

Patient access - Special Access Scheme (SAS C)

Schedule 3 pharmacist notifications of supply (required for each instance of supply) and unique consulting locations (used to record the supplying pharmacy).

The TGA does not hold prescription or dispensing data for vapes sold in Australian pharmacies. The TGA only receives notifications from pharmacists when the pharmacist is directly responsible for the access and supply of a vaping product. The below numbers do not represent the total volume of vaping goods being supplied through pharmacies, as it does not include products supplied to a patient under a prescription from a health practitioner.

Information about the pharmacies where Schedule 3 vaping goods are supplied are recorded as the consulting location, provided to the TGA as a free text field on each SAS submission. Counts of unique consulting locations are obtained by removing duplicates of identical entries. This data is not validated and as such may contain duplicates of single consulting locations where there are variations in the text entered on different SAS submissions.

By Month	Count of SAS C S3 Notifications	Count of Unique Consulting Locations*
2024	14754	1025
Oct	4430	617
Nov	4877	647
Dec	5447	687
2025	26770	1158
Jan	6382	678
Feb	6348	677
Mar	6897	727
Apr	7143	696
Grand Total	41524	1480

*As there are duplicates in consulting locations over separate months, unique consulting locations are calculated for the period indicated in each row. The grand total covers the entire requested period (1 October 2024 to 31 April 2025) and is not a sum of the numbers in the column.