

Pharmacy S.O.S

Newsletter

Welcome To The Pharmacy S.O.S Newsletter



FREE Movie Vouchers Offer!

Did you know you can book locums online on the Pharmacy SOS Website? This convenient feature means that you can book from anywhere, anytime with internet access!

And for the Month of June and July, all online bookings will earn TWO FREE ADULT MOVIE Vouchers!

Please note, while the "60 Minute Locum Service or It's FREE" offer only applies to bookings using our toll free 1300 number, all other guarantees, including the professional conduct of the locum, are still in place.

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Locum Pharmacists - The Key To A Successful Placement

Every locum that is placed through Pharmacy S.O.S is aware of some simple steps to ensure that the experience of the employer is a positive one. By following these simple steps, employers and pharmacy managers are more likely to give positive feedback when we contact them about the placement.

Here are some of these "Tasks To Do" once a placement is confirmed:

- Contacting the pharmacy well before the shift date, making sure you know how to access the keys and access codes, and for any handover information.
- Make sure you have appropriate insurance!

- Always follow the [PDL Guide to Good Dispensing](#). And always use the scanner when dispensing.
- Always follow legislative requirements.
- Arrive EARLY! Arriving on time is arriving late.
- Leave the pharmacy in a clean and tidy state.
- Invoicing using an ABN is recommended.
- Leave detailed handover notes.
- Use the expertise of the regular staff to guide you through normal pharmacy procedures.

For more information, visit the [S.O.S website](#).



A satisfied employer will generally contact us and ask for the same locum they had the last time. Excellent locums who follow these simple steps are always in demand and fill their calendar with return business.

Why Choose Pharmacy S.O.S?



- ✓ **60 Minute Locum Service – Or It's FREE!**
- ✓ 100% GUARANTEED
- ✓ **Professional Locums**
- ✓ True 24/7, 365 days/year at NO extra cost.
- ✓ **30 Day E.O.M Invoices**
- ✓ AUSTRALIA WIDE SERVICE
- ✓ **No Cancellation Fees – Never... EVER!**
- ✓ Online Bookings | Online Locum Profiles



Home Medication Reviews: Should you become an accredited pharmacist?

Yes!

We could stop there. But if we do this won't make much to read and nor will you be convinced if your leaning otherwise. So why should you become an accredited pharmacist for medication reviews?

Especially given now the incentives of \$1500 on initial accreditation and the \$750 re accreditation incentive has now lapsed!

Well... many reasons come to mind. But here are a few that we could think of:

1. It's the way of the future. Pharmacists are in oversupply at the moment and you need something under your belt that makes you stand out from the rest. This helps in applying for jobs in both retail and hospital, but also in the industry.
2. The post nominal AACPA at the end of your name! OK, so that's an ego thing but it looks pretty cool. That's if you go through the [AACP](#), if you go through the [SHPA](#) you get the CGP or BCPS post nominal.
3. Become Self Employed: With this accreditation, to some point, you can become self-employed by promoting your services to both pharmacies and medical centers. You still rely (at the moment) on the community pharmacy paying you for the review, but you're not limited to just one pharmacy either.
4. You get out of the box and in to people's homes! You get to meet new people and make new friends. It's great to actually do what you're trained to do as a pharmacist and counsel for a full half an hour.

Continued...

Becoming a Consultant Pharmacist... (Cont)

5. Challenge yourself: The brain is a muscle and if you just do what you have been doing for the last "x" years, the brain starts to slow down and stops building new bridges which keeps it active. Accreditation gives you the opportunity to exercise that muscle, refine your research skills and grow your knowledge base. If that's all you will do, it's a task well worth taking up.
6. Job Satisfaction: Whether you're a community or hospital pharmacist, the increased background knowledge you gain will better equip you with the ability to pick up on issues which, perhaps due to lack of using those tools, have gone by the wayside over the last few years.
7. CPD Points: With all the talk about CPD, this is a fantastic way to gain a very large number of points.... very quickly. (OK, so there is a bit of work, but you do pick up a lot).
8. Remuneration: The pharmacy at the moment gets over \$190 per review. As the pharmacist conducting the interview and writing the report, you can charge your own fee out of that. I have seen some people charge anywhere from \$120 to \$175 for the reviews. That will depend on how good your reports are, and perhaps how much competition is around.

Now there's a lot more reasons... so if you are already accredited and have some, please do share it with us. And if you are not accredited, but interested in finding out how to, visit the AACP or SHPA websites for information and give them a call. That call is the hardest step, the rest will just roll out.

Keep an eye out for more blogs at LeBlogueur.net on getting accredited.

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Since our operation began in 2009, our fees have remained a low \$47+GST per day. Along with the 100% Satisfaction guarantees, Pharmacy S.O.S is the only agency that can offer so much, and within 60 minutes, or it's FREE!

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