

Wholesale Drug Licence Guide

Pharmacy & Chemist Retail

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This guide explains what the tool produces, how to use the output, and what to watch for. The actual output (draft/report) is generated on the tool page.

Background

Produces a guide to obtaining a wholesale drug licence — eligibility, competent person, premises, documents and conditions — for supplying other pharmacies, clinics or institutions. Use it to license wholesale/distribution. For retail use the Retail Drug Licence Guide.

Purpose of this tool & output

Licence to supply medicines wholesale

How the output is used

Use it to get a licence to supply medicines wholesale — the wholesale drug licence (Form 20B and 21B) a distributor must hold.

Who receives it

The licence is granted by the State Drugs Control Administration under the Drugs and Cosmetics Act and Rules.

How to submit / file it

Apply with the premises, storage and competent-person (a registered pharmacist or a graduate with experience) details; a Drug Inspector inspects before the Form 20B/21B licence is granted.

Fees & charges

A licence fee per the Rules and periodic renewal; proper storage and record-keeping are conditions of the licence.

Who should vet it

The Drug Inspector and a pharmacy-licence consultant, who verify the premises, competent person and records before grant.

Important cautions

A wholesale drug licence (Form 20B/21B) requires a competent person and compliant storage, and restricts sales to licensed parties with proper records/traceability. The competent-person rule differs from retail. Confirm current requirements with the state Drugs Control department.

Companion documents

- Pharmacy Licensing Roadmap
- Retail Drug Licence Guide
- Registered Pharmacist Requirement Guide
- Schedule H / H1 / X Compliance Guide
- Pharmacy GST Setup Guide
- Shops & Establishment / Local Registration

This is AI-assisted guidance. Verify with a qualified professional before any binding decision. Fees, authorities and processes vary by state and change over time — confirm with your state authority.