

**Senate Community Affairs Committee**

**ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE**

**HEALTH PORTFOLIO**

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**Senator:** Di Natale, Richard

**Question:**

Dr Skerritt: The time lines that the states take are obviously set to the time lines. I should correct you by also saying that some states require the prescriber to be a specialist physician; others do not have that stipulation. Senator DI NATALE: Okay. Can you take on notice which states require that? Dr Skerritt: Certainly. We have that information, but in the interests of time we will take it on notice.

**Answer:**

The different states/territories allow the following medical practitioners to prescribe medicinal cannabis products through varying application processes.

Please note to apply to become an Authorised Prescriber (AP) the applicant must have the training and expertise appropriate for the condition being treated and the proposed use of the product (GPs do not often fit this criteria but they can apply via the Special Access Scheme (SAS)).

S8 products

State / Territory Applications	Specialists	GPs
ACT (equivalent to TGA SASB and AP)	Yes	Yes with specialist support (SASB only)
QLD patient class (equivalent to TGA AP)	Yes	No
QLD single patient (equivalent to TGA SASB)	Yes	Yes
NSW (equivalent to TGA SASB and AP)	Yes	Yes, with specialist support (SASB only)
VIC - Eligible patient (equivalent to TGA AP although currently restricted to Paediatricians for intractable epilepsy.)	Yes	No
VIC – exceptional circumstances (equivalent to TGA SASB)	Yes	Yes
TAS ( equivalent to TGA SASB and AP)	Yes	No
SA (equivalent to TGA SASB and AP)	Yes	Yes, with specialist support
WA – notification (equivalent to TGA AP)	Yes	Can be nominated as a “co-prescriber” by specialist
WA – authorisation (equivalent to TGA SASB)	Yes	Yes with specialist support
NT (equivalent to TGA SASB and AP)	Yes	Can assist specialist with ongoing prescriptions

S4 products – only states/territories that require S/T approval

State / Territory Applications	Specialists	GPs
QLD patient class (equivalent to TGA AP)	Yes	No
QLD single patient (equivalent to TGA SASB)	Yes	Yes
TAS (equivalent to TGA SASB and AP)	Yes	No