

# The NHS Prescription Charge for 2026/27 remains at

# £9.90

## per item

**NHS prescription charges are a contribution to NHS funding and are unrelated to the cost of your medicine(s). The pharmacy collects these charges on behalf of Government and the NHS.**

Some items may have more than one charge, e.g. elastic hosiery; a member of the pharmacy team will explain if that is the case.

If you need multiple prescription items or are prescribed certain HRT medicines, the appropriate Prescription Prepayment Certificate (PPC) could save you money. For more information visit: [www.nhsbsa.nhs.uk/ppc](http://www.nhsbsa.nhs.uk/ppc)

Certain patient groups are entitled to free NHS prescriptions and certain items (e.g. contraceptives) are free-of-charge on the NHS. People on a low income who do not qualify an exemption from prescription charges can seek help under the NHS Low Income Scheme (LIS) To check if you're eligible for free NHS prescriptions or to apply to the LIS, visit: [www.nhsbsa.nhs.uk/healthcosts](http://www.nhsbsa.nhs.uk/healthcosts)