

Process for the importation of Prescribed Medicinal Cannabis

When you are seen by a clinic in the UK and a cannabis product has been prescribed by a doctor, you are strongly encouraged to advise your local GP. This will ensure that your GP is aware of the medication that you will be taking.

- Once a UK practitioner has prescribed a medicinal cannabis product for you, they – the prescriber - must arrange for the original hard copy of the prescription to be sent to a specialist UK pharmacy who can fulfil and dispense the medication. This will ensure that the product is sourced from suppliers who can demonstrate the products have been produced under Good Manufacturing Practice (GMP) or the EU equivalent standards.
- The pharmacist will call you to confirm receipt of the prescription and you will be asked to pay for your medication (the pharmacist should generate a secure online invoice) following which they should advise you when it is going to be dispatched and subsequently the tracking information.
- In order for the medication to be dispatched, you will need a Guernsey Import Licence. Your prescribing consultant must email a scanned copy of your prescription to cannabislicence@gov.gg and it is your responsibility to arrange this. You must then complete all parts of the Application for Cannabis Licence to Import form (Form MD(G) 78) - **click here**. Information about the manufacturer and prescriber are required so please read the form carefully and make sure you complete all the required boxes and sign and date it before sending it to cannabislicence@gov.gg with your name in the subject heading.
- Your licence to import then has to be processed and signed by the Medical Officer of Health office and this may take several days. When complete it will be emailed to you and then you should forward it to the pharmacy dispensing your medication as they will need it when they apply for a UK Export Licence. Both Licences, plus a copy of the prescription and invoice/receipt will be included in an envelope on the outside of the couriered package.
- Once the medication arrives into the Bailiwick, you must make a Customs declaration to the Guernsey Border Agency and will be required to provide a copy of the Import Licence and any other relevant supporting documentation, such as a copy of the pharmacy invoice. Advice on making a Customs declaration can be obtained from the Guernsey Border Agency.
- Following Customs clearance, your medication will be delivered to your home address or can be collected by arrangement with the courier's office.
- An alternative is for you to bring the medicinal cannabis back with you from the UK to Guernsey. In these circumstances you must declare the medication in accordance with the UK Export requirements and to the Guernsey Border Agency at the time of your arrival and present the relevant Import Licence.