

TABLE 1 – Requirements for Paper and Healthmail Prescriptions for CD2, CD3 and CD4 part 1		
Legal requirements	Schedule 2 and 3*	Schedule 4 part 1
Must be written in ink/indelible	<b>Paper:</b> Yes (addressograph sticker not acceptable) <b>Healthmail:</b> Can be issued electronically via Healthmail. Pharmacy must print a copy.	<b>Paper:</b> Yes (addressograph sticker not acceptable) <b>Healthmail:</b> Can be issued electronically via Healthmail. Pharmacy must print a copy.
Include Full Name (including first name) of practitioner	Yes	Yes
Include Practitioner's Registration Type and Number	Yes	Yes
State the Date of issue	Yes	Yes
Must be dispensed within 14 days of date of issue	Yes	No
Cannot be dispensed before date of issue stated on prescription	Yes	Yes
Must be signed by the prescriber in his/hers usual signature	<b>Paper:</b> Yes <b>Healthmail:</b> Not necessary	<b>Paper:</b> Yes <b>Healthmail:</b> Not necessary
State the Address of Practitioner	Yes, except for Health prescriptions	Yes, except for Health prescriptions
Practitioner must be registered in Ireland with an address within the state	Yes	Yes
Must include Practitioner's Telephone number	Yes	Yes
Must include Name (including first name) and address of the patient	Yes	Yes
Must state the name of controlled drug	<b>Paper:</b> Yes, <i>and must be handwritten</i> <b>Healthmail:</b> Yes, but does not need to be handwritten	Yes, but does not need to be handwritten
Must state the dose, form, and strength of controlled drug	<b>Paper:</b> Yes, <i>and must be handwritten</i> <b>Healthmail:</b> Yes, but does not need to be handwritten	Yes, but does not need to be handwritten
Must state Total Quantity in words and figures	<b>Paper:</b> Yes, <i>and must be handwritten</i> <b>Healthmail:</b> Yes, but does not need to be handwritten	Yes, but does not need to be handwritten
Repeats allowed	No	Yes
Emergency supply permitted	Yes	Yes

\* All stocks of Schedule 2 and 3 controlled drugs in the pharmacy must be stored in the CD safe in line with legislative requirements pertaining to safe custody. All receipts and supplies of Schedule 2 controlled drugs must be recorded in the controlled drug register in accordance with legislative requirements pertaining to controlled drug record keeping.