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# Downstream User Licensing Agreement

**National Medicinal Product Catalogue**

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## 1. Scope and Intended Users



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The National Medicinal Product Catalogue (NMPC) Service delivers the HSE's national dictionary/catalogue of descriptions and identifiers which represents medicinal products and medical devices in use across the Irish healthcare environment.

This **Downstream End User License Agreement** governs access to, and use of the medicinal product catalogue solution provided by Dedalus UK (the vendor) and made available through the HSE's NMPC Service.

By accessing or using the Catalogue in any manner, the end user agrees to be bound by this Agreement.

## 1.1 Authorised End Users

The Catalogue is intended for **use by healthcare professionals authorised by the NMPC Service**, including but not limited to clinicians, pharmacists, nurses, and other licensed or regulated professionals, as well as **external system vendors** integrating their systems with NMPC content.

The Catalogue is intended **for use by medicines and device manufacturers**, authorised by the NMPC Service, who wish to register their products for publication on the Catalogue.

The Catalogue is intended for **use by public web browser users who wish to access medicines and device information** from the Catalogue.

## 1.2 Permitted Access Methods

End Users **may access** the Catalogue only through **one or more** of the following authorised methods:

- via a public web-based user interface;
- via downloaded static files (e.g., NDJSON, CSV structured datasets);
- via an application programming interface (API).

# 1. Scope and Intended Users

## 1.3 Login Screens

For medicines and device manufacturers who wish to register/update their products on the Catalogue, the following login screens and associated user licensing information is displayed:

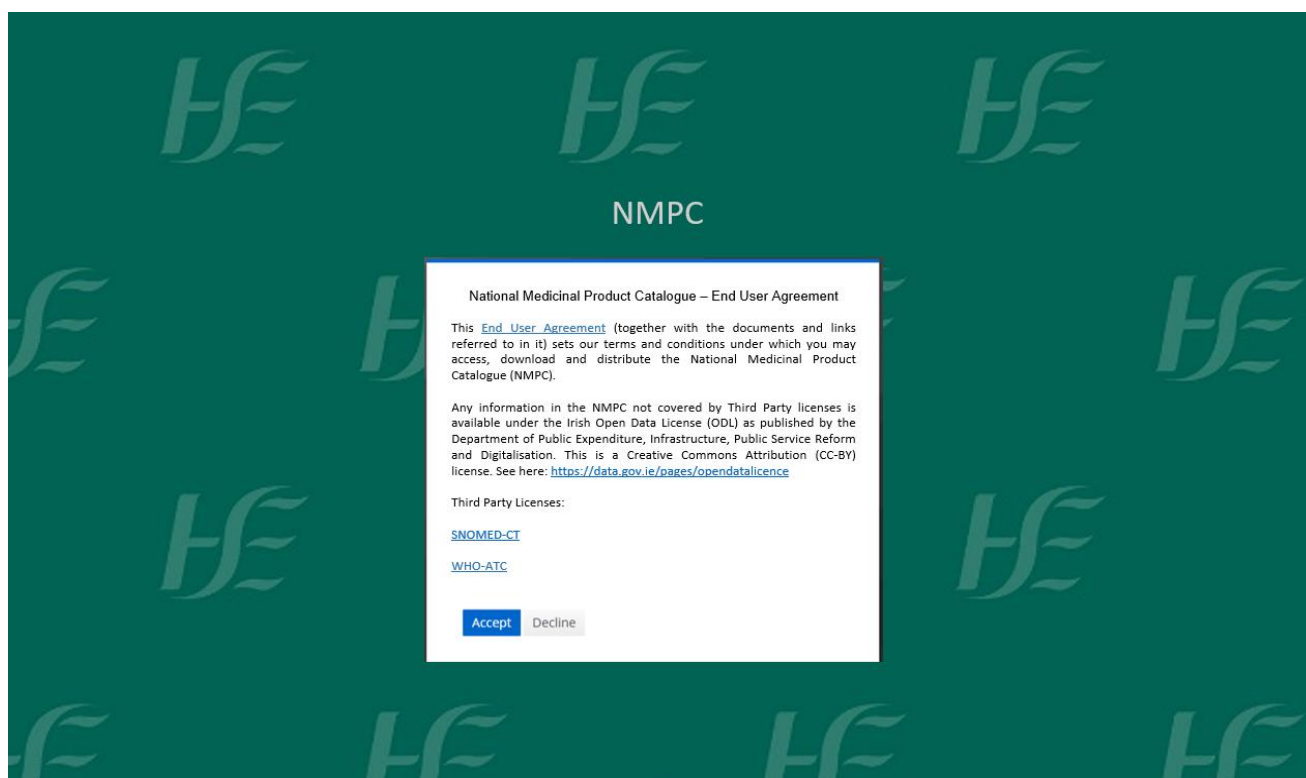


Figure 1. *End User Agreement Login Screen Display*

The User Licensing Agreement (this document) is provided to users via the link shown in the image of the user login screen above. This User Licensing Agreement (together with the documents and links referred to in it) sets our terms and conditions under which you may access, download and distribute the National Medicinal Product Catalogue (NMPC).

Any information in the NMPC not covered by the SNOMED-CT Affiliate License or WHO ATC User Conditions is available under the Irish Open Data License (ODL) as published by the Department of Public Expenditure, Infrastructure, Public Service Reform and Digitalisation. This is a Creative Commons Attribution (CC-BY) license.

See here: <https://data.gov.ie/pages/opendatalicence>



## 2. License Grant



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Subject to compliance with this Agreement, the NMPC grants End Users who wish to access NMPC content through Static File download or API access, a limited, non-exclusive, non-transferable, non-sub-licensable, revocable license to access and use the Catalogue solely:

**for professional  
reference and  
informational  
purposes**

and

**in connection  
with End User's  
lawful  
professional  
activities**

Public web browser users who wish to access medicines and device information from the Catalogue are not required to create accounts for license grant.



### **3. Content Character and Disclaimers**



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## 3.1 Information Provided

The National Medicinal Product Catalogue (NMPC) **uniquely & unambiguously codes and describes** all commonly prescribed and dispensed medicines in Ireland. It also **standardises ancillary medicines information** at a national level (e.g. dose forms, units of strength etc.).

The use of unique identifiers in the NMPC enables **interoperability** (seamless movement of medicines information) between diverse clinical and operational systems across the medicinal product pathway - ensuring **safe and reliable exchange of information**.

## 3.2 Regulatory Status

The Catalogue is **not a medical device** and is **not intended** to **perform clinical decision support**.

A person wearing a white lab coat is holding a clipboard in their hands. The background is a blurred pharmacy or laboratory setting with shelves containing various bottles and containers. A dark green horizontal band is overlaid across the middle of the image, containing the text '4. General Use Guidance' in white.

## 4. General Use Guidance

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Specific guidance for users related to Static File Access, API Access and Public Web Browser Access is discussed in subsequent sections.

Users should review and ensure they are operating in line with the [Open Data License](#) and other **third-party data licenses** for the **specific use case**.

Users should not engage in behaviour that introduces risk to NMPC operation or security.

## 5. Static File Access



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The **core goal** for the publication formats of the NMPC is to **enable and encourage safe, accurate and up to date adoption of NMPC** across a broad set of use cases.

This requires that the options support **simple use cases** with minimal complexity as well as **complex use cases** with a rich and extensive representation of the products in the catalogue.

Established **standards-based formats** are preferred to simplify understanding and use/reuse as well as leverage existing tools/libraries for parsing and manipulating the NMPC data.

There are two static file publication formats provided by the NMPC:

- NMPC CSV
- NMPC NDJSON

The NMPC **CSV format** provides a subset of the NMPC that includes the **concept codes and associated preferred terms** arranged in rows to represent the relationships between associated concepts at other levels in the model.

The NMPC **NDJSON format** file provides a single file representation of NMPC that aims to be **parseable with a low memory footprint** and to align with the structure and format returned by a standard FHIR R4 CodeSystem \$lookup operation.

## 5.1 Permitted Use

Downloaded static files may be stored and used internally by authorised End Users **for intended use cases**.

End Users are responsible for ensuring they are working off the **most recent version** of static files.

## 5.2 Restrictions

End Users shall **not**:

- alter the content or metadata of static files;
- distribute static files outside End User's organisation or professional practice;
- represent static files as current or authoritative if they may be outdated.



## 6. API Access



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The National Medicinal Product Catalogue offers a **FHIR Terminology publication format** that enables access and querying using the standard FHIR Terminology R4 model. The APIs are secured using **standard OAuth2** and present a **rich and powerful query capability** that supports the standard FHIR terminology operations enhanced powered by smart search and supporting **SNOMED ECL queries**.

## 6.1 Permitted Use

Where an End User is granted API access, such access is limited to:

- Internal system integration with existing external applications;
- End User's lawful professional activities.

## 6.2 Restrictions

End users shall **not**:

- Scrape, or store Catalogue data beyond reasonable limits;
- Expose Catalogue data to unauthorized third parties or external applications.
- Engage in data scraping for AI training.
- Sell or sub-license API access to NMPC data.

API calls are monitored for usage limits and the NMPC will engage with end users in respect of problematic usage where required, to assist with specific requirements. The vendor may suspend or revoke API access at any time for misuse or excessive usage.



## **7. Public Web Browser Access**



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The National Medicinal Product Catalogue (NMPC) offers a facility whereby public web browsers can **access medicines and device information** from the Catalogue. Public web browser access is monitored. There is a **web application firewall** in place that **detects abusive behaviours**, and an **operational response procedure** in place to monitor usage errors.

## 7.1 Permitted Use

- Public web browser access is for **human use only**.

## 7.2 Restrictions

- Public web browser access is not permitted for automated crawlers, bots, or scraping scripts.

A person wearing a white lab coat is holding a tablet computer. The background is a pharmacy with shelves of various medications. A dark green banner is overlaid on the image, containing the text '8. Data Accuracy and Updates'.

## 8. Data Accuracy and Updates

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The NMPC uses reasonable efforts to maintain accurate and up-to-date information but does not warrant that:

- The Catalogue is complete or current at all times;
- All regulatory changes are at once reflected.

The NMPC acts **solely as a conduit** for the information received from external sources. Any inaccuracies or data quality issues remain the responsibility of the originating source.

End Users are responsible for verifying critical information against official sources.

NMPC **static publication formats** are **updated monthly**.