

IMSA Medicine Pricing Guide.

From now until 2nd August the medicine pricing system will start to move towards the final goal in prices. The ultimate way it will work is illustrated in the table below. The process will not be complete until 2nd August. In the meantime nobody should be paying more for medicines.

If you are paying more for your medicines than you did before the 2nd May, you need to find out what is following and ask questions:

Your overall medical aid benefits should increase as medicine prices go down. However, until the system is fully implemented on the 2nd August, medical aids should be making sure that your medicine costs are met at the same level. Perhaps it is the medical aid that is reducing payments too quickly.

Stock purchased before the 2nd May can still be sold at the old price. New packs at the new price will start appearing in pharmacies after 2nd June.

Although pharmacists may no longer give discounts, there is nothing to stop them reducing their prices. As the amount being charged has in fact gone up.

Manufacturer's selling price including VAT (pack price)	Manufacturer's selling price excluding VAT	Patient price dispensed in a pharmacy	Patient price dispensed by a licensed dispensing doctor
Add 26% to manufacturer's price less VAT			Add 10%
R 10.00	R 8.77	R 12.60	R 11.60
R 20.00	R 17.54	R 25.20	R 23.20
R 30.00	R 26.32	R 37.80	R 34.80
R 40.00	R 35.09	R 50.40	R 46.40
R 50.00	R 43.86	R 63.00	R 58.00
R 60.00	R 52.63	R 75.60	R 69.60
R 70.00	R 61.40	R 88.20	R 81.20
R 80.00	R 70.18	R 100.80	R 92.80
R 90.00	R 78.95	R 113.40	R 104.40
R 100.00	R 87.72	R 126.00	R 116.00
R 110.00	R 96.49	R 138.60	R 127.60
Add R26 to manufacturer's price less VAT			Add 10%
R 115.00	R 100.88	R 144.64	R 133.24
R 120.00	R 105.26	R 149.64	R 138.24
R 130.00	R 114.04	R 159.64	R 148.24
R 150.00	R 131.58	R 179.64	R 168.24
R 200.00	R 175.44	R 229.64	R 218.24
R 300.00	R 263.16	R 329.64	R 318.24
R 400.00	R 350.88	R 429.64	R 418.24
R 500.00	R 438.60	R 529.64	R 518.24
50 medicines prices are only controlled at the ex-factory stage. The price to the public will be the ex-manufacturer price plus 10% plus 10% retailers mark-up, plus VAT			

Advice: Do not expect too much too soon. It was not intended that the prices of medicines would drop overnight. From one system to another it takes time for product to move through the system. The system should be implemented by 2nd August 2004 at which time the table above will apply. In the meantime it will only be the prices coming through from the 2nd August. In the meantime remember **"Do not pay more for your medicines"**.

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