

Please see the full Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs) summary below following our recent Independent Prescribing Webinar on 30<sup>th</sup> June 2026. The webinar recording can be viewed [here](#).

**If you have any further questions about anything covered in the webinar, or any other queries on this topic that are not included below, please email [info@cpwy.org](mailto:info@cpwy.org).** We will either forward your question to one of our expert speakers or provide advice directly.

Topic	Question	Answer
Designated Prescribing Practitioner (DPP)	<a href="#">DPP Support</a> : Do DPPs on the directory charge?	<i>The majority of the DPPs listed on the directory will charge a fee to cover backfill but this is down to each independent DPP. A small number of DPPs may offer this for free but only if the trainee IP meets certain criteria.</i>
	Can I have a DPP who may also be a relative or a colleague?	<i>A DPP cannot be a relative, and universities will not accept anyone with a personal relationship that could create a conflict of interest. Your DPP must be able to provide objective, impartial supervision throughout your training. A colleague can be a DPP, provided they meet all the required criteria and the relationship is professional and the DPP can demonstrate independence in their assessment of your competence.</i>
IT	Are there any specific IT requirements for setting up an IP clinic in a community pharmacy?	<i>No, there are multiple options available, and most pharmacies choose the solution that best fits their workflow. Many IP clinics can run using the existing pharmacy IT infrastructure, but you may want to explore additional tools depending on how you plan to deliver the service.</i>
Prescribing and Dispensing	Previously, there was a conflict of interest between IPs prescribing in a pharmacy and that pharmacy then filling the prescription. Is this no longer the case?	<i>Current guidance allows IPs to prescribe and the same pharmacy to dispense as long as appropriate safeguards are in place. This includes clear separation of roles, transparent decision-making, and ensuring the prescription is clinically justified and in the patient's best interests.</i>
Resources	Are there guidance materials or tools available to help me get started as an Independent Prescriber?	<i>Providers such as NPA, Numark, and other membership bodies supply resources including service SOP templates, clinical governance templates, operational checklists, and best-practice guidance to help you set up safely and confidently.</i>
University	Is it possible to become an IP, without returning to university?	<i>No, you have to go through a GPhC accredited university to get an Independent Prescribing qualification to get your annotation on the register.</i>
	Do I apply for funding first, or to the university first?	<i>You do not have to apply for funding separately. If you are an eligible community pharmacist, you apply directly to an <a href="#">NHS England approved university</a> and you will need to indicate that you are applying for an NHS England funded place and state why you believe you are eligible for funding.</i>
	If an element of the course is failed, is there usually an opportunity for a re-sit?	<i>Yes, most universities allow <b>ONE</b> re-sit opportunity per assessment if needed. Exact re-sit rules vary by university, so learners should check their chosen provider's assessment regulations.</i>

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University	Is it true that during the course, you are not allowed to go on holiday, due to the tight schedule of the course?	<i>This will depend on which university and length of course you chose, but you cannot miss <b>compulsory</b> teaching days, assessments, or required practice hours, and most universities strongly advise not booking holidays during the taught/assessment periods. Some universities will publish their teaching/assessment schedules in advance giving learners' the opportunity to book these in the diary and plan around the course timeline.</i>
	I am eligible to get the course under NHSE funding, but the university is asking about CPPE certificates. How do I obtain these?	<i>You can find your CPPE certificates by logging into your <a href="#">CPPE account</a> and opening your e-portfolio. Completed modules appear in the 'Completed learning' section, where you can download each certificate as a PDF. If a certificate isn't showing, you may need to finish the final assessment or contact CPPE to merge accounts or resend it.</i>
	Is it still possible to apply this year?	<i>Depending on which university you are choosing to apply to will depend on when their admissions open/close, how far in advance you may need to apply by etc. Different universities may have a different number of funded places, and course dates so you are best checking with the university you are interested in applying to.</i>
	Do universities publish their specific DPP requirements, and how can I check what they are?	<i>Most universities publish their specific DPP requirements, but these can vary between providers. Differences may include how long the DPP must have been qualified, their prescribing experience, and whether certain scopes of practice are accepted. In some cases, the DPP's speciality or scope of practice can also determine whether the learner is eligible for NHSE funding, as this varies by university. Learners can reach out to the specific Course Lead at a university for advice about their requirements.</i>
	Would IELTS or a similar language test be required for a pharmacist qualified outside of the UK even with being on the GPhC register for a substantial time?	<i>In most cases, no. If a pharmacist is already registered with the GPhC, they will have already met the English language proficiency requirements at the point of registration. The GPhC does not normally require an additional IELTS (or similar test) later on, even if the pharmacist originally qualified outside the UK.</i>