

FACT SHEET: Accreditation System 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.

Accredited pharmacists are remunerated for providing these clinical services under the 6th Community Pharmacy Agreement (6CPA), administered by the Department of Health (DoH) or Department of Veterans Affairs (DVA). SHPA is recognised and approved by DoH and 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 embossed **ACCREDITATION certificate**. Each year on completion of annual re-accreditation requirements, SHPA will issue an embossed **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 in a State or Territory of Australia.
- ✓ Evidence of at least two years of pharmacy practice experience via a statement from an employer, supervisor or statutory declaration.
- ✓ Evidence of current participation in an approved continuing professional development program such as that 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 record as well as their CPD plan.
- ✓ 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. See 'SHPA Fact Sheet – The Board Certified Geriatric Pharmacist (BCGP) Credential'. 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.
 - **M. Clin Pharm or M. Pharm Practice plus meeting credentialing criteria** from a NAPE (National Alliance for Pharmacy Education) university.

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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, or NAPE credential
- registration as a pharmacist in Australia
- participation in a recognised continuing professional development program such as conducted by SHPA or other professional associations. 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 or NAPE credential. Once this date is passed then accreditation will be deemed to have **lapsed** until BCGP or BCPS re-certification, or NAPE re-credentialing occurs. Currently these terms are:

- 7 years for BCGP
- 7 years for BCPS
- 5 years for NAPE

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 put 'on-hold'.**

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 \$220 for SHPA members and \$330 for non-members (incl. GST). Annual re-accreditation certificates will be issued for \$110 to SHPA members and to non-members for \$220 (incl. GST). *Fees charged by SHPA are subject to change without notice.*

Additional background

Medication Management Review (MMR): is a structured and collaborative health service for consumers to ensure their medicine use is optimal and fully understood and to enhance continuity of care. It involves the consumer, their doctor, pharmacist and other relevant members of the care team e.g. community nurses. Comprehensive information about the consumer and their medicine use is collated and assessed in order to identify and meet medication-related needs and to identify, resolve and prevent medication-related problems, in order to enhance quality of life and optimise the benefits achieved from medicines. (The range of activities undertaken are fundamentally the same as those described in the SHPA Standards of Practice for Clinical Pharmacy which reflect contemporary clinical pharmacy practice occurring within hospitals in Australia).

The target group for MMR is consumers for whom quality use of medicines may be an issue or who are at risk of medication misadventure because of their co-morbidities, age or social circumstances, the characteristics of their medicines, the complexity of their medication treatment regimen, or because of a lack of knowledge and skills to use medicines to their

best effect. Examples of risk factors known to predispose people to medication related adverse events include:

- currently taking 5 or more regular medications;
- taking more than 12 doses of medication per day;
- significant changes made to medication treatment regimen in the last 3 months;
- medication with a narrow therapeutic index or requiring therapeutic monitoring;
- symptoms suggestive of an adverse drug reaction;
- sub-therapeutic response to treatment with medicines;
- suspected non-compliance or inability to manage medication related therapeutic devices;
- consumers having difficulty managing their own medicines because of literacy or language difficulties, dexterity problems or impaired sight, confusion/dementia or other cognitive difficulties;
- consumers attending a number of different doctors, both general practitioners and specialists;
- recent admission to a facility / hospital (in the last 4 weeks).

Certification as a Geriatric Pharmacist: The Commission for Certification in Geriatric Pharmacy (CCGP), became part of the Board of Pharmacy Specialties (BPS) in 2017. As part of this re-organisation, the Certified Geriatric Pharmacist (CGP) credential moved under the portfolio of certifications offered by the Board of Pharmacy Specialties. The qualification is now referred to as the 'Board Certified Geriatric Pharmacist' (BCGP) credential.