



Australian Government
Department of Veterans' Affairs

DVA Medicinal Cannabis Submission Checklist

The Department of Veterans' Affairs (DVA) considers funding medicinal cannabis on a case by case basis in accordance with DVA's medicinal cannabis policy framework.

This checklist will help you make sure you have included everything required for DVA to consider funding:

Medicinal Cannabis Initial Submission *must include:*

- A clinical report requesting medicinal cannabis and details of the medical condition being treated.
- A copy of the current TGA approval for the product(s).
- A copy of the relevant approval from State or Territory for the product(s).
- Details of first line treatments for the condition and their results.
- Several high quality studies supporting the efficacy and safety of the treatment for the condition.
- Written assessment from the treating specialist that:
 - Medicinal cannabis would clinically benefit the patient.
 - The dosing regimen that has been determined by clinical need.
 - The patient has been advised of potential contra-indications.
 - A suicide and mental health assessment has been undertaken and documented, determining there is no increased risk from medicinal cannabis on suicide ideation or mental health.
 - The patient has no current substance use disorder, and has low risk for substance use disorder.

Medicinal Cannabis Resubmission *(after initial approval) must include:*

- A copy of the current TGA approval for this product.
- A copy of the relevant approval from State or Territory for this product.
- A clinical report on the outcomes of this therapy including objective treatment results (eg. pain scores), any functional improvement, changes to prescribed medicines.
- Ongoing monitoring of the patient's mental health status.

Please forward the information to the Veterans' Affairs Pharmaceutical Advisory Centre (VAPAC) by email to VAPAC.MC@dva.gov.au, by fax on (07) 3223 8651, or by mail to:

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VAPAC Medicinal Cannabis
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BRISBANE QLD 4001

More Information

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Link to Medicinal Cannabis Framework: <http://clik.dva.gov.au/health-policy-library/pharmacy>

Link to Information on Medicinal Cannabis Funding: <https://www.dva.gov.au/health-and-treatment/help-cover-healthcare-costs/manage-medicine-and-keep-costs-down/medicinal>