**NHS prescription charges from**

**1st April 2023**

**The Department of Health and Social Care has**[**announced the new NHS prescription charges in England**](https://www.gov.uk/government/speeches/nhs-prescription-charges-from-1-april-2023)**.**

From 1 April 2023, the NHS prescription charge will rise to £9.65. The cost of an NHS Prescription Prepayment Certificate (PPC) will be:

* £31.25 for 3 months
* £111.60 for 12 months (patients can spread the cost and pay in 10 monthly instalments)

People who pay for their NHS prescriptions could save with a PPC. Rather than paying £9.65 for each prescription, the 3 and 12 month PPC covers unlimited NHS prescriptions for the one-off set price. This means if people need 4 or more items in 3 months, or 12 or more items in 12 months they will save money by buying a PPC. How much they can save depends on the number of prescriptions they need each month.

The quickest way to buy a 3 or 12 month PPC is online at [www.nhsbsa.nhs.uk/ppc](http://www.nhsbsa.nhs.uk/ppc).

The cost of an NHS Hormone Replacement Therapy (HRT) PPC will be £19.30. The HRT PPC will be available from 1 April 2023. For more information visit [www.nhsbsa.nhs.uk/hrt-ppc](http://www.nhsbsa.nhs.uk/hrt-ppc).

Before buying a PPC, patients should check if they are entitled to free NHS prescriptions and other help with health costs at [www.nhsbsa.nhs.uk/check](http://www.nhsbsa.nhs.uk/check).