



Ireland

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Pricing

- **Price policies for pharmaceuticals**
Non-statutory pricing for pharmaceuticals supplied to health service (including those reimbursable) at ex-factory price level

Price may not exceed average of ex-factory prices in 9 specified EU Member States
- **Wholesale mark-ups**
All reimbursable pharmaceuticals; one linear model for all reimbursement categories
- **Pharmacy mark-ups**
General Medical Services (GMS) Scheme: no mark-up

Community Drug (i.e. Non GMS) Schemes: linear model
- **VAT**
Oral pharmaceuticals 0%
Others 21%
- **Reforms**
2006: Government devolved to the Health Service Executive control over the supply terms, conditions and prices of medicines supplied to the health services

Reimbursement

- **Positive list**
General Medical Services (GMS) and certain other Schemes: Core List

Number of pharmaceuticals included on Core List: ca. 3450 (May 2007)
- **Reference price system**
None
- **Co-payment**
Drugs Payment Scheme (DPS):
Max. €85 per individual or family per month
- **Mechanisms for vulnerable groups**
General Medical Services (GMS) and some other Schemes: no payment
- **Reforms**
2005: the Health Service Executive (HSE) was established to take over the management of the Irish Health Services

The functions of the Health Boards together with those of other boards/agencies (including reimbursement) transferred to the HSE