

Important Update - Changes to this Booklet

As of 1 July 2016 the Australian Government has changed the way the National Diabetes Services Scheme (NDSS) operates.

As a result of these changes, some of the information in this booklet is no longer up to date.

Before reading this booklet, please note the following changes.

NDSS Agents:

Some NDSS Agents (State and Territory diabetes organisations) have changed their contact details. Please go to the NDSS website, www.ndss.com.au, to find updated information.

Where and how can i access NDSS products?

As of 1 July 2016 all NDSS products (including insulin pump consumables) are available from your local NDSS Access Point. Most Access Points are pharmacies.

If you do not know where your nearest NDSS community pharmacy is located, you can check on the NDSS website at ndss.com.au or call the NDSS Helpline on **1300 136 588**.

If your Access Point does not have the diabetes product you need in store, they can order the product for you. Your order will generally be available for collection within 24-48 hours. We recommend you talk to your Access Point about the products you need to manage your diabetes.

Can I access subsidised blood glucose testing strips?

As of 1 July 2016 the Australian Government has changed access to subsidised blood glucose testing strips (BGTS) for people with type 2 diabetes who are not using insulin.

The changes do not apply to:

- people with diabetes who use insulin
- people who have gestational diabetes
- people who have a rare form of diabetes.

The changes do apply to:

- people with type 2 diabetes who are not on insulin
- people with type 2 diabetes who use a non-insulin injectable medication.

If you are newly registered on the NDSS you will be able to access subsidised BGTS for 6 months. You may continue to access BGTS after this time if your health professional thinks this is necessary. If your health professional wants you to continue testing your blood glucose levels they will need to complete a 'test strip six month approval form'. You will need to present this form to your NDSS Access Point or send it to your NDSS Agent.

An updated version of this booklet is available on the NDSS website, www.ndss.com.au.

For further information go to ndss.com.au or call the NDSS Helpline on 1300 136 588.