

DIABETES MEDICINES LIST NZ – ZOOM PHARMACY PRICES 2021

Class	Active Ingredient	Brand Name	Manufacturer	Medicine Type/Dosage	Funded by the NZ government? * (\$5 per prescription if funded)	ZOOM Unsubsidised (Not Funded) Price
Biguanides Reduce the amount of glucose the liver releases and make cells more sensitive to insulin	Metformin hydrochloride	Metformin	Apotex	500mg tablet OR 850mg tablet	✓	
Sulphonylureas Stimulate the pancreas to release more insulin	Gliclazide	Glizide	Mylan	80 mg tablet	✓	
	Glipizide	Minidiab	Pfizer	5 mg tablet	✓	
	Glibenclamide	Daonil	Sanofi-Aventis	5 mg tablet	✓	
Thiazolidinediones Lower blood glucose by improving cell response to insulin	Pioglitazone	Vexazone	Mylan	15 mg tablets OR 30mg tablets OR 45 mg tablets (90 pack)	✓	
Alpha-Glucosidase Inhibitors Slow down digestion of some carbohydrates in the intestine.	Acarbose	Glucobay or Accarb	Bayer/ Mylan	50mg OR 100 mg (90 pack)	✓	
DPP-4 inhibitors Inhibit the enzyme DPP-4 which helps incretin hormones stimulate the release of insulin and slow down the release of glucose from the liver.	Vildagliptin	Galvus	Novartis	50 mg tablet (60 pack)	✓	
	Saxagliptin	Onglyza	AstraZeneca	5 mg tablets (28 pack)	Not Funded	\$72

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Incretin mimetics/GLP-1 agonists Stimulate the release of insulin by the pancreas; Inhibit the release of glucagon by the pancreas; and slow glucose absorption into the bloodstream	Exenatide	Byetta	AstraZeneca	5 micrograms/10 micrograms solution for injection via a pen with 60 doses.	Not subsidised	\$244.60
	Exenatide	Bydureon	AstraZeneca	2mg syringe kit -4 doses.	Not subsidised	\$280
	Liraglutide	Saxenda	Novo Nordisk	18mg in 3ml in one pre-filled pen. For injection of various doses (0.6 mg, 1.2 mg, 1.8 mg, 2.4 mg and 3.0 mg) (Pack of 5 pens)	Not subsidised	\$550
Sodium-glucose co-transporter-2 (SGLT2) inhibitors Help control blood sugar by stopping the kidneys from putting glucose back into the bloodstream.	Empagliflozin	Jardiance	Boehringer Ingelheim	10mg tablets OR 25mg tablets (30 pack)	Special Authority for Subsidy Read more about Jardiance special authority here.	\$83.99
	Dapagliflozin	Forxiga	AstraZeneca	10mg tablets (28 pack)	Not subsidised	\$88.75
Insulin Keeps blood sugar within target range	Insulin is available in various short acting, intermediate acting, long-lasting and rapid acting preparations from various manufacturers.				✓	

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COMBINATION MEDICINES						
DPP-4 Inhibitor/Biguanide	Vildagliptin/ metformin hydrochloride	Galvumet	Novartis	50 mg/850 mg metformin hcl OR 50 mg with 1000 mg metformin hcl tablets (60 pack)	✓	
	Saxagliptin/ metformin hydrochloride	Kombiglyze	AstraZeneca	5mg/500mg metformin hcl OR (28 pack) 5mg/1000mg metformin hcl OR (28 pack) 2.5mg/1000mg metformin hcl (56 pack) Extended release tablets	Not subsidised.	\$71.99 (each pack combination)}
SGLT2 inhibitor/Biguanide	Empagliflozin/ metformin hydrochloride	Jardiamet	Boehringer Ingelheim	5mg/500mg metformin hcl OR 5mg/1000mg metformin hcl OR 12.5mg/500mg metformin hcl OR 12.5mg/1000mg metformin hcl Tablets (60 pack)	Special Authority for Subsidy. <u>Read more about Jardiamet special authority here.</u>	\$83.99 (each pack combination)
	Dapagliflozin/ metformin hydrochloride	Xigduo	AstraZeneca	5mg/1000mg metformin hcl (Pack size 28) Extended release tablets [10mg may be available on special order]	Not subsidised	\$88.99

*Medicines funded by the NZ government are available to citizens and residents for \$5 for each prescription regardless of dosage and pack size.

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