



Fiji Free Medicine Program

One of the FijiFirst Government's top priorities is to provide quality healthcare with easy access to price controlled medicines, including for non-communicable disease, free of charge to all Fijians who earn less than \$20,000 a year. Accordingly, the 2015 Budget allocated \$8.0 million for the Free Medicine Program.

As of 1 January 2015, all eligible Fijians will be able to access price controlled medicines prescribed by a licensed medical practitioner free of charge from any Government Hospital Pharmacy / Dispensary and / or selected retail pharmacies.

(Please refer to page 2 & 3 for a list of the 72 medicines* & a list of private pharmacies participating in this program).

Who is eligible?

Individuals who can benefit from this program are:

- ◆ Adults with an annual income of less than \$20,000; and
- ◆ Individuals less than 18 years old whose combined parental income is less than \$20,000.

Who is not eligible

All Fijians who earn an annual income of more than \$20,000 are not eligible for this Program.

Who does not have to register

Individuals who already have a TIN number or Social Welfare number benefitting from the following initiatives:

- ◆ Poverty Benefit Scheme
- ◆ Care and Protection Allowance; and
- ◆ Social Pension Scheme

are not required to register as they would already be included in the Program.

Registration Process

1. Fijians who hold a Tax Identification Number (TIN) and satisfy the eligibility criteria do not need to register for the Program.
2. Fijians who do not hold a TIN and satisfy the eligibility criteria can go to any Fiji Revenue & Customs Authority (FRCA) office to register for a TIN and be automatically registered for the Free Medicines Program.
3. Fijians who do not hold a TIN and satisfy the eligibility criteria are able to obtain the *Free Medicine Program Registration Form* from the Ministry of Health website (<http://www.health.gov.fj/?p=4102>) or any Government hospital/health facility administration office or pharmacy. The forms need to be filled out as instructed and return to any Government hospital/health facility administration office or pharmacy.

Should you have any queries, please refer to Page 4 of this leaflet for frequently asked questions & contacts.

Free Medicine List 2015

No	Item Description	No	Item Description	No	Item Description
1	Allopurinol Tablets 100 mg	27	Glipizide Tablets 5 mg	53	Propranolol Tablets 10 mg
2	Amoxicillin Capsules 250 mg	28	Glyceryl Trinitrate Tablets 600 mcg	54	Propranolol Tablets 40 mg
3	Amoxicillin Capsules 500 mg	29	Griseofulvin Tablets 125 mg	55	Ranitidine Tablets 300 mg
4	Amoxicillin Suspension 125mg/5mL	30	Hydrochlorothiazide Tablets 25 mg	56	Salbutamol Elixer 2 mg/5mL
5	Aspirin Tablets 100 mg	31	Hydrocortisone Cream 1%	57	Salbutamol Inhaler 100 mcg
6	Atenolol Tablets 50 mg	32	Ibuprofen Tablets 400 mg	58	Salbutamol Tablets 4 mg
7	Bisacodyl Tablets 5 mg	33	Indomethacin Capsules 25 mg	59	Sodium Valproate Tablets 200 mg
8	Bisacodyl Suppository 10 mg	34	Insulin Isophane Injection 1000 IU/10mL	60	Warfarin Sodium Tablets 1 mg (MAREVAN®)
9	Carbamazepine Tablets 200 mg	35	Insulin Isophane/Neutral Mixed (Biphasic) 30/70 Injection 1000 IU/10mL	61	Warfarin Sodium Tablets 5 mg (MAREVAN®)
10	Carbimazole Tablets 5 mg	36	Insulin Neutral Injection 1000 IU/10mL	62	Warfarin Tablets 3 mg (MAREVAN®)
11	Colchicine Tablets 0.5 mg	37	Isosorbide Dinitrate Tablets 10 mg	63	Expectorant +/- Decongestant +/- Bronchodila- tor (Inc. salbutamol) Syrup 100 mL
12	Cotrimoxazole Suspension 240 mg/5mL	38	Mebendazole Tablets 100 mg	64	Diphenhydramine + Ammonium Chloride +/- Sodium Citrate Syrup 100 mL
13	Cotrimoxazole Tablets 480 mg	39	Metformin Tablets 500 mg	64.1	Diphenhydramine + Ammonium Chloride +/- Sodium Citrate Syrup 150 mL
14	Diazepam Tablets 5 mg	40	Methyldopa Tablets 250 mg	65	Pholcodeine Linctus Syrup 2L
15	Digoxin Tablet 62.5 mcg	41	Metronidazole Tablets 200 mg	66	Benzyl Benzoate 25% Lotion 100 mL
16	Digoxin Tablets 250 mcg	42	Nifedipine Tablets MR 20 mg	66.1	Benzyl Benzoate 25% Lotion 200 mL
17	Econazole Cream 1%	43	Neomycin Ointment	67	Griseofulvin Tablets 500 mg
18	Enalapril Tablets 5 mg	44	Oral Rehydration salts sachets (50)	68	Antacid +/- Simethicone Suspension 200 mL
19	Erythromycin Suspension 125 mg/5mL	45	Paracetamol Mixture 120 mg/5mL	68.1	Antacid +/- Simethicone Suspension 500 mL
20	Erythromycin Tablets 250 mg	46	Paracetamol Tablets 500 mg	68.2	Antacid +/- Simethicone Suspension 3.6 L
21	Ferrous Sulphate Tablets 200 mg	47	Penicillin V syrup 125 mg/5mL	69	Antacid +/- Simethicone Chewable Tablets 20s
22	Flucloxacillin Capsules 250mg	48	Potassium Chloride SR Tablets 600 mg	69.1	Antacid +/- Simethicone Chewable Tablets 48s
23	Flucloxacillin Capsules 500 mg	49	Prednisolone Tablets 5 mg (or Prednisone)	69.2	Antacid +/- Simethicone Chewable Tablets 100s
24	Flucloxacillin Suspension 125 mg/5mL	50	Prochlorperazine Tablets 5 mg	70	Paracetamol/Codeine 500/8 mg 100s
25	Frusamide Tablets 40 mg	51	Promethazine Elixer 1 mg/mL	71	Loperamide 2 mg
26	Glibenclamide Tablets 5 mg	52	Promethazine Tablets 10 mg	72	Tetracycline 250 mg

Approved Private Pharmacy		Address	Telephone
Suva			
1	A J Swann Drug Store	MH Homemaker Building	330 3165
2	Amy Street Pharmacy	Suva Private Hospital	331 3495
3	Bula Pharmacy- Tamavua	MH Superfresh Premises Tamavua	705 1705
4	Central Pharmacy	Cumming Street	330 1877
5	Chemistwala	Lot 1 Nina St	310 0121
6	City Centre Pharmacy	MH City Centre, Thomson Street, Suva	331 0840
7	Flagstaff Family Pharmacy	Flagstaff, Suva	330 4001
8	Good Healthcare Pharmacy	62 Ratu Sukuna Road	358 5971
9	Island Pharmacy Suva	19-21 Cumming Street, Suva	310 0933
10	Laulala Bay Pharmacy	Grantham Road, Suva	327 0199
11	Madison Pharmacy	83 Cumming Street	331 1370
12	Nasese Pharmacy	Ratu Sukuna Road , Nasese	331 6128
13	Pharmacy Plus	190 Renwick Rd	330 5300
14	Rx All Pharmacy	Laulala Beach RB Centre Point	972 0219
15	Samabula Drug Store	77 Ratu Mara Road	338 5900
16	Super Drug Laulala	Damodar City Complex	3270699
17	Super Drug Pharmacy	Nands Shopping Mall, 550 Ratu Mara Rd, Nabua	338 7766
18	Super Drug Suva Central	Thomson Street, Suva	331 8755
19	Suva City Pharmacy	Thomson Street, Suva	331 7400
20	Tappoo City Chemist	Tappoo City Complex, Suva	323 9023
Nausori and Nasinu			
21	Life Pharmacy Limited	NG Patel Rd, Nausori	340 5101
22	Life Pharmacy Limited - Nakasi	Shop 2 South Corner Hub, Nakasi	670 5101
23	Mega Care Pharmacy Ltd	Lot 2 Matanikorovatu Rd, Makoi	339 5898
24	Nausori Pharmacy	Main Street	347 8362
25	Rewa Pharmacy	Main Street, Nausori	347 8235
26	Wyse Pharmacy - Valelevu	Daniva Rd, Valelevu	347 5827
27	Wyse Pharmacy Nakasi	Tebara Plaza	341 3144
Nadi			
28	Budget Pharmacy (Nadi)	Main Street, Nadi	670 0064
29	Budget Pharmacy Namaka	Namaka, Nadi	672 2533
30	Health First Pharmacy	Lodhia Street Nadi	670 1888
31	Island Pharmacy Ltd- Nadi	Main Street	670 6506
32	Medirite Pharmacy	347 Main Street, Nadi	670 5514
33	Nadi Health Pharmacy	40 Lohdia Street, Nadi	670 2900
34	Namaka Medisure Pharmacy	42 Namaka Lane, Nadi	672 8851
35	Rite Health Pharmacy	Namaka Lane, Nadi	914 6868
Labasa			
36	Babasiga Pharmacy	Nasekula Road, Labasa	881 8099
37	Labasa Pharmacy	Main Street, Labasa	881 1178
38	My Chemist	Nasekula Rd, Labasa	881 4611
39	Northern Drug Store	Nasekula Rd, Labasa	881 8461
Sigatoka and Navua			
40	Care Chemist	Market Square, Sigatoka	652 0393
41	HyperChem Sigatoka Pharmacy	Sigatoka	650 1947
42	Family Pharmacy Ltd	(Sure Care Pharmacy) Main Street Navua	355 0698
Lautoka, Ba, Tavua and Rakiraki			
43	HyperChem Pharmacy- Lautoka	Vitog Parade, Lautoka	665 1940
44	Mega Pharmacy	Naviti Street, Lautoka	650 0018
45	HyperChem Pharmacy—Ba	Main Street, Ba	667 8394
46	Island Pharmacy Ltd- Ba	Main Street, Ba	667 4933
47	Quest Pharmacy - Ba	Main Street, Ba	667 1710
48	Quest Pharmacy Tavua	Main Street, Tavua	935 3840
49	Tavua Chemist	Market Street, Tavua	668 1703
50	Quest Pharmacy Rakiraki	Shiu Raj Building, Main Street, Rakiraki	669 3031

Frequently asked questions:

Q: What if I earned less than \$20,000 and my wife also earned less than \$20,000, will my children or dependents get free medicine too apart from us?

A: Currently the policy eligibility states that if the combined salary of the parents is less than \$20,000 then the children are eligible to receive free medicines. For example, if you one of you earns \$12,000 and the other \$7,000; your combined salary per year is \$19,000 which is under \$20,000, therefore your children are entitled to access the Free Medicine Program.

Q: Will all medicines be provided free?

A: No. There are 72 medicines that will be provided free in this program which includes certain medicines for non-communicable diseases like diabetes, blood pressure, asthma etc. It is also important to note that only certain brands of the 72 medicine will be supplied free which is mostly the ones that are similar to the ones that are supplied by the government hospitals.

Currently, hospitals provide free medicines but through this program you will be able to access these 72 medicines for free from private pharmacy shops also.

Q: If I have a prescription from the Government health facility and I am eligible for the free medicine, can I take my prescription to any of the 50 private pharmacy shops in town to get my medicine?

A: Yes you can take your prescription to one of the 50 private pharmacy shops participating in the program and you can obtain your medicine for free only if it is listed under the program.

Q: If I have a prescription from the private GP and I am eligible for the free medicine, can I take my prescription to any of the Government hospitals and health centre pharmacies to get my medicine?

A: Yes you can take your prescription and valid ID (if no ID then you must fill in the declaration form) to any Government pharmacy to obtain your medicine.

** Please note, at the time of printing only 48 medicines out of the 72 will be available, the rest of medicines are in the procurement phase and will be available at a later date with the public notified accordingly.*

For further Enquiries contact:

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Northern	Principal Pharmacist Labasa Hospital	Amele Lalibuli	amele.lalibuli@govnet.gov.fj
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	Essential Medicines Authority	Jeremaia Mataika	jeremaia.mataika01@govnet.gov.fj