

Diabetes Supplies

Information for Young People

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. This means that you get syringes and pen needles free and blood glucose testing strips a bit cheaper because the government “chips in” with the rest of the cost for these items.

Registration for the scheme is free and available to everyone with diabetes, who lives 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).

Note: You do not have to be a member of Diabetes Australia to register with the NDSS.

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)

To qualify for the benefits of the NDSS, a registration form must be completed and signed by your doctor or by an Accredited Diabetes Educator and sent to Diabetes Australia Offices or one of their accredited sub-agents/pharmacies. You will then receive a membership card in the mail. You can use your card to get diabetes supplies anywhere in Australia. If you lose your card, contact Diabetes Australia and they will send you another one.

Other 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

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

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

Registration for the NDSS is free. It is not the same as membership of Diabetes Australia (DAQ) where you pay a joining fee. You do not need to be a member of Diabetes Australia to register with the NDSS.

Further information on the NDSS can be obtained by calling **1300 136 588** or visiting the website at www.diabetesaustralia.com.au or www.daq.org.au

See below for DAQ Shop Locations.

DAQ Shop Locations

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