The journey of a funding application

A supplier, health professional, or an everyday New Zealander can apply for a medicine or related product to be funded.

1. **Prepare** your application by collating all relevant information.
2. **Discuss** your application with someone from PHARMAC.
3. **Submit** your application via PHARMConnect.
4. **Review** PHARMAC reviews and evaluates the evidence, including others’ submissions on the same medicine.
5. **Assess** PHARMAC considers the clinical advice and assesses the medicine. Research and economic analysis take place.
6. **Consider submissions**
7. **Provisional agreement** PHARMAC and the supplier confirm a provisional agreement.
8. **Identify** PHARMAC identifies which medicines on the list to take forward.
9. **Consult** We ask New Zealanders what they think.
10. **Negotiate** PHARMAC negotiates price with suppliers.
11. **Compare options** PHARMAC compares and ranks medicines.
12. **High Ranking**
13. **Low Ranking**
14. **Final decision** The PHARMAC board or delegate makes a final decision.
15. **Final changes** PHARMAC staff make any changes necessary following the consultation submissions.
16. **Listed** If approved, the medicine or related products are listed on the Pharmaceutical Schedule.
17. **Notification** PHARMAC notifies the decision to health professionals and the public.
18. **Advice** PHARMAC receives recommendations from independent clinical experts from across New Zealand’s health care sector who sit on the Pharmacology and Therapeutics Advisory Committee (PTAC) and its subcommittees.
19. **Factors for Consideration** are used throughout.

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The process set out in the diagram is intended to be indicative of the process that may follow where a supplier or other applicant wishes a pharmaceutical to be funded on the Pharmaceutical Schedule. PHARMAC may, at its discretion, adopt a different process or variations of the process. For example, we decide whether or not it is appropriate to undertake consultation on a case-by-case basis.