

# Diabetes Supplies

## Information for Health Professionals

### National Diabetes Services Scheme (NDSS)

The National Diabetes Services Scheme was started in 1987 by the Australian Government and provides subsidies for specific diabetes products.

Registration for the scheme is free and available to all persons with diabetes, who is resident in Australia and holds a current Australian Medicare card. The scheme is run by Diabetes Australia through their state and territory organisations and some accredited pharmacies (sub-agents).

Products include:

Product	No Charge	Subsidised
Insulin syringes and Insulin pen needles	✓	
Insulin pump consumables for eligible registrants		✓
Blood glucose testing strips		✓
Urine glucose and ketones testing strips		✓

**Note:** (Blood ketone strips are not currently subsidised)

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To qualify for NDSS, a registration form must be completed and signed by either the treating Medical Practitioner or by an Accredited Diabetes Educator and sent to Diabetes Australia Offices or one of their accredited sub-agents/pharmacies. A membership card will be returned by mail to the applicant. The NDSS card allows access to diabetes supplies anywhere in Australia. Replacement cards are available from a Diabetes Australia office.

### Additional discounts are available for persons who hold the following cards.

- Concession cards;
  - Pharmaceutical benefits concession card
  - Health Care card
- Pension cards:
  - Pensioner health benefits
  - Health benefits card
- Safety Net cards
  - Safety Net concession card
  - Safety Net entitlement card
- Veterans Affairs' cards

Visit the Sweet Transition website at [www.sweet.org.au](http://www.sweet.org.au)

In Queensland, diabetes supplies are available from DAQ Shops and Accredited sub-agents/pharmacies and can also be ordered by telephone, by mail or by facsimile.

**Contact Details:**

**Website Address:**

DIABETES AUSTRALIA QUEENSLAND  
Cnr Merivale & Ernest Streets,  
South Brisbane Qld 4101

[www.daq.org.au](http://www.daq.org.au)

**Postal Address:**

GPO Box 9824  
Brisbane Queensland 4001

**Telephone Details:**

1300 136 588 (Australia only)  
61 7 3239 5666 (Outside Australia)

**Facsimile:**

61 7 3846 4642

Further information on the NDSS can be obtained by calling **1300 136 588** or visiting their website at [www.diabetesaustralia.com.au](http://www.diabetesaustralia.com.au) or [www.daq.org.au](http://www.daq.org.au)

**Local Diabetes Shop Details**

<b>Brisbane</b>	<b>Diabetes Australia - Queensland</b> Cnr Merivale & Ernest Sts South Brisbane Mon-Fri 8.30am - 5.00pm Ph: 1300 136 588	<b>Caboolture</b>	<b>Diabetes Australia - Queensland</b> Community Health Centre McKean Street Caboolture Tues, Wed, Thur & Fri 8.30am - 4.30pm (closed 12.30pm-1.00pm)
<b>Chermside</b>	<b>Diabetes Australia - Queensland</b> Cnr Gympie & Hamilton Rds Chermside Mon-Fri 8.30am - 5.00pm Sat 8.30am - 12.30pm Ph: 07-3359 1379	<b>Ipswich</b>	<b>Diabetes Australia - Queensland</b> Community Health Centre Ipswich Health Plaza (ground floor) Bell Street Mon-Fri 8.30am - 4.30pm (closed 1.00-1.30pm)
<b>Mt Gravatt</b>	<b>Diabetes Australia - Queensland</b> 1377C Logan Road Mount Gravatt Mon-Fri 8.30am - 5.00pm Sat 8.30am - 12.30pm Ph: 07-3422 0397	<b>Logan</b>	<b>Diabetes Australia - Queensland</b> City Council Immunisation Clinic Waiting Room 150 Wembley Road Logan Central Mon, Tues and Fri 8.30am - 4.30pm (closed 12.30pm-1.00pm)

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