

PHARMACEUTICAL SOCIETY OF IRELAND (EDUCATION AND  
TRAINING REQUIRED TO PRESCRIBE MEDICINAL PRODUCTS IN  
ACCORDANCE WITH THE COMMON CONDITIONS AND THE CONTINUATION  
OF CONTRACEPTION SERVICES) RULES 2025

S.I. No. XX of 2025

The Council of the Pharmaceutical Society of Ireland, in exercise of the functions conferred on the said Society by section 11 of the Pharmacy Act 2007 (No. 20 of 2007), with the consent of the Minister for Health, hereby makes the following rules:—

*Citation*

1. These Rules may be cited as the Pharmaceutical Society of Ireland (Education and Training required to prescribe medicinal products in accordance with the Common Conditions and Continuation of Contraception Services) Rules 2025.

*Commencement*

2. These rules shall come into force on DAY MONTH YEAR.

*Interpretation*

3. In these Rules—  
“CPD” means the continuing professional development for pharmacists referred to in section 7(1)(d) of the Pharmacy Act, 2007 (No. 20 of 2007).

*Standard to be Reached*

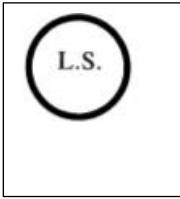
3. (1) The education and training which a registered pharmacist must receive to enable him or her to prescribe specified medicinal products in accordance with regulations made under Section 32 of the Irish Medicines Board Act 1995, as amended, or to provide a continuing prescription for contraception under such regulations, will enable him or her to demonstrate their knowledge and understanding of:
  - (a) The applicable legal and ethical responsibilities associated with prescribing, and
  - (b) the regulatory framework pertaining to the Common Conditions Service and Continuation of Contraception Service in the State.

*Specified education and training to be received*

4. (1) In order to be able to prescribe specified medicinal products in accordance with regulations made under Section 32 of the Irish Medicines Board Act 1995, as amended, or to provide a continuing prescription for contraception under such regulations, a registered pharmacist must successfully complete:
  - (a) Such CPD modules through the Irish Institute of Pharmacy (IIOP) or as directed by the Council, as are required in order to reach the standard specified in Rule 3;
  - (b) equivalent continuing professional education; and/or
  - (c) practical professional experience.

I, Jennifer Carroll MacNeill, Minister for Health, consent to the making of the foregoing Rules.

GIVEN under my hand,  
Jennifer Carroll MacNeill,  
Minister for Health



GIVEN under the Official Seal of the Pharmaceutical Society of Ireland,  
**DATE**

President.

JOANNE KISSANE,  
Registrar

#### EXPLANATORY NOTE

*(This note is not part of the Instrument and does not purport to be a legal interpretation.)*

The purpose of these Rules is to specify the education and training which a registered pharmacist must receive to enable him or her to prescribe specified medicinal products in accordance with regulations made under Section 32 of the Irish Medicines Board Act 1995, as amended, or to provide a continuing prescription for contraception under such regulations.

These rules also set out the standard of education and training required to be reached by a registered pharmacist in order to prescribe specified medicinal products in accordance with regulations made under Section 32 of the Irish Medicines Board Act 1995, as amended, or to provide a continuing prescription for contraception under such regulations.

These Rules may be cited as the Pharmaceutical Society of Ireland (Education and Training required to prescribe medicinal products in accordance with the Common Conditions and Continuation of Contraception Services) Rules 2025.

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