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Travelling with medicines

What medicines can I pack in my carry-on baggage?

Domestic flights

There are no limits on the amount of prescription and non-prescription medicine you can take on board a domestic flight. However, if you are connecting to an international flight or your domestic flight is departing from an international terminal, limits apply.

International flights

A **reasonable quantity** of prescription and non-prescription medication (including special dietary and therapeutic products such as fish oil tablets) is allowed under liquid, aerosol and gel restrictions.

If you plan to bring medication onboard, remember to:

- obtain supporting documentation, such as a medical identification card or a letter from a doctor. The letter should itemise any prescription and non-prescription liquid, aerosol or gel medication, prescribed medical devices or equipment, for example: ice or gel packs used to regulate temperatures, or the need for hypodermic needles.
- check the restrictions for [medicines and medical devices](#) from the Therapeutic Goods Administration before you travel.
- have medication and accompanying documents ready for inspection before you arrive at the airport security screening point.

For prescription medication, make sure the name on the prescription label matches the name on your boarding pass or the name of the person travelling in your care.



A reasonable quantity is considered an amount to cover the duration of the flight, allowing for any delays. Security screening officers will have the final say on the amount permitted. It is recommended that you take in your carry-on baggage only what is needed for the flight and pack the rest in your checked baggage.