



Electronic Prescribing – Technical Framework Documents

Release Note

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Approved
Document ID: DH-4414:2026

Related end-product identifier: EP-4413:2026

Release rationale

This release of the end-product EP-4413:2026 provides the following revisions:

1. This release of the DH-4415:2026 Electronic Prescribing – National Prescription Delivery Service and Active Script List Registry Conformance Profile v4.0 replaces the following product:

- DH-3939:2024 Electronic Prescribing – National Prescription Delivery Service and Active Script List Registry Conformance Profile v3.1

DH-4415:2026 Electronic Prescribing – National Prescription Delivery Service and Active Script List Registry Conformance Profile v4.0 includes the following important revisions:

- Inclusion of additional conformance requirements specific to the National Prescription Delivery Service system (NPDS) to mitigate newly identified risks;
- Inclusion of additional conformance requirements specific to the Active Script List Registry system (ASLR) to mitigate newly identified risks;
- Withdrawal of conformance requirements specific to the NPDS system that are no longer mitigating identified risks or are not required;
- Withdrawal of conformance requirements specific to the ASLR system that are no longer mitigating identified risks or are not required;
- Changes to existing requirements including editorial corrections, further clarification notes, and amendments to further mitigate newly identified risks.

For a comprehensive list of changes, please refer to the Change Details section below.

Package inclusions

Updated (supersedes previous versions)

Identifier	New Name and Version	Previous Doc ID, Name and Version
DH-4414:2026	Electronic Prescribing – Technical Framework Documents - Release Note v4.0	DH-4154:2025 Electronic Prescribing – Technical Framework Documents - Release Note v3.7

Identifier	New Name and Version	Previous Doc ID, Name and Version
DH-4417:2026	Electronic Prescribing – Conformance Assessment Scheme v3.0	DH-3174:2019 Electronic Prescribing – Conformance Assessment Scheme v2.1
DH-4416:2026	Electronic Prescribing – Solution Architecture v4.0	DH-3542:2021 Electronic Prescribing – Solution Architecture v3.0
DH-4415:2026	Electronic Prescribing – National Prescription Delivery Service and Active Script List Registry Conformance Profile v4.0	DH-3939:2024 Electronic Prescribing – National Prescription Delivery Service and Active Script List Registry Conformance Profile v3.1

No change to the documents for EP

Identifier	Name and version
DH-3940:2024	Electronic Prescribing – General Prescribing Systems and Other Connecting Systems Conformance Profile v3.0.1
DH-4152:2025	Electronic Prescribing – Medication Chart Prescribing System Conformance Profile v3.0.2

Archived documents for EP

Identifier	Name and version	Rationale
DH-2625:2017	Electronic Prescribing - National Requirements for Electronic Prescriptions v1.0	Incorporated into DH-4416:2026 Electronic Prescribing – Solution Architecture v4.0 and Conformance Profiles v4.0

Change Details

The following items are addressed by this release of DH-4415:2026 Electronic Prescribing – National Prescription Delivery Service and Active Script List Registry Conformance Profile v4.0

Requirement ID	Summary	Change Description
DS-1A	New requirement added	New Authentication and Authorisation requirement. Requirement split out from DS-1.
DS-1400	New requirement added	New Audit requirement.
DS-4C	New requirements added	New Provision and Submission requirements.
DS-10A		
DS-1510		
DS-1535		
DS-1545		
DS-1547		
DS-1520		
DS-1530		
DS-1704		
DS-1701		
DS-1703		
DS-1703A		
DS-1525		
DS-1525A		

Requirement ID	Summary	Change Description
DS-1500 DS-1501		
Electronic Prescription Notification DS-1305 DS-1506 DS-1315 DS-1320 DS-1325 DS-1335 DS-9A	New section added	New Electronic Prescription Notification requirements added to profile. Existing requirements relating to Evidence of Prescriptions moved.
DS-1000	New requirement added	New Security requirement.
DS-1015	New requirement added	New Cryptography requirement.
DS-1712 DS-1709	New requirements added	New ASLR Integration requirements.
DS-1 DS-22 DS-22A DS-10 DS-11 DS-11A DS-410 DS-715 DS-200 DS-380	Requirements updated	Minor updates only, including wording and terminology changes or clarifications.
DS-4A DS-21	Requirements updated	Updated wording to “provide a mechanism” to align with other requirements.
DS-6	Requirement updated	NPDS is no longer responsible for providing a DSPID and instead will need to validate the format of the DSPID from a connecting system.
DS-17	Requirement updated	Condition added to detail repeat authorisation’s expected behaviour in dispense reversals. Updated wording to “provide a mechanism” to align with other requirements.
DS-15	Requirement updated	Requirement broadened to not restrict prescriber notes or dispenser annotations to a single event. Updated wording to “provide a mechanism” to align with other requirements.
DS-7	Requirement updated	Requirement broadened to include cessation and restricted to GEPs. Updated wording to “provide a mechanism” to align with other requirements.
DS-26	Requirement updated	Requirement broadened to include dispense records.
DS-597	Requirement updated	Requirement restricted to connecting intermediaries.

Requirement ID	Summary	Change Description
DS-25A	Requirement updated	Requirement aligned with the Australian Privacy Principles.
DS-344 DS-345	Requirements updated	Requirement condition added to restrict prescriptions shared directly with a pharmacy.
DS-2 DS-405 DS-4 DS-5 DS-13 DS-14 DS-16 DS-20 DS-11B DS-8 DS-595 DS-12 DS-50 DS-51 DS-9 DS-365 DS-25 DS-81 DS-924 DS-925	Withdrawn requirements	Requirements withdrawn due to being superseded, outdated or change in risk.
ASLR-343A	New requirement added	New ASLR Authentication and Authorisation requirement. Requirement split out from ASLR-343.
ASLR-210A ASLR-265A	New requirements added	New ASL Registration and Management requirements. Requirements split out from ASLR-210 and ASLR-265 respectively.
ASLR-285	New requirement added	New ASL Viewing requirement.
ASL Linking ASLR-1200 ASLR-1200A ASLR-1200C ASLR-1200B ASLR-1201 ASLR-1201A ASLR-1201B ASLR-1203 ASLR-1206 ASLR-1204 ASLR-1205 ASLR-941	New section added	New ASL Linking requirements added to profile.

Requirement ID	Summary	Change Description
ASLR-1400 ASLR-1425 ASLR-1450	New requirements added	New ASL Logging and Reporting requirements added to profile.
ASLR-1015	New requirement added	New ASL Cryptography requirement added to profile.
DS-85 ASLR-85	Requirement Reference change	Reference ID updated from DS-85 to ASLR-85.
ASLR-270 ASLR-343 ASLR-395 ASLR-215 ASLR-220 ASLR-225 ASLR-230 ASLR-355 ASLR-275 ASLR-295 ASLR-305 ASLR-280 ASLR-320	Requirements updated	Minor updates only, including wording and terminology changes or clarifications.
ASLR-210	Requirement updated	Requirement reduced to only specify assisted registration functionality. Additional information split into ASLR-210A.
ASLR-265	Requirement updated	Requirement reduced to specify consent is obtained and recorded.
ASLR-235	Requirement updated	Requirement expanded to include fields of a carer organisation to be captured
ASLR-266 ASLR-416	Requirements updated	Requirement updated to include reference to not sharing any personal or identifiable details.
ASLR-315	Requirement updated	Requirement updated to include name of prescriber/prescriber organisation as a field to provide for ASL Viewing.
ASLR-410	Requirement updated	Requirement broadened to include the recording of all management events and the contents to capture, at a minimum.
ASLR-200 ASLR-342 ASLR-240 ASLR-267 ASLR-340 ASLR-273 ASLR-290 ASLR-272 ASLR-415 ASLR-405	Withdrawn requirements	Requirements withdrawn due to being superseded, outdated or change in risk.

The release of DH-4417:2026 Electronic Prescribing – Conformance Assessment Scheme v3.0 has been restructured to provide an uplifted and comprehensive overview of the end-to-end Electronic Prescribing Conformance Lifecycle and includes the ongoing management, maintenance, evolution and retirement of conformance requirements and supporting artefacts.

The release of DH-4416:2026 Electronic Prescribing – Solution Architecture v4.0 provides an updated overview of the architectural components of the end-to-end national electronic prescribing framework and includes electronic prescribing use cases for General Electronic Prescriptions (GEPs) and Chart-Based Electronic Prescriptions (CBEPs).

No changes have been made to:

- DH-3940:2024 Electronic Prescribing – General Prescribing Systems and Other Connecting Systems Conformance Profile v3.0.1
- DH-4152:2025 Electronic Prescribing – Medication Chart Prescribing System Conformance Profile v3.0.2

Stakeholders

The following stakeholders have been involved in the development of this release:

- Department of Health, Disability and Ageing
- National Prescription Delivery Service Operator
- National Electronic Prescribing Technical Working Group

Audience

- Software developers developing electronic prescribing-enabled products.

Support

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Future releases

An anticipated upcoming release of the connecting systems conformance profiles for v4.0 will align the connecting systems to the Electronic Prescribing – National Prescription Delivery Service and Active Script List Registry Conformance Profile v4.0 and Electronic Prescribing – Solution Architecture v4.0.

Previous releases

Date	Version
29/05/2025	Included the release of DH-4152:2025 Electronic Prescribing – Medication Chart Prescribing Systems Conformance Profile v3.0.2 which resolved ambiguity with conformance requirements relating to Evidence of Prescription (EoP).
28/10/2024	Included the release of DH-3941:2024 Electronic Prescribing – Medication Chart Prescribing System Conformance Profile v3.0.1, which split out the requirements for Medication Charts from the General Prescribing requirements. Also included changes to specific requirements that directly impacted Medication Charts.
20/09/2024	This release of the end product EP-3937:2024 includes Conformance Profiles for electronic prescribing software vendors. Refer to the Electronic Prescribing – Conformance Technical Framework Documents Release Note v3.5 for full list of changes. - Removal of Direct PDS model requirements - Removal of Medication Chart Prescribing System Requirements and putting them into its own conformance profile

31/01/2024 The following items are addressed by this release of DH-3878:2024 Electronic Prescribing – Prescription Delivery Services and Active Script List Registry Conformance Profile v3.1

Requirement ID	Summary	Change Description
DS-27 DS-27A DS-28 DS-30	Requirements removed	PDS connections (interoperability requirements are removed)
DS-26 ASLR-200	Notes removed	Removed references to 'multiple PDSs & ASLRs'

DH-3867:2023 Electronic Prescribing – Prescription Delivery Services and Active Script List Registry Services Conformance Profile v3.0.1 is replaced by:

- DH-3878:2024 Electronic Prescribing – Prescription Delivery Services and Active Script List Registry Conformance Profile v3.1

No change has been made to:

- DH-3869:2023 Electronic Prescribing – Connecting Systems Conformance Profile v3.0.1
- DH-3542:2021 Electronic Prescribing Solution Architecture v3.0
- DH-2625:2017 Electronic Prescribing - National Requirements for Electronic Prescriptions v1.0
- DH-3174:2019 Electronic Prescribing – Conformance Assessment Scheme v2.1

Date	Version
30/11/2023	This release includes an editorial split to DH-3734:2022 Electronic Prescribing - Conformance Profile v3.0.1 and DH-3338:2020 Electronic Prescribing – Participating Software Conformance Profile v2.3. DH-3734:2022 Electronic Prescribing – Conformance Profile v3.0.1 is replaced by the following products: - DH-3867:2023 Electronic Prescribing – Prescription Delivery Services and Active Script List Registry Services Conformance Profile v3.0.1 - DH-3869:2023 Electronic Prescribing – Connecting Systems Conformance Profile v3.0.1 DH-3338:2020 Electronic Prescribing – Conformance Profile v2.3 is replaced by the following products: - DH-3866:2023 Electronic Prescribing – Prescription Delivery Services and Active Script List Registry Services Conformance Profile v2.3 - DH-3868:2023 Electronic Prescribing – Connecting Systems Conformance Profile v2.3 There are no changes to the conformance requirements in each profile.
13/12/2023	This release of the end product DH-3734:2022 provides the following revisions: DH-3734:2022 Electronic Prescribing – Conformance Profile v3.0.1 replaces the following product on its effective date (1 January 2023): - DH-3442:2021 Electronic Prescribing – Conformance Profile v3.0 DH-3734:2022 Electronic Prescribing – Conformance Profile v3.0.1 includes the following important revisions: - Inclusion of additional conformance requirements specific to: - o Electronic prescribing - Active Script List Registry systems (ASLR) - o Electronic prescribing - dispensing systems (DISP) - o Electronic prescribing - prescribing systems (PRES) - o Electronic prescribing - Prescription Delivery Service systems (DS) and - o Electronic prescribing - mobile applications and intermediaries (MA, MC, MI). - Editorial changes in response to stakeholder feedback including: - o revised requirement wording - o revised and added clarification notes - o formatting, spelling, grammar, and terminology updates.
11/11/2021	EP-3543:2021 Electronic Prescribing Technical Framework Documents v3.1 This release of the DH-3542:2021 Electronic Prescribing –Solution Architecture v3.0 replaces the following product: - DH-2988:2019 Electronic Prescribing – Solution Architecture v2.0 DH-3542:2021 Electronic Prescribing –Solution Architecture v3.0 includes important revisions to align with the latest version of the conformance profile DH-3442:2021 Electronic Prescribing - Conformance Profile v3.0.

Date	Version
16/04/2021	EP-3444:2021 Electronic Prescribing Technical Framework Documents v3.0 This release of the DH-3442:2021 Electronic Prescribing –Conformance Profile v3.0 replaces the following product: - DH-3338:2020 Electronic Prescribing – Participating Software Conformance Profile v2.3 DH-3442:2021 Electronic Prescribing –Conformance Profile v3.0 includes the following important revisions: - Inclusion of additional conformance requirements specific to electronic prescribing - prescribing systems (PRES); - Inclusion of additional conformance requirements specific to Active Script List Registry systems (ASLR); - Inclusion of additional conformance requirements specific to electronic prescribing - dispensing systems (DISP); - Inclusion of additional conformance requirements specific to electronic prescribing – Prescription Delivery Service systems (DS); - Inclusion of additional conformance requirements specific to mobile applications and intermediaries (MA, MC, MI); - Changes throughout including revised requirement wording, revised and added clarification notes, and formatting, spelling, and terminology changes to meet stakeholder feedback.
14/10/2020	EP-3340:2020 Electronic Prescribing Technical Framework Documents v2.3 This release of the end product EP-3340:2020 provides the following revisions: 1. This release of the DH-3338:2020 Electronic Prescribing – Participating Software Conformance Profile v2.3 replaces the following product: a. DH-3275:2020 Electronic Prescribing – Participating Software Conformance Profile v2.2.1 DH-3338:2020 Electronic Prescribing – Participating Software Conformance Profile v2.3 includes the following important revisions: - Inclusion of Active Script List (ASL) requirements for Prescribing, Dispensing, and Prescription Delivery Service systems; - Addition of Active Script List (ASL) requirements for Active Script List Registry systems; and - Minor changes throughout including revised requirement wording, revised and added clarification notes, and formatting, spelling, and terminology changes.

Date	Version
11/08/2020	EP-3283:2020 Electronic Prescribing Technical Framework Documents v2.3 This release of the end product EP-3283:2020 provides the following revisions: 1. This release of the DH-3275:2020 Electronic Prescribing – Participating Software Conformance Profile v2.2.1 replaces the following product: a. DH-3188:2020 Electronic Prescribing – Participating Software Conformance Profile v2.2 DH-3275:2020 Electronic Prescribing – Participating Software Conformance Profile v2.2.1 includes the following important revisions: - Modification of one Prescription Delivery Service requirement; and - Modification of one Mobile Intermediary requirement.
05/06/2020	EP-3175:2020 Electronic Prescribing v2.2 https://developer.digitalhealth.gov.au/specifications/ehealth-foundations/ep-3175-2020 Release rationale This release of the end product EP-3175:2020 provides the following revisions: 1. This release of DH-3174:2020 Electronic Prescribing – Conformance Assessment Scheme v2.1 replaces the following product: a. [DH-2986:2019] Electronic Prescribing – Conformance Assessment Scheme v2. The DH-3174:2020 Electronic Prescribing – Conformance Assessment Scheme v2.1 permits the co-existence of multiple conformance profiles. 2. This release of the DH-3188:2020 Electronic Prescribing – Participating Software Conformance Profile v2.2 replaces the following product: a. DH-3125:2020 Electronic Prescribing – Participating Software Conformance Profile v2.1 DH-3188:2020 Electronic Prescribing – Participating Software Conformance Profile v2.2 includes the following important revisions: - Temporary relaxation of all Active Script List (ASL) requirements - New requirements in alignment with State and Territory regulations - Requirement revision - Clarification notes throughout

Date	Version
18/03/2020	EP-3041:2020 Electronic Prescribing v2.1 https://developer.digitalhealth.gov.au/specifications/ehealth-foundations/ep-3041-2020 Release rationale This release of the DH-3125:2020 Electronic Prescribing Participating Software Conformance Profile v2.1 replaces the following product: • [DH-2985:2019] Electronic Prescribing – Participating Software Conformance Profile v2.0. DH-3125:2020 Electronic Prescribing Participating Software Conformance Profile v2.1 is intended to promote the correct application of the electronic prescribing conformance requirements and greater consistency between software products. It includes additional guidance on the following topics: • Open prescription delivery service token model requirements • Prescribing and dispensing system token model requirements • Glossary
31/10/2019	EP-2984:2019 Electronic Prescribing v2.0. https://developer.digitalhealth.gov.au/specifications/ehealth-foundations/ep-2984-2019 https://developer.digitalhealth.gov.au/specifications/ehealth-foundations/ep-2984-2019/dh-2987-2019 Release rationale Electronic prescribing provides an option for prescribers and their patients to have a digital prescription as an alternative to a paper prescription. Electronic prescribing is not mandatory, and patients and prescribers will be able to choose an electronic or a paper version of their prescription. This release includes the final technical documents. These technical documents include: ▪ A Solution Architecture to provide an overview of the architectural components of the end-to-end national electronic prescribing framework; ▪ A Conformance Assessment Scheme which describes the scheme for assessing the conformance of software against the Conformance Profile involved in the electronic prescribing process; and ▪ A Conformance Profile to summarise the functional and non-functional requirements for software that supports participation in electronic prescribing.

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