

PBS Approved Suppliers Portal

How to submit an application to change ownership of an approved pharmacy (not involving relocation)

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Purpose of this guide

This user guide provides instructions on how to navigate the PBS Approved Suppliers Portal, complete the online application form and submit an application for approval to change ownership of an approved pharmacy to supply pharmaceutical benefits at particular premises (not involving relocation).

When to use this online form

Use the online form Application for approval to change ownership of an approved pharmacy supplying pharmaceutical benefits (not involving relocation) if you are applying for such approval under section 90 of the National Health Act 1953.

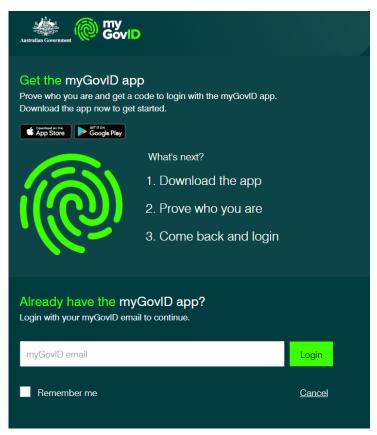
If you are a first time user of the Portal, please refer to the guide – How to register and sign in to the PBS Approved Suppliers Portal.

Accessing the PBS Approved Suppliers Portal

- Type https://pbsapprovedsuppliers.health.gov.au into your browser. The preferred browsers are Google Chrome or Firefox.
- Select the top right Sign in option; the green Sign in button will then display.



Selecting 'Sign in' will take you directly to the myGovID pin authentication screen where
you will be required to login with your myGovID and enter the generated 4 digit pin code
into your smart device.





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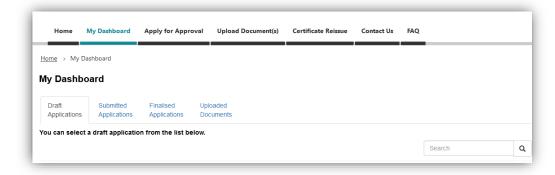
 Entering the pin on your myGovID app will take you to your PBS Approved Suppliers Portal Home screen:



You can select one of the following options by clicking on the tabs in the navigation bar located across the top of the screen:

- My Dashboard
- · Apply for Approval
- Upload Document(s)
- Certificate Reissue
- Contact Us
- FAQ

When you select 'My Dashboard' from the navigation bar, the following screen will be displayed:



By selecting the relevant tab from 'My Dashboard', you can continue to work on draft or view submitted and finalised applications. You can also view a list and check the status of any documents you may have uploaded via 'Upload Document(s)'.

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Applying for Approval

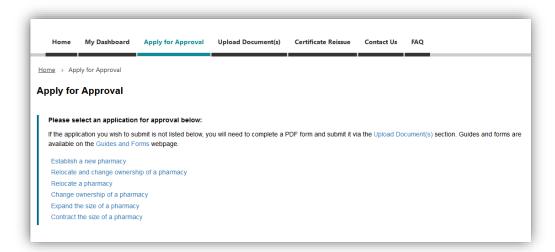
a) Continue an application in progress

To continue working on a draft application, click on the relevant tracking number from the 'Draft Applications' tab.

b) Start a new application

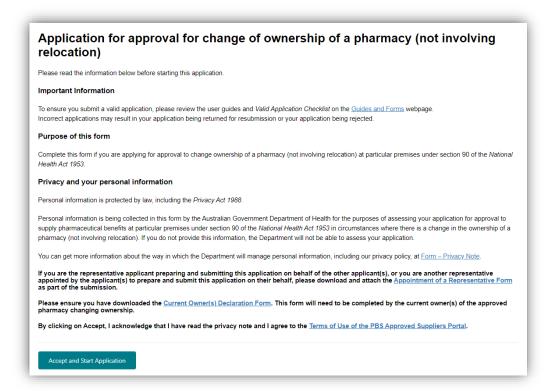
 To start a new application, select 'Apply for Approval' from the navigation bar or the Home screen.

The following screen will be displayed:



Select 'Change ownership of a pharmacy'.

After you select your application type, the following screen will be displayed:



- Please read the information contained in this screen to ensure you have selected the correct application type.
- Ensure you have downloaded the <u>Current owner(s) declaration</u> form.
- If you are submitting the application on behalf of the applicant(s) or multiple authorised person(s), ensure you have downloaded the <u>Appointment of a representative to prepare and submit an application</u> form.
- Refer to the <u>Valid Application Checklist</u> for information about what constitutes a valid application.

Read the privacy note and accept the Terms of Use

 By clicking on Accept and Start Application, you acknowledge that you have read the privacy note and agree to abide by the <u>Terms of Use of the PBS Approved Suppliers</u> Portal.

Accept and Start Application

• To proceed, click on:

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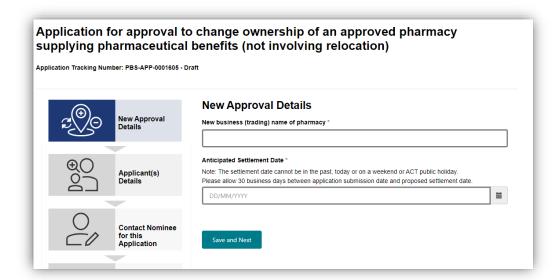
Completing an application

a) Provide new approval details

After you click on the 'Accept and Start Application' button, the New Approval Details screen will be displayed. This screen is for you to provide the new business name of the pharmacy and the anticipated settlement date for the change of ownership.

The anticipated settlement date cannot be in the past, today or on a weekend or ACT public holiday.

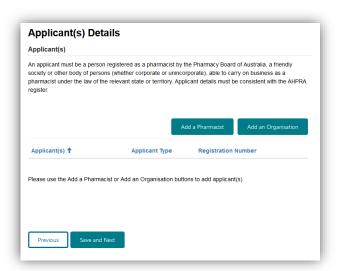
Please allow 30 business days between application submission date and proposed settlement date.



- Ensure the mandatory fields are completed.
- To continue, click:

Provide applicant(s) details

After you click on the 'Save and Next' button, the following screen will be displayed.



For change of ownership applications, the applicant(s) will be the incoming owner(s).

An applicant must be a person registered as a pharmacist by the Pharmacy Board of Australia, a friendly society or other body of persons (whether corporate or unincorporate), able to carry on business as a pharmacist under the law of the relevant state or territory.

An applicant can be an individual pharmacist or an organisation (i.e. company or friendly society).

The names of the applicants must be consistent with the details that you provide to the relevant state or territory pharmacy approval authority when seeking approval to operate a pharmacy business at the proposed premises (with the exception of references to trusts on the state or territory approval).

If an applicant is an organisation, person(s) officially associated with that organisation must be added as authorised persons (refer to the Add an authorised person for an organisation section of this guide).

An authorised person for an organisation should not be added as an individual applicant pharmacist unless that person is applying for approval in his or her own right in addition to the organisation.

Each individual applicant pharmacist and at least one authorised person for each applicant organisation must be qualified to provide pharmacy services, and details provided must be consistent with the AHPRA register.

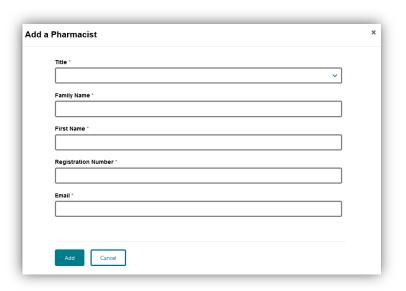
If an application involves bringing in a partner by selling a share of the pharmacy business, the current owner(s) must be listed in the current owner(s) declaration form as current owner(s) and in the application as applicant(s). Current owner(s) details must be consistent with the existing pharmacy approval.

b) Add an applicant pharmacist

• To add an individual applicant pharmacist, click on:



The following dialogue box will be displayed:



- Complete the pharmacist's details.
- To save the pharmacist's details, click on the 'Add' button.
- You will be returned to the Applicant(s) Details screen and the applicant will be added to the application.
- If you do not want to save the pharmacist's details, click on
- You will be returned to the Applicant(s) Details screen and the applicant will not be added to the application.

c) Add an applicant organisation

• To add an applicant organisation, click on:



The following screen will be displayed:



Click on to display a list of organisation types.

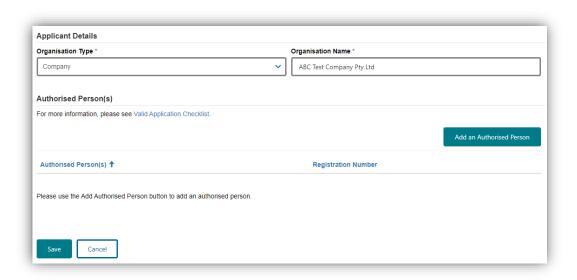
The following screen will be displayed:



• Highlight the relevant organisation type, enter the organisation name and then click on the 'Add' button.

d) Add an authorised person for an organisation

After you click on the 'Add' button, the following will be displayed:



 To add an authorised person for the organisation, click on the 'Add an Authorised Person' button.

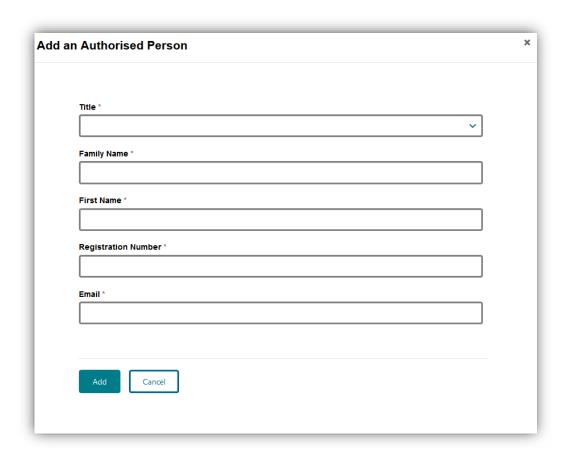
If an applicant is an organisation, person(s) officially associated with that organisation must be added to the application as authorised persons, for example:

- If the applicant is a company, the director(s) must be added as authorised person(s).
- If the applicant is a friendly society, the board member(s) and the secretary must be added as authorised person(s).

You must provide details of all authorised person(s) for the organisation and these details must accord with documentary evidence (e.g. ASIC extract that lists the directors of the company and/or official list of friendly society board members) requested later in the application.

At least one authorised person for each organisation must be qualified to provide pharmacy services, and details provided must be consistent with the AHPRA register.

After you click on the 'Add an Authorised Person' button, the following screen will be displayed.



- Complete the mandatory fields and click on the 'Add' button.
- Once all authorised person(s) have been added for the organisation, click

 Save
- To edit or remove an applicant from the Applicant(s) Details screen, select adjacent to the relevant applicant's name and you will be given the option to edit or remove the applicant from the application.
- To continue, click:

 Save and Next

e) Provide details of a contact nominee for this application

After you click on the 'Save and Next' button, the Contact Nominee for this Application section will be displayed. This section is for you to provide details of either an applicant or other nominated person who is permitted to act on behalf of the applicant(s) on all matters relating to the application.

This section will default to the signed-in user; however, you are able to edit the fields if the contact nominee for the application is someone other than the signed-in user.

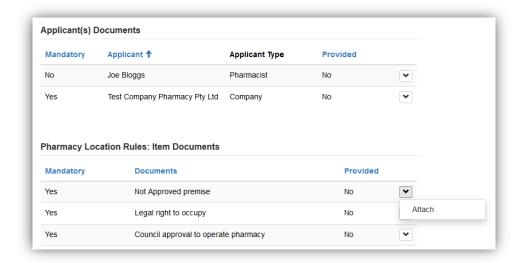
• Ensure all mandatory fields are completed and click:



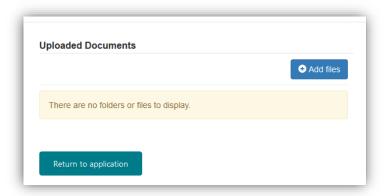
f) How to attach documents

Please do not submit documents that are password protected.

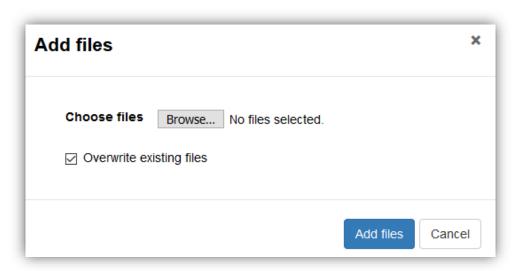
i. For each mandatory document listed at the 'Supporting Documents' section, you will need to click on the arrow adjacent to the applicant or document name and then click on 'Attach'. (The following screen is provided as an example only.)



ii. After you click on 'Attach', the following screen will be displayed:



- iii. Click on the 'Add files' button.
- iv. Add file(s) by clicking on the 'Browse' or 'Choose Files' button (depending on your browser).

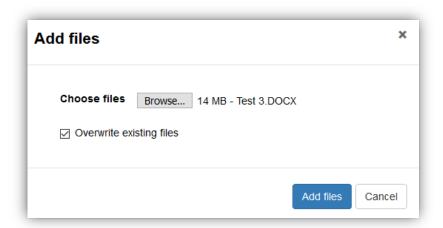


The 'Overwrite existing files' checkbox defaults to selected. If you do not wish to overwrite a file of the same name already uploaded, ensure you uncheck this box before adding files.

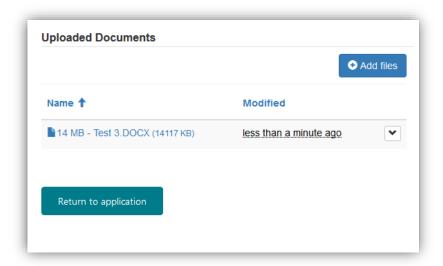
You can attach multiple files at a time and you can upload as many times as required, but each upload must be less than 50 MB (i.e. if you are uploading a single file, its size must be less than 50 MB; if you are uploading multiple files at once, their combined size must be less than 50 MB).

If you attempt an upload that is more than 50 MB you will receive an error message. To continue, click on the 'Cancel' button and then 'Return to Application' before trying again with an upload that is less than 50 MB.

v. Double-click or open the selected files(s). The following screen will then display the file name (or number of files if more than one):

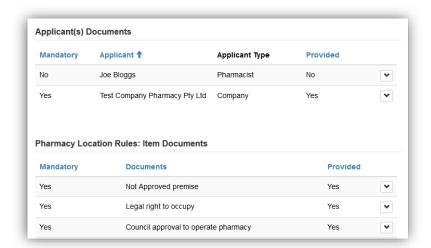


- vi. Click on the 'Add files' button once more to complete the upload.
- vii. Your uploaded documents will be listed on the following screen:



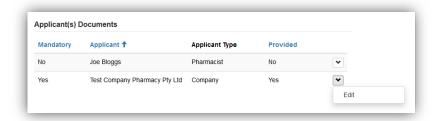
viii. When you have added all the relevant files, click on the 'Return to application' button.

ix. You will be returned to the Supporting Documents screen. The Provided column will show 'Yes' against each item when the documents have been attached. (The following screen is provided as an example only.)

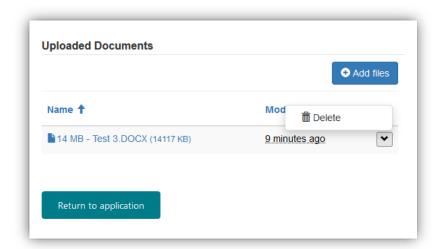


g) How to remove documents

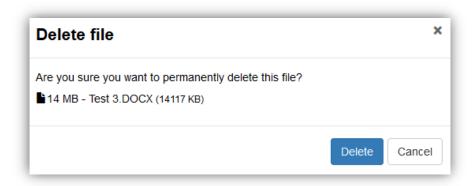
x. Click on the arrow adjacent to the applicant or document name for which you wish to remove a document and then click on 'Edit'.



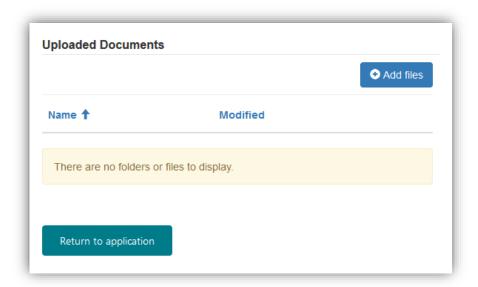
xi. Click on the arrow adjacent to the relevant file name and then click on 'Delete'.



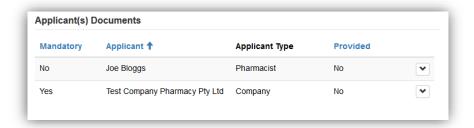
xii. Check and confirm that you want to delete the selected file by clicking on the 'Delete' button.



xiii. After the file has been deleted, it will no longer be listed in the following screen:



xiv. Click on the 'Return to application' button. You will be returned to the Supporting Documents screen, and the Provided column will revert to 'No' against the item for which the document has been deleted.



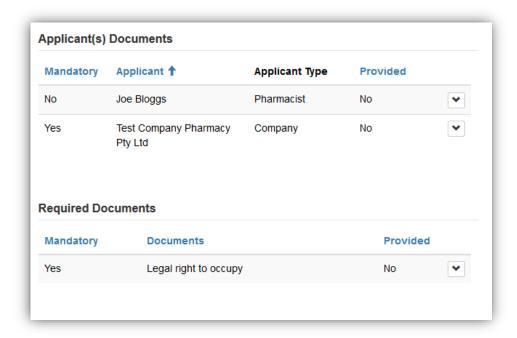
h) Attach supporting documents

After you click on the 'Save and Next' button from the Contact Nominee screen, the Supporting Documents section will be displayed. This section requires you to attach documentation to support your application.

For instructions on how to attach documents, refer to the How to attach documents section of this guide.

The Portal will request supporting documents based on your previous selections (i.e. type of applicant).

The screen below is an example of what you may see depending on your selections.



i. Attach applicant(s) documents

If an applicant is a company, you must attach evidence confirming the authority of the authorised person(s) to act on behalf of the applicant (e.g. ASIC company extract that lists the Directors of the company).

If an applicant is a friendly society, you must attach an official document listing all board members and the secretary.

ii. Attach Required Documents

You must attach evidence of legal right to occupy the pharmacy premises (including the head lessor's consent, if applicable). Such evidence should clearly identify the address of the premises, noting that if the premises are identified by something other than the address of the application, for example, Folio or lot number, but the application identifies the premises by a street address, evidence should also be provided to link the addresses, for example, documents from the local council. Care should be taken to ensure consistency is maintained across submitted evidence for issues such as applicant(s) names and addresses of premises that may appear on several pieces of evidence.

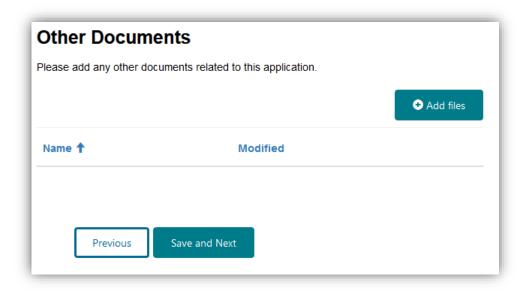
You will not be able to progress to the next section until all mandatory documents have been attached.

• When you have attached all your documents and are ready to continue, click:



i) Attach other documents

After you click on the 'Save and Next' button, the Other Documents section will be displayed. This section is for you to attach any other documents relevant to your application.



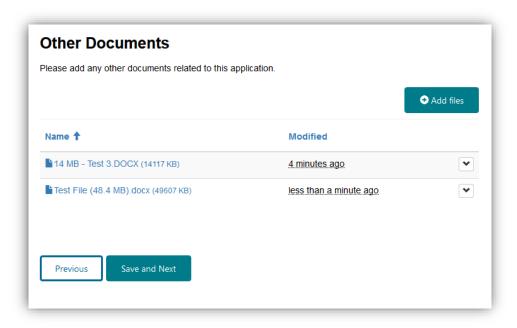
- If you do not need to attach other documents to your application, simply click on the 'Save and Next' button.
- If you do need to attach other documents to your application, click on the 'Add files' button and then follow the relevant steps in the How to attach documents section of this guide.

Evidence that you have met the requirements of the relevant state or territory regulatory authority

If you already have evidence that you have met the requirements of the relevant state or territory regulatory authority, you should attach it to the application here.

Your application can be submitted without the state/territory evidence and your application will still be processed; however, approval will not be granted unless this evidence is provided prior to or on the day of settlement.

When you have attached other documents, you will be returned to the Other Documents section and the documents you have added will be listed.

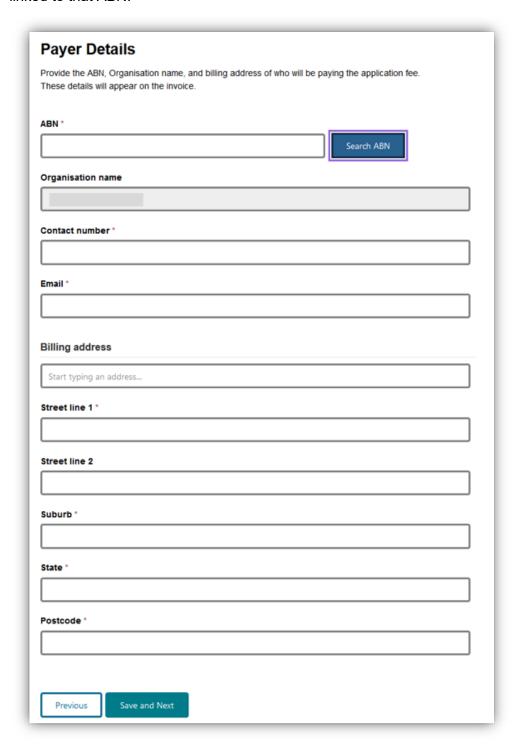


 When you have finished adding your other documents, click on the 'Save and Next' button.

Provide payer details

After you click on the 'Save and Next' button, the following screen will be displayed.

When you search on a valid ABN, the form will auto-populate the organisation name linked to that ABN.

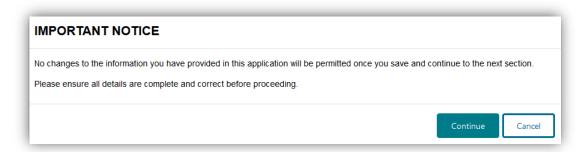


• Ensure all mandatory fields are completed and then click on the 'Save and Next' button.

Before progressing to the declarations section

After you click on the 'Save and Next' button, the following notice will be displayed:

No changes to the information you have provided in this application will be permitted once you click 'Continue'.



When you are ready to proceed to the Declarations section, click:



Declarations

After you click on the 'Continue' button, the Declarations screen will be displayed:

Declaratio	ns
	esentative appointed to submit this application on behalf of the applicant(s) or vith multiple authorised persons? *
○ No ○ Yes	

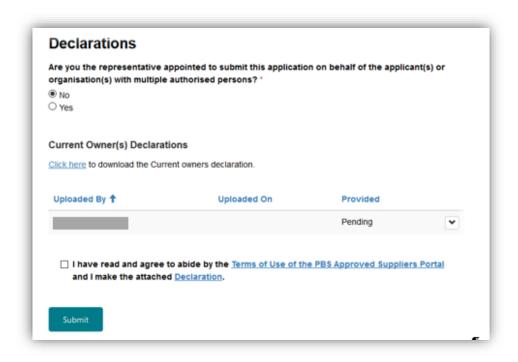
If you are the sole applicant/authorised person, you can choose to submit the application yourself or you can appoint a representative to submit the application on your behalf.

If there are multiple applicants and/or authorised persons for an organisation, you must appoint a representative to submit the application on behalf of all applicants and/or authorised persons.

The appointed representative can be one of the applicants or the contact nominee named in the application, or another person appointed by the applicant(s)/authorised person(s), but the appointed representative must be the person who is submitting the application via the PBS Approved Suppliers Portal.

- a) Sole applicant or authorised person submitting the application yourself
- If you are the sole applicant/authorised person named in the application, and you are submitting the application yourself, click on the 'No' button.

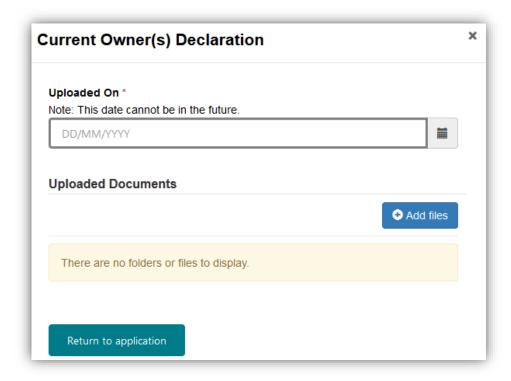
After you click on the 'No' button, the following screen will be displayed:



Attach the current owner(s) declaration form

Attach the Current Owner(s) Declaration to the application by clicking on the and then clicking on 'Attach'.

After you click on 'Attach', the following screen will be displayed:



- Enter the date the Current Owner(s) Declaration was uploaded.
- Click on the 'Add files' button.
- Attach the Current Owner(s) Declaration by following the relevant steps provided at the How to attach documents section of this guide.

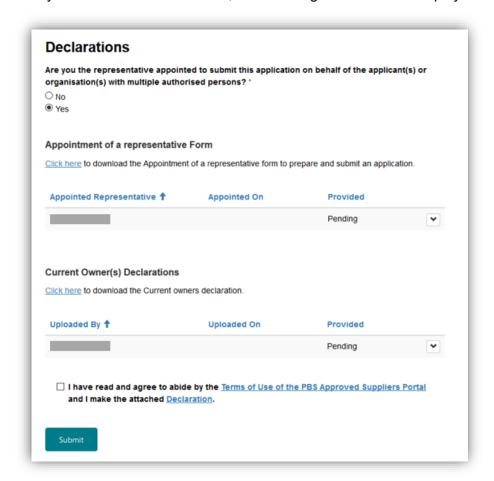
- When you have uploaded the form, click on the 'Return to application' button.
- You will be returned to the Declarations screen, and the Provided column will show that the Current Owner(s) Declaration has been provided.



You must attach the Current Owners Declaration form to the application.

- The Current Owners(s) Declaration form must be signed by all current owner(s).
- b) Appointed representative submitting the application on behalf of the applicant(s)
- If you are the appointed representative preparing and submitting the application on behalf of the applicant(s)/authorised person(s), click on the 'Yes' button.

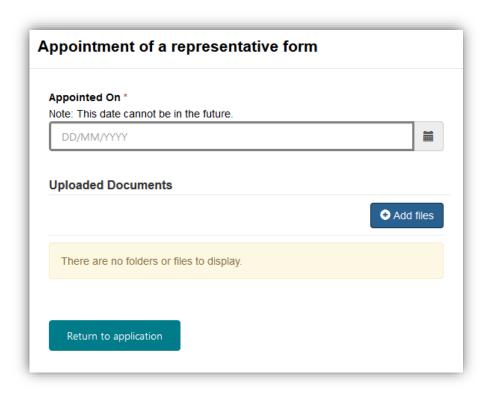
After you click on the 'Yes' button, the following screen will be displayed:



c) Attach the Appointment of a representative form

• Attach the appointment of a representative form to the application by clicking on 'Attach'.

After you click on 'Attach', the following screen will be displayed:



- Enter the date appointed.
- Click on the 'Add files' button.
- Attach the appointment of representative form by following the relevant steps provided at the How to attach documents section of this guide.
- When you have uploaded the form, click on the 'Return to application' button.
- You will be returned to the Declarations screen, and the Provided column will show that the appointment of a representative form has been provided.

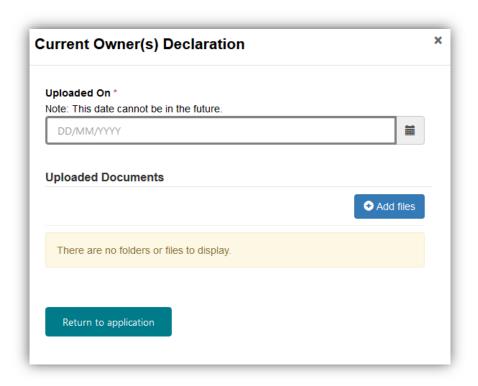
If you are the appointed representative submitting this form on behalf of the applicant(s)/authorised person(s), you must attach the <u>Appointment of a representative to prepare and submit an application</u> form to the application.

The appointment of a representative form must be signed by all applicants and/or all authorised persons for an organisation.

d) Attach the current owner(s) declaration form

• Attach the Current Owner(s) Declaration to the application by clicking on the and then clicking on 'Attach'.

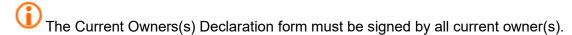
After you click on 'Attach', the following screen will be displayed:



- Enter the date the Current Owner(s) Declaration was uploaded.
- Click on the 'Add files' button.
- Attach the Current Owner(s) Declaration by following the relevant steps provided at the How to attach documents section of this guide.
- When you have uploaded the form, click on the 'Return to application' button.
- You will be returned to the Declarations screen, and the Provided column will show that the Current Owner(s) Declaration has been provided.



You must attach the **Current Owners Declaration** form to the application.



e) Make the declaration

- Review the 'Terms of Use of the PBS Approved Suppliers Portal' and the 'Declaration' by clicking on the relevant link.
- To proceed, you must check the box to:
- confirm your agreement to abide by the 'Terms of Use of the PBS Approved Suppliers Portal'; and
- make the Declaration.

Submitting your application

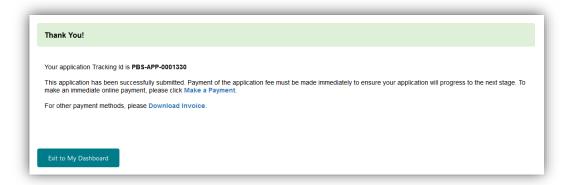
• When you are ready to submit you application, click on:



You will not be able to submit the application until you have attached the appointment of a representative form (if applicable) and current owner(s) declaration, and checked the box to confirm that you agree to abide by the Terms of Use of the PBS Approved Suppliers Portal and make the Declaration.

Review confirmation of successfully submitted application

After you click on the 'Submit' button, the following screen will be displayed when your application has been successfully submitted:



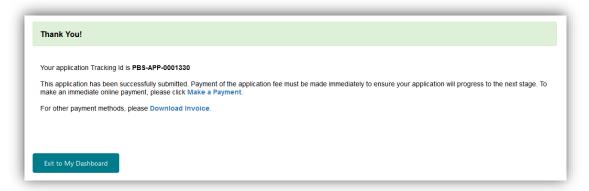
Take note of the application Tracking ID number

• Please take note of the application Tracking ID number, which you can use to identify and review the status of your application on your Dashboard.

If you need to make an enquiry about your application, please quote the Tracking ID number.

Issue of an invoice for the application fee

When you submit an online application form, in most instances, the invoice will be issued immediately and the following screen will be displayed:



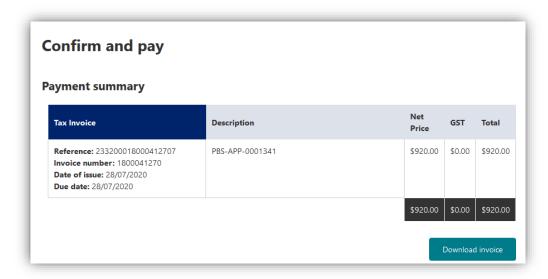
The submission date and time will be recorded as the date and time a valid application is submitted, not when payment is finalised.

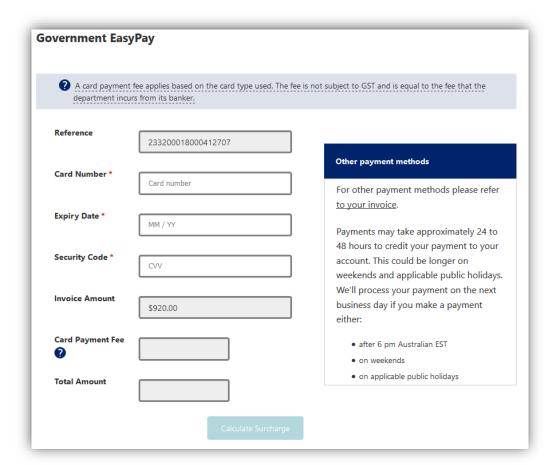
Payment of the application fee upon submission

a) Credit card - EasyPay

 If you wish to make a credit card payment upon submission, click on 'Make a Payment' from the above screen.

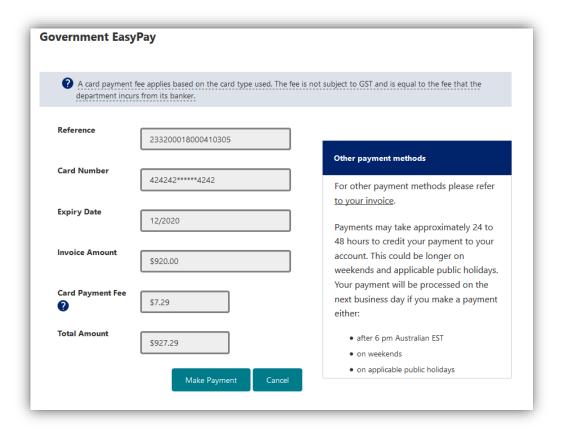
The Confirm and Pay/Government EasyPay screen will be displayed:





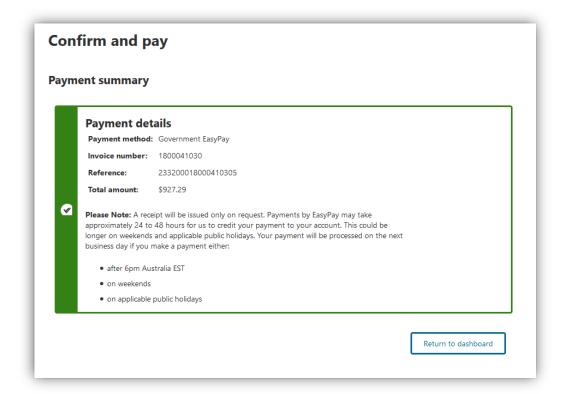
The invoice amount displayed will be the fee relevant to your application type.

• Enter your credit card details and then click on 'Calculate Surcharge'. The card payment fee will be added and the total amount displayed.

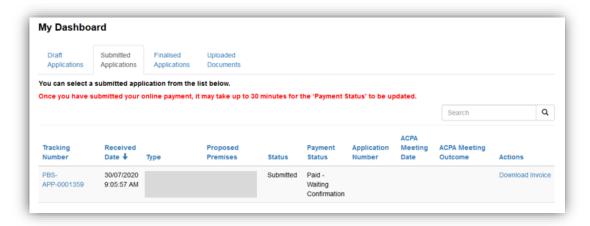


• Check the details you have entered are correct and, when ready, click on the 'Make Payment' button.

After you click on the 'Make Payment' button, the following screen will be displayed:



The Payment Status for the application on 'My Dashboard/Submitted Applications' will now show as 'Paid – Waiting confirmation'. (Please note, once you have submitted an online payment, it may take up to 30 minutes for the 'Payment Status' to be updated on the Dashboard.)

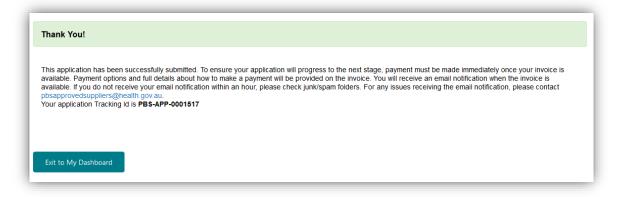


b) EFT or BPAY

If you wish to make an EFT or BPAY payment upon submission, you can download a
PDF of the invoice from the application submitted confirmation screen or exit to
'My Dashboard' where download invoice and payment options will also be available.
Refer to the Download or pay an invoice from 'My Dashboard' section of this guide.

c) If the invoice is not generated upon submission

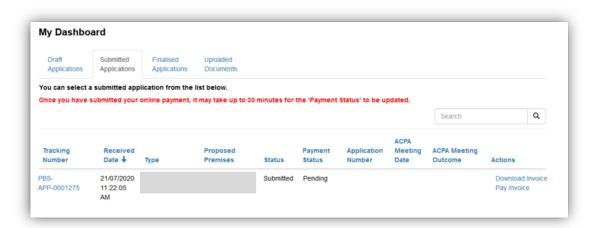
In some instances, due to timing or connection issues, the invoice will not be generated upon submission and, instead, the following screen will be displayed:



If this occurs, when the invoice has been generated, the application contact nominee (and, if different, the submitter) will receive an email advising that the invoice has been issued and is available in the PBS Approved Suppliers Portal.

Download or pay an invoice from 'My Dashboard'

 Locate the relevant application tracking number from 'My Dashboard/Submitted Applications'. Please note, only the person who submitted the application will be able to view the invoice on 'My Dashboard'.



From 'My Dashboard', you will have the option of two 'Actions', either:

- Click on 'Pay Invoice' to display the Confirm and Pay/Government EasyPay screen where you can make an online payment via credit card (refer to the Credit Card section of this guide); or
- Click on 'Download Invoice' to download and/or save a PDF copy of your invoice for payment via other methods, details of which are provided on the invoice.

Tracking the status of a payment

You can track the progress of application payments from 'My Dashboard/Submitted Applications', which will indicate a status of:

- Pending will display if payment has not been made
- Paid Awaiting confirmation will display when payment via EasyPay has been made but is awaiting clearance
- Paid will display when payment is finalised

Payment is considered finalised only when the status is Paid.

Please note, once you have submitted an online payment, it may take up to 30 minutes for the 'Payment Status' to be updated on the Dashboard.

An invoice for the application fee will require immediate payment to ensure the payment can be finalised by the Department within seven calendar days from the invoice issue date. Delayed payment may result in your application being cancelled.

Please be aware, processing takes longer for EFT and BPAY payments so if you delay making a payment by EFT or BPAY, it is unlikely the payment will be finalised within the seven-day period.

Non-payment of an invoice

If the Department does not receive full payment of the invoice in time for it to be finalised within seven calendar days from the invoice issue date, the application will be cancelled. The application contact nominee will be advised of the cancellation by email. To avoid cancellation of your application, please ensure payment is made immediately.

It is the applicant's responsibility to ensure the payment is made in time for it to be finalised by the Department within seven calendar days from the invoice issue date; the Department will not send a reminder.

Cancelled applications will appear on 'My Dashboard/Finalised Applications' with a status of 'Cancelled'.

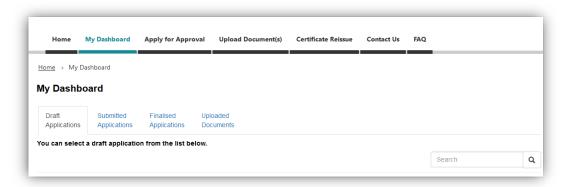
Resubmitting a returned application

If your application has been deemed invalid because you have provided incomplete or inaccurate information, it will be returned to the submitter via the PBS Approved Suppliers Portal.

Refer to the <u>Valid Application Checklist</u> for information about what constitutes a valid application.

The Department will send an email to the application contact nominee detailing the reasons why the application has been deemed invalid and returned.

A returned application will be listed with the same tracking number under your Draft Applications on the My Dashboard screen.



- Select the relevant application tracking number from your Draft Applications on the My Dashboard screen.
- Provide the correct information or documentation as detailed in the email sent to the application contact nominee.
- When you are ready to resubmit your application, follow the instructions provided in the Declarations and Submitting your application sections of this guide.

When an application is returned, any attachments and/or information provided at the Declarations section will be deactivated; therefore, you must reattach any documents provided at this section before resubmitting your application.

Resubmitted applications will not incur another fee and will not require payer details to be re-entered.

If your application was returned because of incorrect or missing documents at the Declarations section, ensure you fix the errors or omissions before resubmitting your application. If you do not, the application will be deemed invalid again and returned to you to be corrected and resubmitted.

The submission date and time will be recorded as the date and time the application is resubmitted.

If you need to contact us

If you have any questions about using the PBS Approved Suppliers Portal or your application, please send an email with details of your enquiry and quoting the application Tracking ID number to PBSApprovedSuppliers@health.gov.au