# 8 Prescription Audit Tool

Use one sheet to record the audit results for each record.

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| **Requirement** | **Attainment** | **Risk** | **Comment** |
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| **a. Methadone prescriptions** |
| * Are handwritten on the approved H572M forms, or computer printed text (if the service has approval from the Director-General of Health) signed by the prescriber
* Provide for medication supply for a maximum period of 28 days
* Begin on day when the client consumes their medication dose at a pharmacy under the pharmacist’s observation
* Are received by the pharmacist at least one day before the due date to supply
* Are endorsed as ‘daily dispensing, close control’ and initialled by the prescriber
* Are endorsed with the name of the dispensing pharmacy
* Are written with the daily dose in numeric and word form eg, 80 (eighty) mg
* Are written with clear instructions regarding takeaway days and increasing/decreasing dose regimens
* Include specific instructions for holiday periods
* Where doses are split, there are clear instructions regarding which part of the dose is to be consumed under observation
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| **b. Buprenorphine prescriptions in combination with Naloxone (Suboxone®)** |
| * Provide for medication supply in a 28-day cycle (ie, 28, 56 or 84 days)
* Begin on the day when the client consumes their medication dose at pharmacy under the pharmacist’s observation
* Are received by the pharmacist at least one day before the due date to supply
* Are endorsed with the name of the dispensing pharmacy
* Are written with the daily dose in numeric and word form, eg, 16 (sixteen) mg
* Are written with clear instructions regarding takeaway days and increasing/decreasing dose regimens
* Include instructions to crumble observed doses
* Include specific instructions for holiday periods
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