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There are 4 ways to buy a PPC, the easiest is to call them and arrange/pay for it over the phone and then you can use it immediately. They will give you a reference number that you can give the pharmacist until your information arrives in the post.

- By phone call 0300 330 1341 and pay by debit/credit card

You can also buy a PPC:

- Online at <https://apps.nhsbsa.nhs.uk/ppcwebsales/patient.do> , on the NHS Business Services Authority website, you will need to complete and submit an application form and pay by debit/credit card.
- By Post, pick up an FP95 application form from any GP surgery or pharmacy, or download from the website above, send the completed form with your cheque or postal order to the address shown on the form.
- At a registered pharmacy – using the FP95 application form, you can pay the pharmacy directly. Not all pharmacies are registered to supply them so you can check by visiting the NHS Business Authority page and have a look at "From a pharmacy registered to sell PPCs"

If you have applied on line or via the post and need to pay for a prescription before your PPC arrives, you can claim a refund later. If you need to do this, ask for an NHS receipt (FP57) - It's important to do this at the time you pay for your prescription because the pharmacist can't give you one later. Keep your FP57, as it tells you how to claim a refund. You can claim a refund of prescription charges up to three months after you pay them.

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