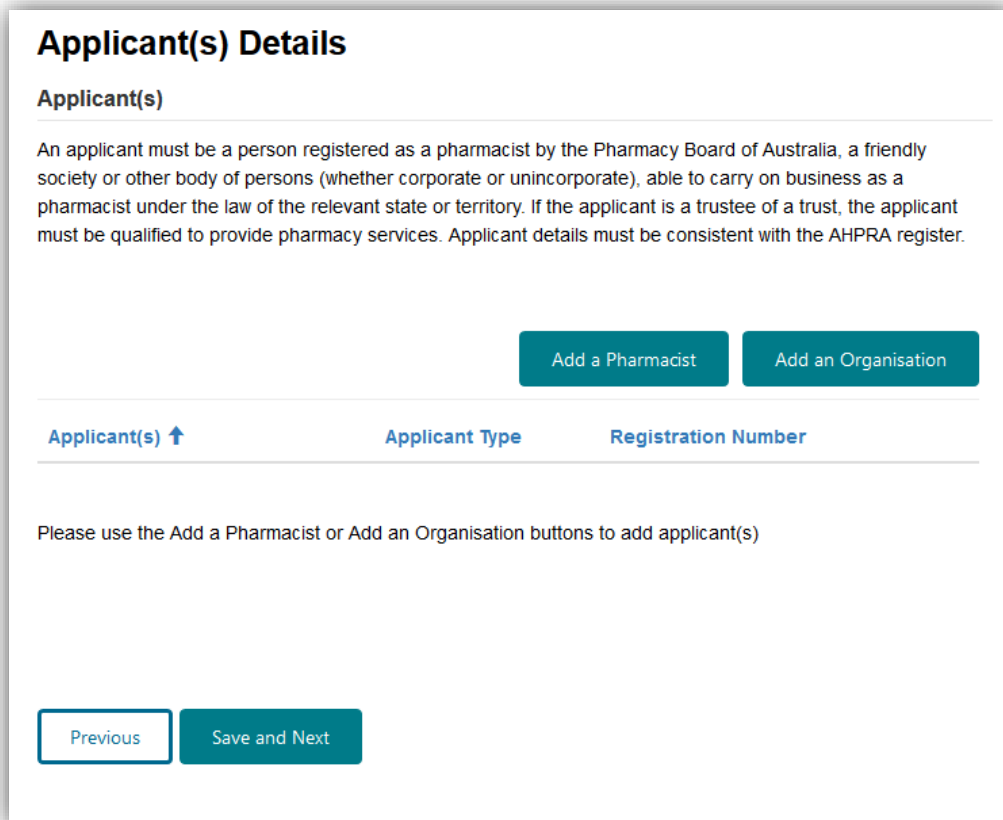
-  Check the Pharmacy Location Rule item number you have selected is correct because it **cannot be changed** once you continue to the next section. If you need to change the item number after you have moved to the next section, you will need to start a new application from the *Apply for Approval* screen.

- To continue, click:



b) Provide applicant(s) details

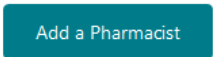
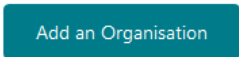
After you click on the 'Save and Next' button, the following screen will be displayed:



Applicant(s) Details


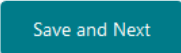
Applicant(s)


An applicant must be a person registered as a pharmacist by the Pharmacy Board of Australia, a friendly society or other body of persons (whether corporate or unincorporate), able to carry on business as a pharmacist under the law of the relevant state or territory. If the applicant is a trustee of a trust, the applicant must be qualified to provide pharmacy services. Applicant details must be consistent with the AHPRA register.

Applicant(s) ↑	Applicant Type	Registration Number
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Please use the Add a Pharmacist or Add an Organisation buttons to add applicant(s)

-  An applicant must be a person registered as a pharmacist by the Pharmacy Board of Australia, a friendly society or other body of persons (whether corporate or unincorporate), able to carry on business as a pharmacist under the law of the relevant state of territory.

An applicant can be an individual pharmacist or an organisation (i.e. company, friendly society or trustee of a trust).

The names of the applicants must be consistent with the details that you provide to the relevant state or territory pharmacy approval authority when seeking approval to operate a pharmacy business at the proposed premises.

- ❗ If an applicant is an organisation, person(s) officially associated with that organisation must be added as authorised persons (refer to the *Add an authorised person for an organisation* section of this guide).

An authorised person for an organisation should **not** be added as an individual applicant pharmacist unless that person is applying for approval in his or her own right in addition to the organisation.

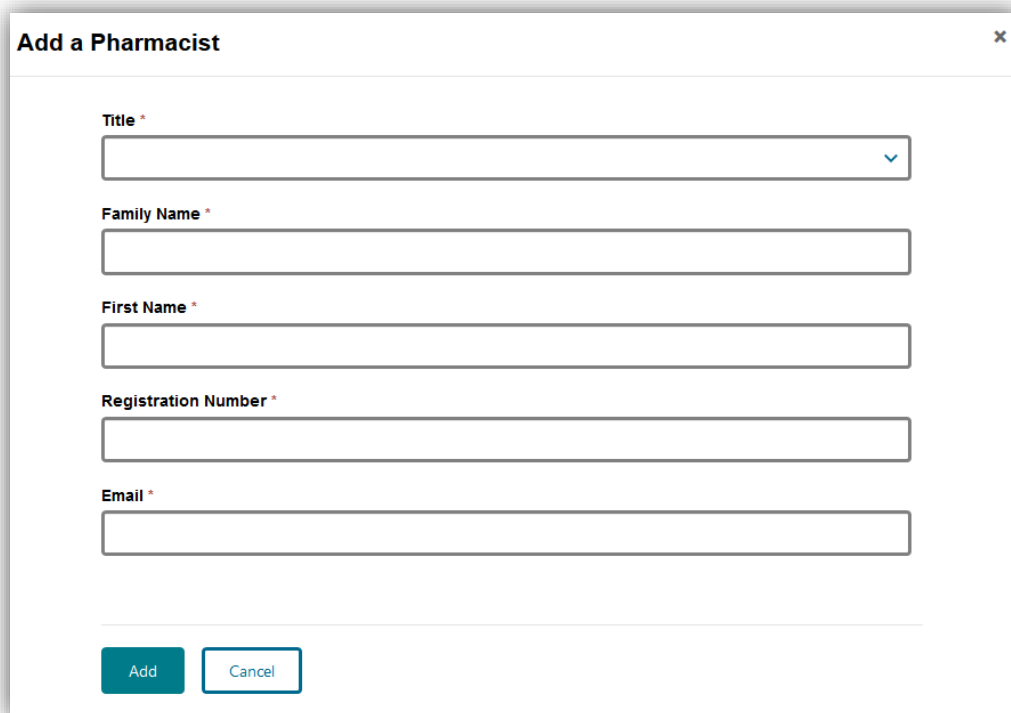
- ❗ Individual pharmacist(s) and/or authorised person(s) for an organisation must be qualified to provide pharmacy services, and details provided must be consistent with the AHPRA register.

c) Add an applicant pharmacist

- To add an individual applicant pharmacist, click on:



The following dialogue box will be displayed:

A dialog box titled "Add a Pharmacist" with a close button (X) in the top right corner. It contains five input fields, each with a red asterisk indicating it is required: "Title" (a dropdown menu), "Family Name", "First Name", "Registration Number", and "Email". At the bottom, there are two buttons: "Add" (teal) and "Cancel" (white with teal border).

- Complete the pharmacist's details.
- To save the pharmacist's details, click on the 'Add' button.

You will be returned to the *Applicant(s) Details* screen and the applicant will be added to the application.

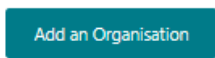
- If you do **not** want to save the pharmacist's details, click on



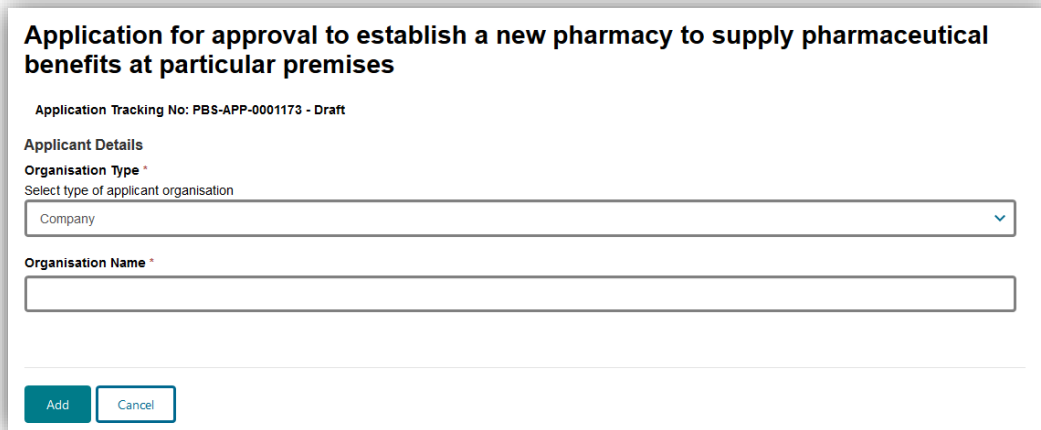
You will be returned to the *Applicant(s) Details* screen and the applicant will **not** be added to the application.


d) Add an applicant organisation

- To add an applicant organisation, click on:

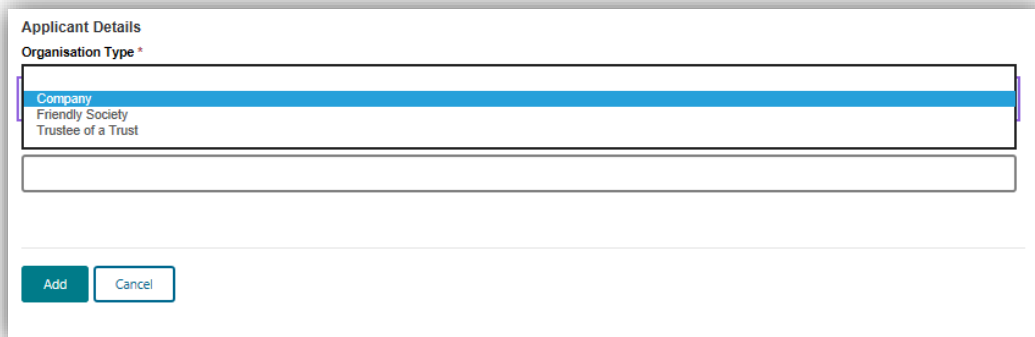



The following screen will be displayed:

A screenshot of a web form titled "Application for approval to establish a new pharmacy to supply pharmaceutical benefits at particular premises". Below the title, it shows "Application Tracking No: PBS-APP-0001173 - Draft". The "Applicant Details" section includes a required field "Organisation Type *" with a dropdown menu currently showing "Company". Below this is a required text field "Organisation Name *". At the bottom of the form are two buttons: "Add" (teal) and "Cancel" (white with teal border).

- Click on  to display a list of organisation types.

The following screen will be displayed:

A screenshot of the dropdown menu for "Organisation Type *". The menu is open, showing a list of options: "Company", "Friendly Society", and "Trustee of a Trust". The "Company" option is highlighted with a blue background. Below the dropdown is an empty text input field. At the bottom are "Add" and "Cancel" buttons.

- Highlight the relevant organisation type, enter the organisation name and then click on the 'Add' button.
-  If a trust is involved in the application, the application cannot be made in the name of the trust only. Instead, a pharmacist or body corporate/company qualified to provide pharmacy services must be the applicant named as trustee for the trust (for example, 'Joe Bloggs ATF The Bloggs Trust', or 'J Bloggs Pty Ltd ATF The Bloggs Trust').

e) Add an authorised person for an organisation

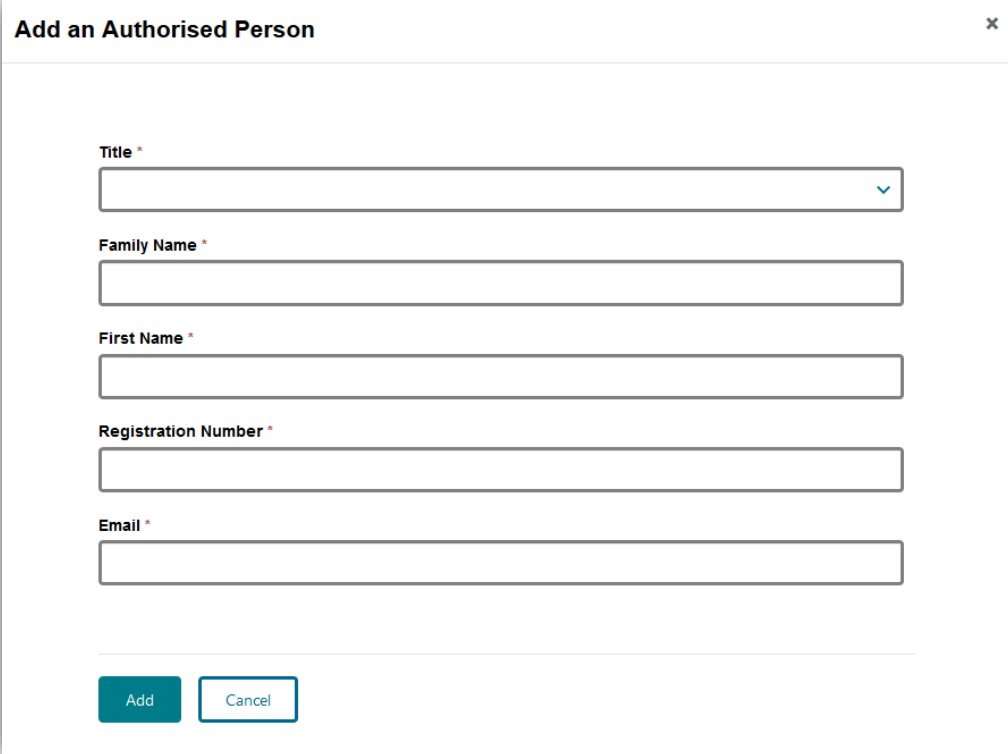
After you click on the 'Add' button, the following screen will be displayed:



The screenshot shows a web form titled "Application for approval to establish a new pharmacy to supply pharmaceutical benefits at particular premises". The application tracking number is "PBS-APP-0001208 - Draft". Under "Applicant Details", there are two fields: "Organisation Type" with a dropdown menu showing "Company" and "Organisation Name" with a text input field containing "ABC". Below this is a section for "Authorised Person(s)" with a table that is currently empty. A blue button labeled "Add an Authorised Person" is positioned to the right of the table. Below the table, there is a note: "Please use the Add Authorised Person button to add an authorised person." At the bottom of the form, there are two buttons: "Save" and "Cancel".

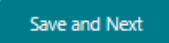
- To add an authorised person for the organisation, click on the 'Add an Authorised Person' button.
- **i** If an applicant is an organisation, person(s) officially associated with that organisation must be added to the application as authorised persons, for example:
 - If the applicant is a company, all the director(s) must be added as authorised person(s).
 - If the applicant is a friendly society, all the board member(s) must be added as authorised person(s).
 - If the applicant is a trustee of a trust, either the individual pharmacist(s) or the director(s) of the company acting as trustee for the trust must be added as authorised person(s).

You must provide details of all authorised person(s) for the organisation and these details must accord with documentary evidence (e.g. ASIC extract that lists the directors of the company and/or official list of friendly society board members and/or trust documents) requested later in the application.

After you click on the 'Add an Authorised Person' button, the following screen will be displayed:



- Complete the mandatory fields and click on the 'Add' button'.
- Once all authorised person(s) have been added for the organisation, click 
- To edit or remove an applicant from the *Applicant(s) Details* screen, select  adjacent to the relevant applicant's name and you will be given the option to edit or remove the applicant and/or authorised person from the application.
- To continue, click:

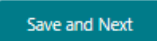


f) Provide details of a contact nominee for this application

After you click on the 'Save and Next' button, the *Contact Nominee for this Application* section will be displayed. This section is for you to provide details of either an applicant or other nominated representative that is permitted to act on behalf of the applicant(s) on all matters relating to the application.


- ⓘ This section will default to the signed-in user; however, you are able to edit the fields if the contact nominee for the application is someone other than the signed-in user.

- Ensure all mandatory fields are completed and click:



g) Provide details of the proposed premises

After you click on the 'Save and Next' button, the *Proposed premises* section will be displayed. This section is for you to provide details of the pharmacy business name and address of the proposed premises and the anticipated opening date.

-  The anticipated opening date cannot be in the past, today or on a weekend or ACT public holiday.

Proposed Premises

Pharmacy business (trading) name *

Address of Proposed Premises


Street Line 1 *

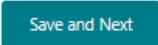
Street Line 2

Suburb *


State *

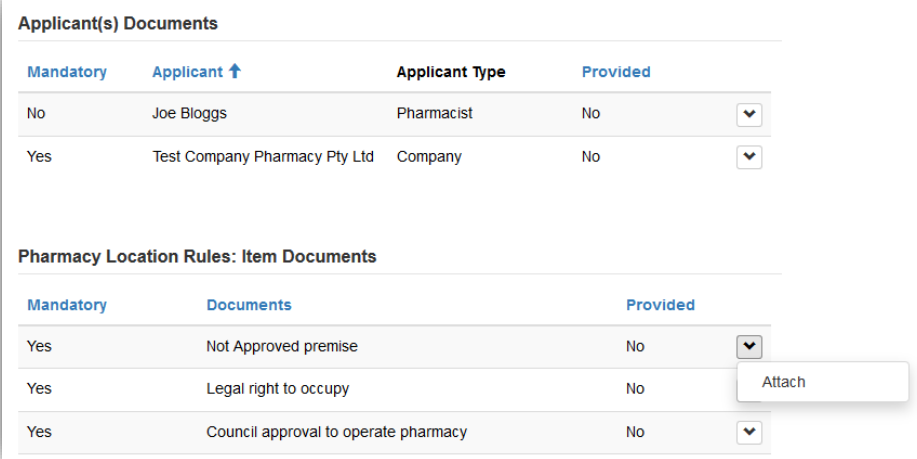
Postcode *



Anticipated opening date *
Note: The opening date cannot be in the past, today or on a weekend or ACT public holiday
 




- Ensure mandatory fields are completed.
- To continue, click: 

h) How to attach documents

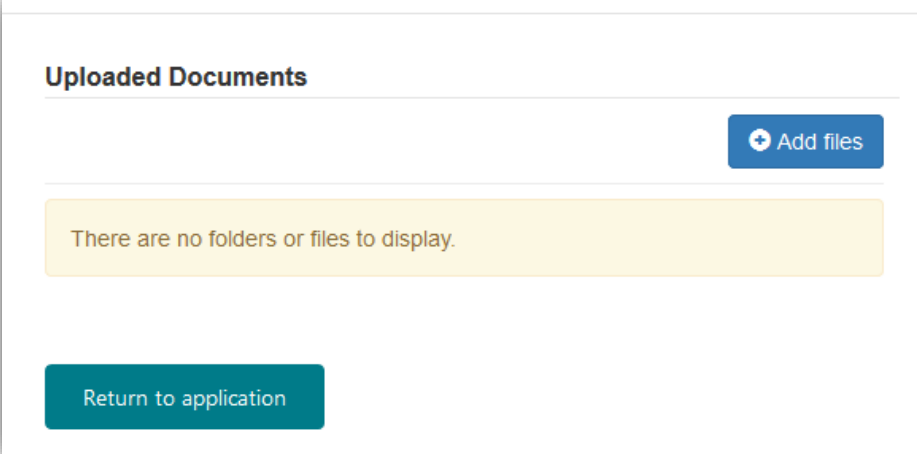
- i. For each mandatory document listed at the *Supporting Documents* section, you will need to click on the arrow  adjacent to the applicant or document name and then click on 'Attach'



Mandatory	Applicant ↑	Applicant Type	Provided
No	Joe Bloggs	Pharmacist	No 
Yes	Test Company Pharmacy Pty Ltd	Company	No 

Mandatory	Documents	Provided
Yes	Not Approved premise	No 
Yes	Legal right to occupy	No 
Yes	Council approval to operate pharmacy	No 

- ii. Click on the 'Add files' button.



Uploaded Documents

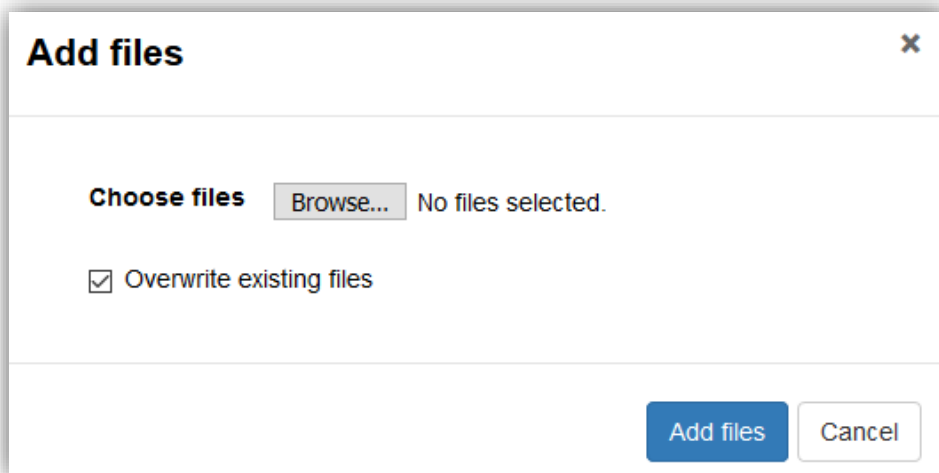
[+ Add files](#)

There are no folders or files to display.

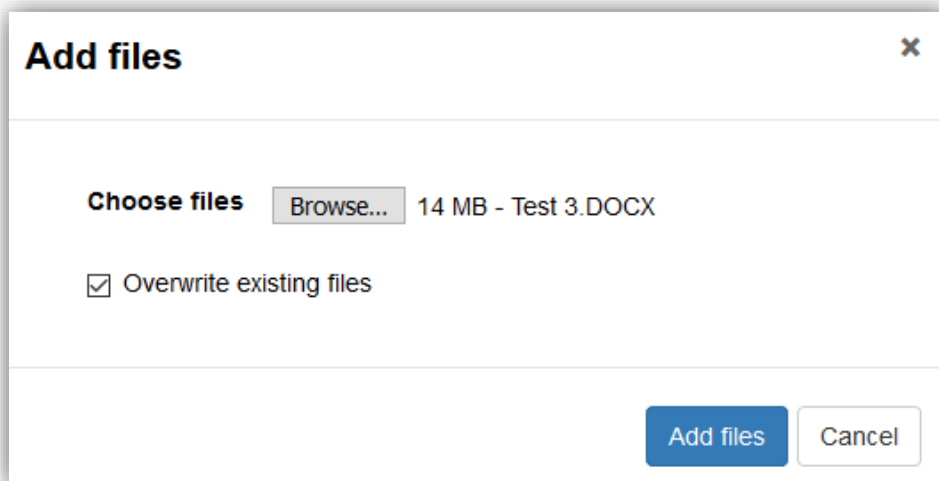
[Return to application](#)

iii. Add file(s) by clicking on the 'Browse' button and uploading your file(s).

- i** The 'Overwrite existing files' checkbox defaults to selected. If you do not wish to overwrite files already uploaded, ensure you uncheck this box before adding files.
- i** You can attach multiple files at a time and you can upload as many times as required, but each upload must be under 50 MB (i.e. if you are uploading a single file, its size must be under 50 MB; if you are uploading multiple files at once, their combined size must be under 50 MB).

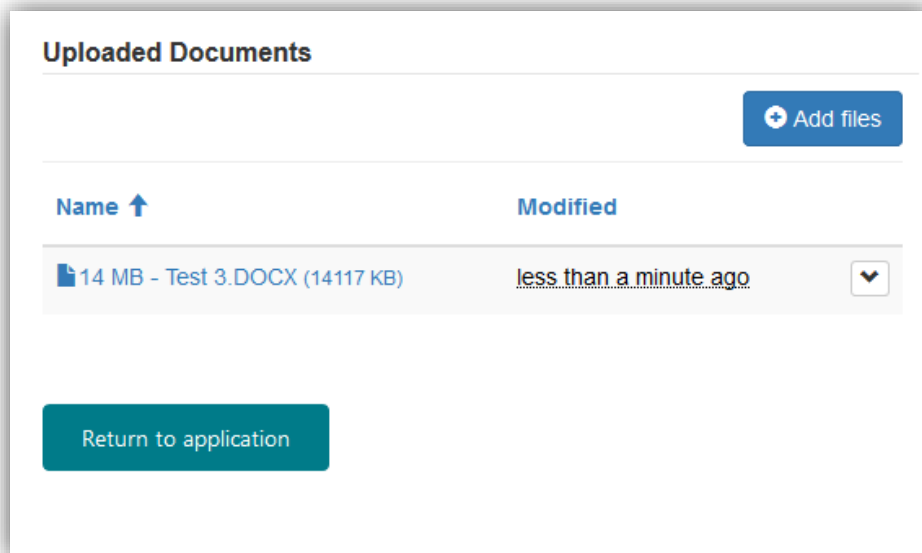


iv. Click on the 'Add files' button.

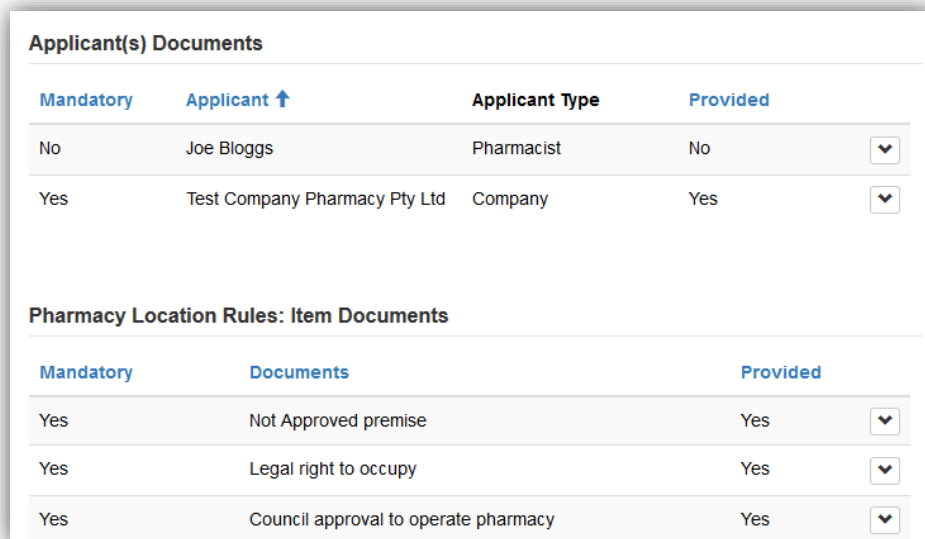


- i** If you attempt an upload that is more than 50 MB you will receive an error message. To continue, click on the 'Cancel' button and then 'Return to Application' before trying again with an upload that is under 50 MB.

- v. Your uploaded documents will be listed.
- vi. When you have added all the relevant files, click on the 'Return to application' button.




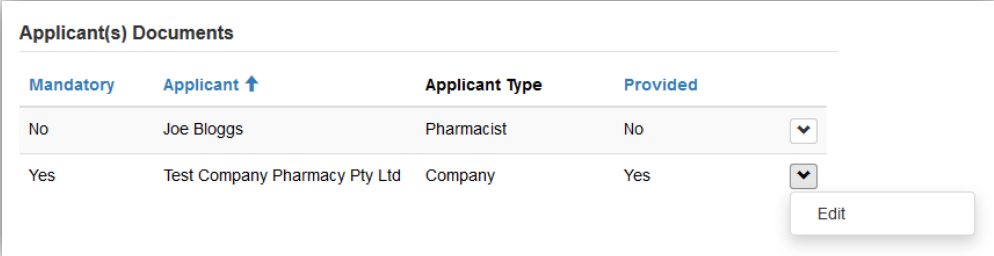
- vii. You will be returned to the *Supporting Documents* screen. The *Provided* column will show 'Yes' against each item when the documents have been attached.




- viii. When you have provided all mandatory supporting documents, click on the 'Save and Next' button.

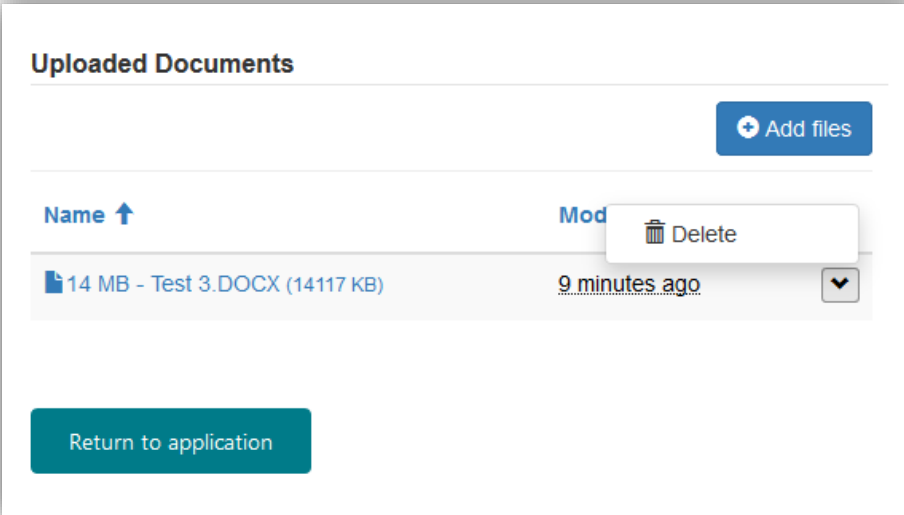
i) How to remove documents

- i. Click on the arrow  adjacent to the applicant or document name for which you wish to remove a document and then click on 'Edit'.




Mandatory	Applicant ↑	Applicant Type	Provided
No	Joe Bloggs	Pharmacist	No
Yes	Test Company Pharmacy Pty Ltd	Company	Yes

- ii. Click on the arrow  adjacent to the relevant file name and then click on 'Delete'.



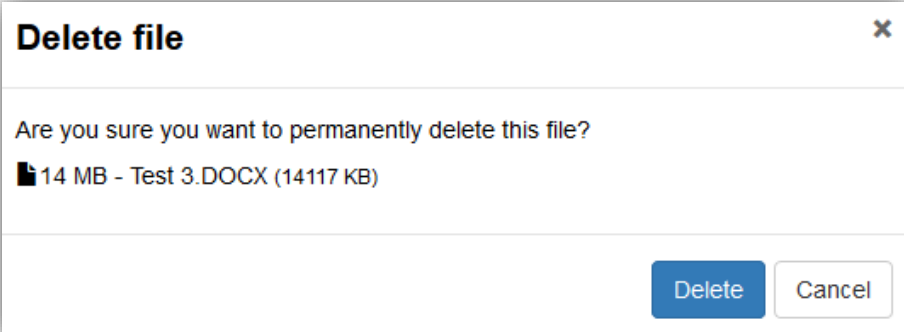
Uploaded Documents

[+ Add files](#)

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[Return to application](#)

- iii. Check and confirm that you want to delete the selected file by clicking on the 'Delete' button.



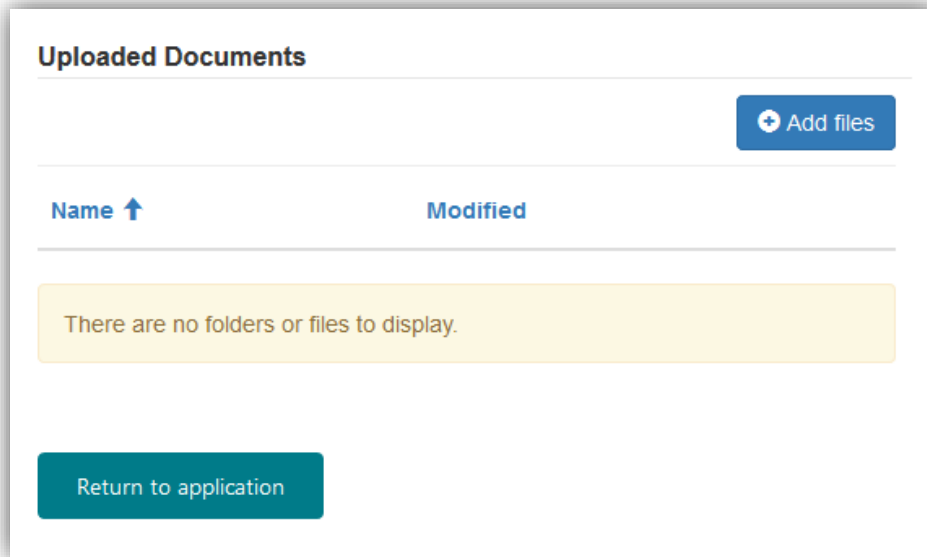
Delete file

Are you sure you want to permanently delete this file?

 14 MB - Test 3.DOCX (14117 KB)

[Delete](#) [Cancel](#)

- iv. After the file has been deleted, it will no longer be listed in the following screen:




- v. Click on the 'Return to application' button. You will be returned to the *Supporting Documents* screen, and the *Provided* column will revert to 'No' against the item for which the document has been deleted.

Applicant(s) Documents				
Mandatory	Applicant ↑	Applicant Type	Provided	
No	Joe Bloggs	Pharmacist	No	▼
Yes	Test Company Pharmacy Pty Ltd	Company	No	▼

j) Attach supporting documents

After you click on the 'Save and Next' button, the *Supporting Documents* section will be displayed. This section requires you to attach documentation to support your application.

-  For instructions on how to attach documents, refer to the *How to attach documents* section of this guide.

The Portal will request supporting documents based on your previous selections (i.e. type of applicant and item number).

The following is an example of what you may see depending on your application:

Applicant(s) Documents			
Mandatory	Applicant ↑	Applicant Type	Provided
No	Joe Bloggs	Pharmacist	No <input type="checkbox"/>
Yes	Test Company Pharmacy Pty Ltd	Company	No <input type="checkbox"/>

Pharmacy Location Rules: Item Documents		
Mandatory	Documents	Provided
Yes	Not Approved premise	No <input type="checkbox"/>
Yes	Legal right to occupy	No <input type="checkbox"/>
Yes	Council approval to operate pharmacy	No <input type="checkbox"/>
Yes	Evidence that the proposed premises would be accessible by the public	No <input type="checkbox"/>
Yes	Trade within six months of recommendation	No <input type="checkbox"/>
Yes	No access from Supermarket	No <input type="checkbox"/>
Yes	Proposed premises more than 10 km away (131)	No <input type="checkbox"/>

i. Attach applicant(s) documents



If an applicant is a company, you *must* attach evidence confirming the authority of the authorised person(s) to act on behalf of the applicant (e.g. ASIC company extract that lists the Directors of the company).

If an applicant is a friendly society, you *must* attach an official document listing all board members.

If an applicant is a trustee of a trust, you *must* attach evidence of the relationship between the trust and the trustee (e.g. trust deed).

ii. Attach Pharmacy Location Rules – Item Documents

The Pharmacy Location Rules require documentary evidence for the item under which you are applying.



Attach evidence for each mandatory document listed.

- i** If the same documentary evidence pertains to several mandatory documents, you should attach that evidence in each applicable instance.
 - i** You will not be able to progress to the next section until all mandatory documents have been attached. You may need to use the scroll bar at the right of the screen to see all mandatory documents.
- When you have attached all your documents and are ready to continue, click:

Save and Next

k) Attach other documents

After you click on the 'Save and Next' button, the *Other Documents* section will be displayed. This section is for you to attach any other documents relevant to your application.

Other Documents

Please add any other documents related to this application.

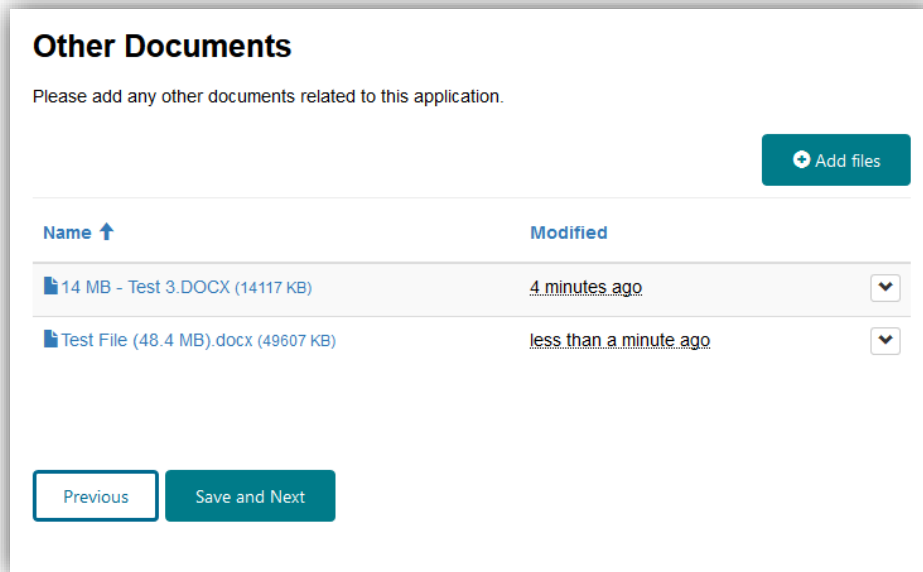
Add files

Name ↑	Modified
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Previous Save and Next

- If you do **not** need to attach other documents, simply click on the 'Save and Next' button.
- If you need to attach other documents to your application, click on the 'Add files' button and then follow the relevant steps provided in the *How to attach documents* section of this guide.

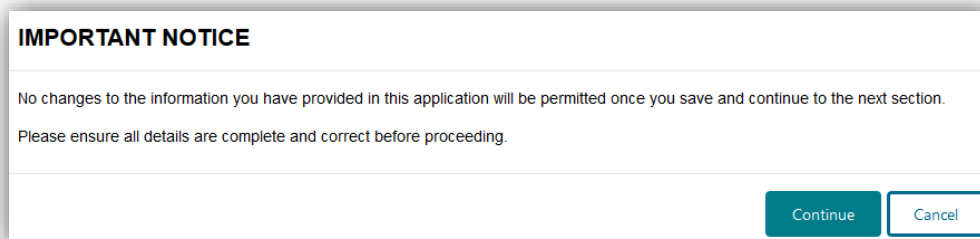
- When you have attached other documents, you will be returned to the *Other Documents* section and the documents you have added will be listed.



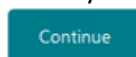
- When you have finished adding other documents, click on the 'Save and Next' button.

7. Before progressing to the declarations section

After you click on the 'Save and Next' button, the following notice will be displayed:



- When you are ready to proceed to the *Declarations* section, click:



8. Declarations

After you click on the 'Continue' button, the *Declarations* screen will be displayed

Declarations

Are you the representative appointed to submit this application on behalf of the applicant(s) or organisation(s) with multiple authorised persons? *

No

Yes

- i** If you are the sole applicant/authorised person, you can choose to submit the application yourself or you can appoint a representative to submit the application on your behalf.

If there are multiple applicants and/or authorised persons for an organisation, you must appoint a representative to submit the application on behalf of all applicants and/or authorised persons.

The appointed representative can be one of the applicants or the contact nominee named in the application, or another person appointed by the applicant(s)/authorised person(s), but the appointed representative must be the person who is submitting the application via the PBS Approved Suppliers Portal.

a) Sole applicant or authorised person submitting the application yourself

- If you are the sole applicant/authorised person named in the application, and you are submitting the application yourself, click on the 'No' button.

The following screen will be displayed:

Declarations

Are you the representative appointed to submit this application on behalf of the applicant(s) or organisation(s) with multiple authorised persons? *

No

Yes

I have read and agree to abide by the [Terms of Use of the PBS Approved Suppliers Portal](#) and I make the attached [Declaration](#).

Submit

i. Make the declaration

- Review the 'Terms of Use of the PBS Approved Suppliers Portal' and the 'Declaration' by clicking on the relevant link.
- To proceed, you must check the box to:
 - confirm your agreement to abide by the 'Terms of Use of the PBS Approved Suppliers Portal'; and
 - make the Declaration.

b) Appointed representative submitting the application on behalf of the applicant(s)

- If you are the appointed representative preparing and submitting the application on behalf of the applicant(s)/authorised person(s), click on the 'Yes' button.

After you click on the 'Yes' button, the following screen will be displayed:

Declarations

Are you the representative appointed to submit this application on behalf of the applicant(s) or organisation(s) with multiple authorised persons? *

No
 Yes


Appointment of a representative Form

[Click here](#) to download the Appointment of a representative form to prepare and submit an application.

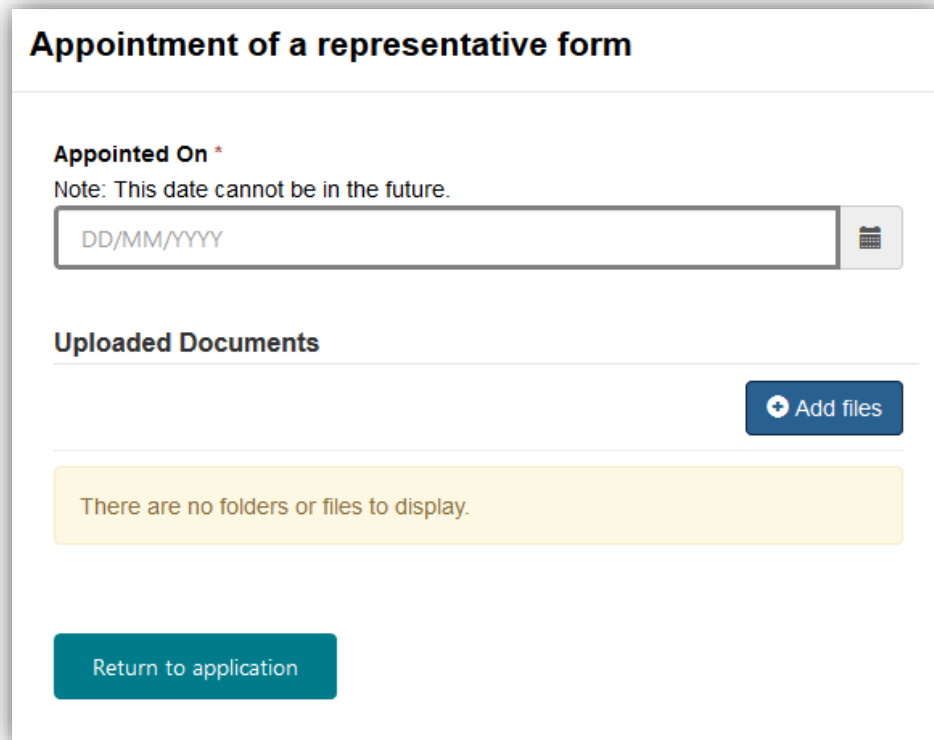
Appointed Representative ↑	Appointed On	Provided
		Pending

I have read and agree to abide by the [Terms of Use of the PBS Approved Suppliers Portal](#) and I make the attached [Declaration](#).

i. Attach the appointment of a representative form

- Attach the appointment of a representative form to the application by clicking on  and then clicking on 'Attach'

After you click on 'Attach', the following screen will be displayed:



- Enter the date appointed.
- Click on the 'Add files' button.
- Attach the appointment of representative form by following the relevant steps provided at the *How to attach documents* section of this guide.
- When you have uploaded the form, click on the 'Return to application' button.
- You will be returned to the *Declarations* screen, and the *Provided* column will show that the appointment of a representative form has been provided.



If you are the appointed representative submitting this form on behalf of the applicant(s)/authorised person(s), you *must* attach the [appointment of a representative form](#) to the application.



The appointment of a representative form must be signed by all applicants and/or all authorised persons for an organisation.

ii. Make the declaration

- Review the 'Terms of Use of the PBS Approved Suppliers Portal' and the 'Declaration' by clicking on the relevant link.
- To proceed, you must check the box to:
 - confirm your agreement to abide by the 'Terms of Use of the PBS Approved Suppliers Portal'; and
 - make the Declaration.

9. Submitting your application

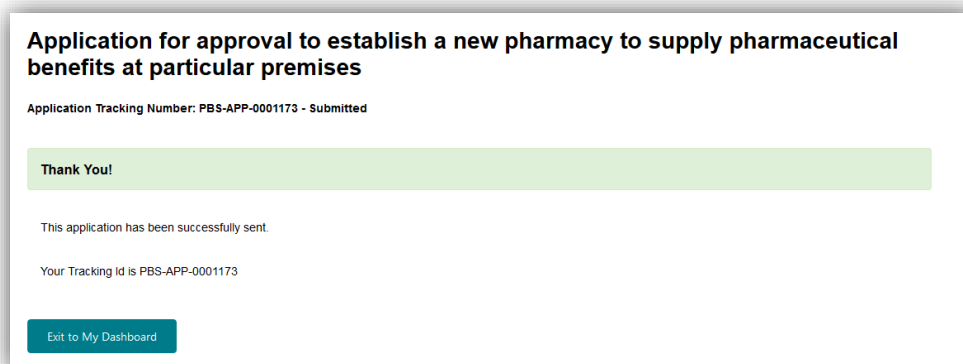
- When you are ready to submit your application, click on:



- ⓘ You will not be able to submit the application until you have attached the appointed representative form (if applicable) and checked the box to confirm that you agree to abide by the Terms of Use for the PBS Approved Suppliers Portal and make the Declaration.

Review confirmation of successfully submitted application

After you click on the 'Submit' button, the following screen will be displayed when your application has been successfully submitted:



Take note of the application Tracking ID

- Please take note of the application Tracking ID, which you can use to identify and review the status of your application on your Dashboard. If you need to make an enquiry about your application, please quote the Tracking ID.
- ⓘ Application Numbers are provided for applications that are referred to the Australian Community Pharmacy Authority, and will be issued only if an application has been verified by the Department. Once verified, the status of your application will be updated to 'In progress' in the Portal and the Application Number will be visible on your Dashboard.

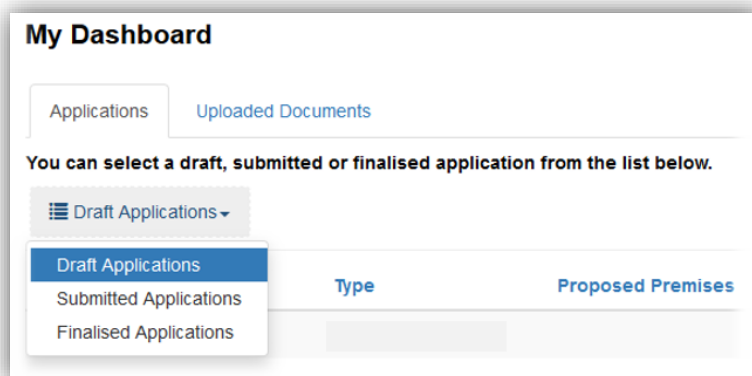
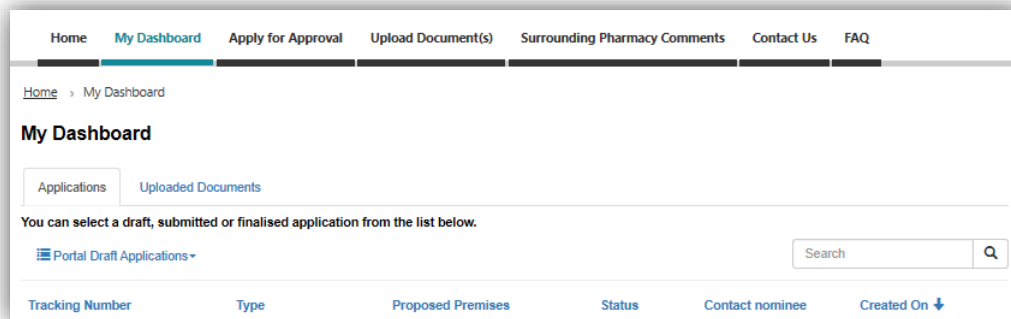
10. Resubmitting a returned application

If your application has been deemed invalid because you have provided incomplete or inaccurate information, it will be returned to the submitter via the PBS Approved Suppliers Portal.

- ❗ Refer to the *Application Checklist* at Attachment 1 of this guide for information about what constitutes a valid application.

The Department will send an email to the application contact nominee detailing the reasons why the application has been deemed invalid and returned.


A returned application will be listed with the same tracking number under your *Draft Applications* on the *My Dashboard* screen.



- Select the relevant application tracking number from your *Draft Applications* on the *My Dashboard* screen.
- Provide the correct information or documentation as detailed in the email sent to the application contact nominee.
- ❗ When an application is returned, any attachments and/or information provided at the *Declarations* section will be deactivated; therefore, you must reattach any documents provided at this section before resubmitting your application.

If your application was returned because of incorrect or missing documents at the *Declarations* section, ensure you fix the errors or omissions before resubmitting your application. If you do not, the application will be deemed invalid again and returned to you to be corrected and resubmitted.

- When you are ready to resubmit your application, follow the instructions provided in the *Declarations* and *Submitting your application* sections of this guide.

 The submission date and time will be recorded as the date and time the application is resubmitted.

11. If you need to contact us

If you have any questions about using the PBS Approved Suppliers Portal or your application, please send an email with details of your enquiry and quoting the Tracking ID number to PBSApprovedSuppliers@health.gov.au.

Attachment 1: Valid Application Checklist

Explanatory notes

This application checklist applies to applications for approval to:

- establish a new pharmacy
- relocate an approved pharmacy (with or without change of ownership)
- change ownership of an approved pharmacy
- expand or contract the size of an approved pharmacy.

Lodgement date

The lodgement date of an application will be recorded as the date and time a valid application is submitted. If an application is incomplete and/or has not been completed correctly in accordance with the application checklist (below), you will be asked to resubmit your application with the omissions/errors rectified. The lodgement date and time will be recorded as the date and time your application is resubmitted.

Difference between an authorised person and an appointed representative

The terms 'authorised person' and 'appointed representative' each have a distinct meaning in the PBS approved suppliers application process.

An authorised person is a pharmacist named in the application who is officially associated with, and authorised to act in relation to, an organisation, such as a company director.

An appointed representative is someone appointed by the applicant(s) to prepare and submit an application on behalf of the applicant pharmacist(s) or organisation(s) with multiple authorised persons.

Appointment of a representative to prepare and submit an application

The [Appointment of a representative to prepare and submit an application form](#) (the appointment of a representative form) is required when the applicant pharmacist(s) or organisation(s) with multiple authorised persons appoint a representative to prepare and submit an application on their behalf.

- If an application involves one applicant pharmacist/authorised person only, the applicant may *choose* to appoint a representative to complete and submit the application on his or her behalf.
- If an application involves multiple applicant pharmacists and/or authorised persons, a representative *must* be appointed to complete and submit the application on behalf of all applicant pharmacists and/or authorised persons.

The appointed representative can be one of the applicant pharmacists/authorised persons or someone else appointed by the applicant(s) to act on their behalf. The appointed representative will use their login credential to sign in to the PBS Approved Suppliers Portal to complete and submit the application.

The appointed representative must be the person submitting the application via the PBS Approved Suppliers Portal, and all applicants named in the application, whether they be applicant pharmacists or authorised persons for an organisation, must sign the appointment of a representative form.

Applicant(s) Details

An applicant can be an individual pharmacist or an organisation (i.e. company, friendly society or trustee of a trust) or a combination of applicant types.

Applicant pharmacist(s) and/or authorised person(s) for an organisation must be qualified to provide pharmacy services, and details provided must be consistent with the AHPRA register and the existing pharmacy approval (if applicable).

If an applicant is an organisation, person(s) officially associated with that organisation must be added to the application as authorised persons (not applicants*), for example:

- If the applicant is a company, the director(s) must be added as authorised person(s).
- If the applicant is a friendly society, the board member(s) must be added as authorised person(s).
- If the applicant is a trustee of a trust, either the individual pharmacist(s) or the director(s) of the company acting as trustee for the trust must be added as authorised person(s).

* An authorised person for an organisation should not be added again as an applicant unless that person is applying for approval in his or her own right in addition to the organisation.

For change of ownership applications, the applicant(s) will be the incoming owner(s).

If an application involves bringing in a partner by selling a share of the pharmacy business, the current owner(s) must be listed in the application as current owner(s) and as applicant(s). Current owner(s) details must be consistent with the existing pharmacy approval.

The names of the applicants (and any other information you provide in your application regarding ownership, trading name and address of pharmacy) must be consistent with the details that you provide to the relevant state or territory pharmacy approval authority when seeking their approval to operate a pharmacy business at the proposed premises.

Supporting documentation for an applicant organisation

The supporting documentation for an applicant organisation must be attached to the application and will depend upon the organisation type:

- If an applicant is a company, you must attach evidence confirming the authority of the authorised person(s) to act in relation to the company (e.g. ASIC company extract that lists the directors of the company).
- If an applicant is a friendly society, you must attach an official document listing all board members.
- If an applicant is a trustee of a trust, you must attach evidence of the relationship between the trust and the trustee (e.g. trust deed).

The supporting documentation must be consistent with and substantiate the information provided in the 'Applicant(s) details' section of the PBS Approved Suppliers Portal.

Current owner(s) declaration

If your application involves a change of ownership, the [Current owner\(s\) declaration form](#) must be attached to your application. All of the current pharmacy business owners must sign the current owner(s) declaration. By current pharmacy business owners, we mean all current approved pharmacists, whether they be individual pharmacists or authorised persons for an organisation (i.e. company directors and/or friendly society approved representatives). The details provided in the current owner(s) declaration must be consistent with the existing pharmacy approval.

Declarations

The PBS Approved Suppliers Portal will not allow an application to be submitted until the:

- check box in the 'Declarations' section has been checked to indicate that the Declaration has been made; and
- if applicable, the appointment of a representative form and/or the current owner(s) declaration form have been attached to the application.

Checklist

If your application contains any errors or omissions in relation to the following requirements, you will be asked to resubmit your application. The lodgement date and time will be revised to when your application is resubmitted.

Requirement	✓
<p>1. Appointment of a representative form is attached (if applicable) <i>The appointment of a representative form must be attached when the applicant pharmacist(s) or organisation(s) with multiple authorised persons appoint a representative to prepare and submit an application on their behalf. This form is to be attached to your application at the 'Declarations' section of the PBS Approved Suppliers Portal</i></p>	<p><input type="checkbox"/> Attached</p> <p>or</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> I am the sole applicant/authorised person and I am submitting the application myself.</p>
<p>2. Applicant(s) details entered correctly <i>An applicant can be an individual pharmacist or an organisation. For details about how to enter applicant(s) details correctly, refer to the explanatory notes above and the relevant guide for submitting an application.</i></p>	<p><input type="checkbox"/> Applicant(s) details have been entered in accordance with the explanatory notes above and the relevant guide for submitting an application.</p>
<p>3. Pharmacist(s) details are consistent with the AHPRA register.</p>	<p><input type="checkbox"/> Consistent</p>
<p>4. Applicant(s) and/or current owner(s) details are consistent with the existing pharmacy approval (if applicable).</p>	<p><input type="checkbox"/> Consistent</p>
<p>5. Supporting documentation for an applicant organisation is attached (if applicable) <i>Supporting documentation for applicant organisation(s) listed in your application must be attached. The supporting documentation must substantiate the information you have provided in the 'Applicant(s) details' section of the PBS Approved Suppliers Portal.</i></p>	<p><input type="checkbox"/> Attached</p> <p>or</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> My application does not involve an organisation.</p>
<p>6. Current owner(s) declaration is attached (if applicable) <i>If your application involves a change of ownership, the Current Owner(s) Declaration form must be attached to your application at the 'Declarations' section of the PBS Approved Suppliers Portal. All current owner(s) must sign this declaration. Current owner(s) details must match the existing pharmacy approval.</i></p>	<p><input type="checkbox"/> Attached</p> <p>or</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> My application does not involve a change of ownership.</p>