

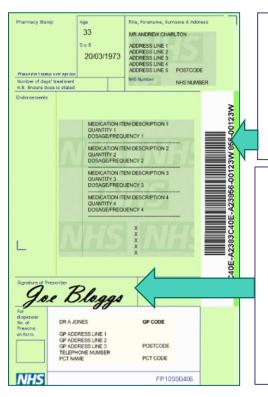


Community pharmacy teams should familiarise themselves with the various prescription forms and tokens they will encounter. This factsheet compares the differences between Release 1 (R1) barcoded paper prescriptions and EPS non-nominated (Phase 4) paper tokens.

Both types of these forms are printed by prescribers onto green FP1OSS stationery and both include barcodes and barcode numbers on the right. Depending on the type of form, pharmacy teams will process it differently. The image comparison below sets out the key differences to look out for. Non-nominated tokens may look identical to other EPS prescription tokens.

Release 1 (R1) barcoded
paper prescription
(with an electronic prescription
message)

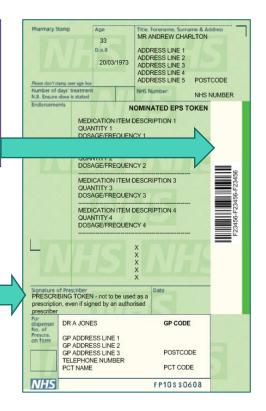
Prescription token (issued in parallel with a legal electronic NHS prescription)
e.g. non-nominated paper tokens



Barcode number length:

The barcode is twice as long on a Release 1 (R1) barcoded paper prescription compared to the EPS token short 18-character token number.

Signature boxes: R1
barcoded paper
prescriptions must
include an ink signature
whereas Tokens include
wording ("PRESCRIPTION
TOKEN – Not to be used
as a prescription, even if
signed by an authorised
prescriber")



Read more about:

- cpe.org.uk/tokens
- cpe.org.uk/non-nominated EPS prescriptions
- EPS-related forms and tokens factsheet