

An Online Pharmacy's Overview of PharmacyChecker Accreditation

The PC IPVP

The PharmacyChecker (PC) International Pharmacy Verification Program (IPVP) was established in 2003 with a mission to protect public health across the globe by helping patient-consumers, their caregivers, and clinicians find information about safe online pharmacies that sell affordable medicines.

What is an accredited online pharmacy?

Online pharmacies are prescription referral websites that market prescription medications and refer orders to licensed dispensing pharmacies in the PC IPVP. A prescription referral website may refer orders to its own dispensing pharmacy and/or partner with outside accredited dispensing pharmacies.

Online pharmacies that market prescription drugs domestically and/or internationally are eligible to participate in the Verification Program. Only once those websites are verified can they choose to list their online pharmacy and/or drug prices on PharmacyChecker.com through the [Pharmacy & Drug Price Listing Program](#).

Key Requirements

Online pharmacies that adhere to PC Standards and Policies demonstrate a commitment to transparency, safety, and ethical business practices. Their compliance ensures clear consumer-facing websites and safety protocols, leading to better health outcomes for patients.

Accredited online pharmacies must demonstrate compliance with all applicable PC IPVP policies, including:

✓ VALID PRESCRIPTION

- The prescription is a result of an evaluation by a licensed clinician authorized to prescribe.
- A logical connection exists between the medical complaint, medical history, clinician's assessment, and the medicine prescribed.

✓ CONTROLLED SUBSTANCES

- Online pharmacies cannot market or sell controlled substances across international borders.
- Online pharmacies that market controlled substances must have a disclaimer that these medications are not available internationally.

✓ PATIENT-FOCUSED

- Online pharmacies must protect patients' health and financial information.
- Websites must contain accurate contact information.
- Online pharmacies are required to give patients access to a pharmacist consultation.
- Online pharmacies must have a reasonable response turnaround time to consumer inquiries.

✓ TRANSPARENCY

- Prescription referral websites are required to disclose the locations of dispensing facilities.
- Online pharmacies cannot make misleading claims about business operations.
- Prescription referral websites cannot make false marketing claims, especially when making comparisons between different drugs or regulatory authorities.

The above is only a shortlist of requirements for online pharmacies in the PC IPVP. Before applying, please carefully review the terms in the documents below:

- [Accreditation Standards & Guide](#) — Details best practices & standards with policy references
- [Guidance Policies](#) — Provides additional details to standards that reference policies
- [Accreditation Agreement](#) — An agreement to adhere to Accreditation Standards

Benefits of PharmacyChecker Accreditation

PharmacyChecker accreditation presents online pharmacies with clear advantages.



Credibility

PharmacyChecker accreditation enhances credibility, providing online pharmacies with a mark of quality, making it easier for patients to find and choose you.



Stand Out

In a competitive market, PharmacyChecker accreditation sets you apart, making it easier to expand your business.



Partner Access

Accreditation opens doors to partnerships and contracts through the **PharmacyChecker Network**, connecting you with pharmacies that prioritize ethical business practices.



Compliance

PharmacyChecker accreditation aligns with best pharmacy practices and safety protocols, leading to better health outcomes for patients.



Confidence

PharmacyChecker accreditation serves as a powerful marketing tool best displayed through the **PharmacyChecker Seal**, reinforcing your brand as a trustworthy website.



Quality Commitment

The rigorous accreditation process underscores a commitment to safe practices, helping online pharmacies identify improvement areas and ensure patient safety.



Supply Transparency

Accreditation fosters transparency in the supply chain, lowering the risk of being flagged as a rogue pharmacy.

What is the PC Network?

The PC Network includes contact information of accredited dispensing pharmacies and wholesalers that have opted into sharing their information, with locations across the globe, including those in the United States, Canada, Australia, India, Mauritius, New Zealand, Turkey, the United Arab Emirates, and the United Kingdom.

What is the PharmacyChecker Seal?

The PharmacyChecker Seal, displayed on online pharmacy websites and/or other marketing materials, represents the accreditation and continuous monitoring of an online pharmacy that has been verified to market prescription medications and refer orders to accredited dispensing partners. It shows patients and clinicians that they are dealing with a reputable prescription referral website. The PharmacyChecker Seal also allows a prescription referral website to showcase dedication and compliance with PC IPVP policies, connecting online pharmacies, dispensing pharmacies, and wholesalers with an international chain of partners committed to patient safety.



Choose Your PC IPVP Participation

Online Pharmacy

Prescription Referral Website only

If you operate only a prescription referral website (no actual dispensing operation), this is the only application you need to submit.

\$672 application fee

\$253 /month

once approved
(or \$3,036 annually)

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Online Pharmacy + Dispensing Pharmacy

Brick-and-mortar pharmacies with e-Commerce websites

If you own or operate a dispensing facility, you will begin your IPVP application as a Dispensing Pharmacy. You must hold both Dispensing Pharmacy and Online Pharmacy IPVP participation.

Online Pharmacy + Dispensing Pharmacy participants receive a **10% bundle rate** on their Verification fees.

\$1,344 application fees

~~\$452.00~~ /month

once approved
(or ~~\$5,424.00~~ annually)

\$406.80 /month

once approved
(or \$4,881.60 annually)*

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**Price reflects verification fees at a 10% bundle rate, automatically applied when the same company owns both an online pharmacy (prescription referral website) and a dispensing pharmacy accredited in the Verification Program. Regular onsite inspections of Tier 2 dispensing pharmacies are required and often carry additional fees tied to the PC IPVP inspection process and travel expenses.. Please consult the [PharmacyChecker Fee Schedule](#).

Next Steps: Awaiting Application Review

Once you submit your application, PharmacyChecker will assess your answers and associated documentation, including verifying licenses and compliance with practice standards.

Use the [Participant Portal Guide](#) to help you complete necessary audits in your [Participant Portal](#).

An application to the PC IPVP does not guarantee accreditation in the PC IPVP. Ultimately, an online pharmacy is only accredited in the PC IPVP if they meet and maintain the strict requirements of PC IPVP Accreditation Standards and Policies.

If an applicant is not cooperative with the compliance process and fails to demonstrate timely communication within three months of submitting their application, the online pharmacy applicant has options:

- The application is withdrawn.
- The online pharmacy pays an additional fee to continue the PC IPVP application process.

The PC IPVP encourages active applicants to reach out to the compliance team with any questions, concerns, or documentation throughout the application process. Following approval, accredited online pharmacies can choose to list their prescription referral website and/or drug prices on PharmacyChecker.com through the [Pharmacy & Drug Price Listing Program](#).

[See Listing Program Benefits, Fees & Technical Overview](#)

PharmacyChecker

A Globally Trusted Resource for Pharmacy Verification

PharmacyChecker is a trusted platform, recognized both in the U.S. and internationally, for verifying international online pharmacies and comparing prescription drug prices. PharmacyChecker helps people find the lowest prices on prescription medication among licensed pharmacies located across the globe, and the company plays a crucial advocacy role in promoting access to affordable medications and supporting consumer rights.

PharmacyChecker has wide recognition in the U.S. and internationally, in patient advocacy circles, academic publications, and popular media, as a critical service for patients looking on the internet to afford lawfully manufactured and properly dispensed medicines. PharmacyChecker is frequently cited and recommended by popular and well-respected media channels including PBS, AARP, CNN, The New York Times, National Public Radio, and the Wall Street Journal. JAMA, a peer-reviewed medical journal published by the American Medical Association, recommends that patients and clinicians use PharmacyChecker "to compare prices at trusted online pharmacies."

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