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## Pricing

- **Price policies for pharmaceuticals**  
Non-reimbursable pharmaceuticals - free pricing;  
Reimbursable pharmaceuticals - statutory pricing after price negotiations at pharmacy purchasing price level
- **Wholesale Mark-ups**  
2 different regressive schemes for reimbursable and non-reimbursable pharmaceuticals
- **Pharmacy Mark-ups**  
2 different regressive schemes for reimbursable and non-reimbursable pharmaceuticals
- **VAT**  
18% - standard rate  
5% - reduced rate for pharmaceuticals
- **Reforms**  
2006: MA holders have to declare ex-factory prices to State Agency of Medicines

## Reimbursement

- **Positive list**  
YES; 1087 pharmaceuticals included in the Positive list (Jan 2007)
- **Reference Price System**  
YES; since July 2005
- **Co-payment**  
Percentage co-payment of 10%, 25% or 50% for specific diagnosis
- **Mechanisms for vulnerable groups**  
N/A
- **Reforms**  
2005: Reference Price System