

## Changes to temazepam prescription writing requirements

Temazepam is a schedule 3 controlled drug. Temazepam was previously exempt from prescription writing requirements applicable to schedule 2 and 3 controlled drugs.

As of **1<sup>st</sup> June 2015** prescriptions for temazepam must fully comply with the prescription writing requirements for Schedule 2 and 3 controlled drugs.

Prescriptions for temazepam must now contain the following information:

- Full dose. 'Take one as directed' is acceptable but 'Take as directed' is not
- Form e.g. tablets, mixture etc.
- Strength e.g. 10mg
- Total quantity of the preparation in both words and figures e.g. 28 (twenty eight)

Further information can be obtained from the following link:

<http://psnc.org.uk/our-news/legislative-changes-to-prescription-writing-requirements-for-temazepam/>

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