

# Brevinor 1/28 supply issue



You will be getting a new brand temporarily

Due to an unexpected delay in sourcing one of the active ingredients, norethisterone, there is a supply issue affecting Brevinor 1/28 oral contraceptive.

You will be getting a new brand, Alyacen 1/35, until the supply issue is resolved.

## Alyacen 1/35 works the same way as Brevinor 1/28

The new brand contains the same active ingredients, in the same strengths, it will work the same way. You take it the same way.

One of the active ingredients is called norethindrone on the packaging. This is the American name for norethisterone.

## Alyacen 1/35 packaging



## **This product is not approved in New Zealand**

Alyacen 1/35 is approved in the United States, but Medsafe has not reviewed it for use in New Zealand.

You will need a new prescription because your doctor needs to explain what taking an unapproved medicine means.

Healthify has information about taking unapproved medicines:

**[www.healthify.nz/unapproved-medicines](http://www.healthify.nz/unapproved-medicines)**

## **When will Brevinor 1/28 be back?**

The supplier, Pfizer, expects supply to return to normal by the end of December 2024. We will keep our website up to date.

### **Learn more**

Please speak with your pharmacist or a health care professional you trust if you have any questions or concerns about this.

You can find more information about this supply issue on our website:

**[www.pharmac.govt.nz/brevinor-1-2](http://www.pharmac.govt.nz/brevinor-1-2)**

## **Find out more**

Pharmac is the New Zealand Government Agency that makes decisions about what medicines are funded for use in New Zealand. For questions about the funding of medicines, email: [enquiry@pharmac.govt.nz](mailto:enquiry@pharmac.govt.nz)

