

## The brand of dexamfetamine is changing



Do you or someone you care for take the 'PSM' brand of dexamfetamine?

The funded brand of dexamfetamine is changing from 'PSM' to 'Aspen' dexamfetamine.

### Aspen dexamfetamine works the same way

The Aspen tablets have the same active ingredient and work in the body the same way as the current tablets. The changes you will see include:

- different packaging
- an engraved D and 5 on the tablet
- a score mark across the tablet.

Presentation	Front side	Back side
5mg		

\* Not shown to scale

### Why is this happening?

The PSM brand of dexamfetamine is no longer being made. We are working to secure a long-term supply of dexamfetamine. This process takes time so we have sourced Aspen dexamfetamine tablets so people can continue taking this medicine in the meantime.

## **The brand will change after 1 August 2022**

A pharmacist will change the tablets to the Aspen brand of dexamfetamine some time after 1 August 2022. Both the prescriber and pharmacist will need to talk to you about the change because the Aspen brand is still going through the Medsafe approval process for use in Aotearoa New Zealand. The Aspen brand is approved for use and used in Australia.

## **Does the brand have to change?**

Because the supplier, API, has stopped making PSM dexamfetamine it will no longer be available. Once stock of the PSM brand runs out, Aspen will be the only funded brand of dexamfetamine available in New Zealand.



## **FIND OUT MORE**

If you have any questions or concerns about this change in brand, talk with your doctor, pharmacist, specialist, or other health care professional you trust. Pharmac is the New Zealand Government agency that decides which medicines are funded. Please contact us if you have any questions about the funding or supply of medicines.

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