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# Pharmacist Prescribing: The Pharmacy Guild's Perspective

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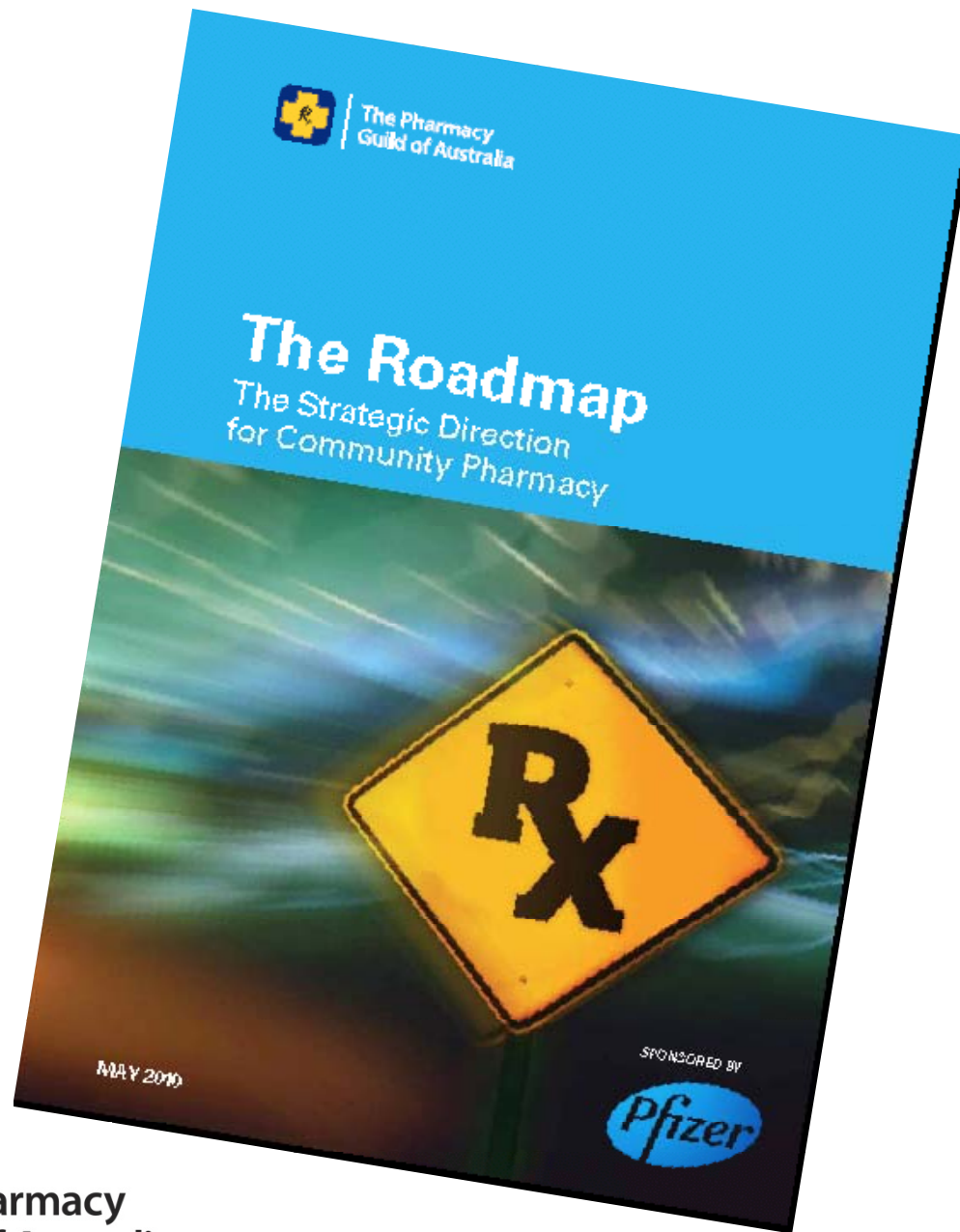
# The Guild Perspective

## Pharmacist Prescribing:

- Is logical- taps into under-utilised skills/expertise of pharmacists
- Is consistent with government reform agenda to make best use of health professionals
- Is best implemented in stages- ie- “gradualism”
- Is contingent on quality training and protocols
- Must retain fundamental separation of prescribing and dispensing



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# Roadmap for the Future: The Pharmacy Guild's Strategic Vision for Community Pharmacy

A 'living document' providing practical templates for provision of community pharmacy services

[www.guild.org.au/roadmap](http://www.guild.org.au/roadmap)

- It enables university curriculums, where possible, to incorporate relevant programs
- It invites collaborative efforts when priorities overlap with other groups
- Includes several templates relevant to pharmacist prescribing



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# Roadmap Template

Pharmacy Program/ Service	
<b>1. Program Description</b>	
a) Background	General background comments relevant to service
b) Brief description	Describe main elements
c) Alignment with Government Policy	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•Alignment with health reform- agenda?</li> <li>•Public Health Priority?</li> </ul>
d) Expected Outcomes for Gvt and Community Pharmacy	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Public health Savings, efficiencies?</li> <li>•Viability, expansion of Community Pharmacy?</li> </ul>
e) Consumer Benefits	<p><b>Examples:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•Less medicine misadventure</li> <li>•Greater health literacy</li> </ul>
f) Who performs the service	Pharmacist/pharmacy assistants/other health professional
g) Collaboration with other healthcare professionals	Details

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2. Implementation and Enablers	
a) Stakeholder Consultation	Which bodies to be consulted?
b) IT Requirements	Pharmacy specific software required? Existing IT platforms?
c) Infrastructure/Staffing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Private consultation area required?</li><li>• Program within current scope of practice?</li></ul>
d) Training	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• What further training required?</li></ul>
e) Supporting Standards/procedures etc	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• QCPP?</li><li>• Professionals Guidelines/Standards?</li></ul>
f) Legislation/Regulation Implications	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• What changes required (State and Commonwealth leg.)</li></ul>

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## 3. Funding

Funding options

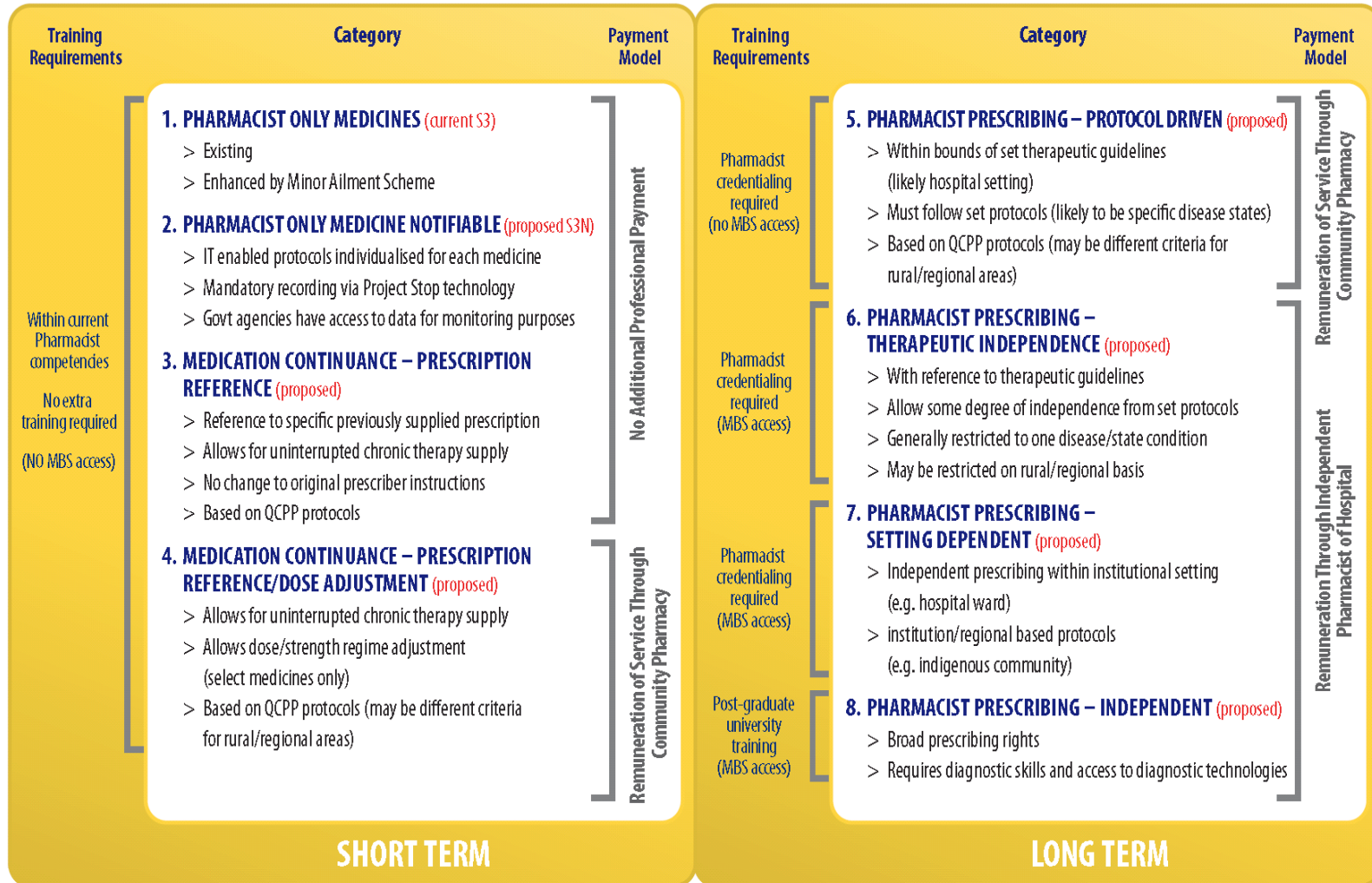
1. Government (State or Cth)
2. Private health insurer
3. Industry Partners
4. User-pays (Private Program)
5. Other

## 4. Timelines

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- Established community pharmacy practice
- Immediate to short-term implementation (< 30 June 2015)
- Medium-term implementation (1 July 2016 to 30 June 2020)
- Longer-term implementation (> 1 July 2020 )

# Pharmacist Prescribing Continuum





# Current Activities

## Medication Continuance:

- Funding under 5CPA
- An extension of emergency supply
- Medicines included: OCP and statins
- Implemented nationally



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