

## Zopiclone tablets 7.5 mg

Zopiclone is a medicine used to treat insomnia – this means it helps people get to sleep when that is difficult for them.

### What is changing?

The brand of zopiclone that PHARMAC funds will change from Apo-Zopiclone to Zopiclone Actavis.

### When will this change happen?

- From 1 October 2015, Zopiclone Actavis will be fully funded.
- From 1 December 2015, a part payment may be required for Apo-Zopiclone. Zopiclone Actavis will continue to be fully funded.
- From 1 March 2016 only Zopiclone Actavis will be available fully funded. Apo-Zopiclone will no longer be funded.

### Will the new brand work the same?

Yes. Only the brand of your medicine is changing. The newly funded tablets will have the same amount of the active ingredient, zopiclone. This means that you should have the same effect from taking the Zopiclone Actavis brand as you did from taking the Apo-Zopiclone brand.

Medsafe, the agency that approves medicines for use in New Zealand, carefully considered the safety and effectiveness of Zopiclone Actavis before approving it.

You shouldn't notice any difference in how you feel after taking Zopiclone Actavis. If you do notice any major changes or side effects, please talk with your doctor about it.

### Will the tablets look different?

Yes. Because Zopiclone Actavis is made by a different supplier, the tablets will look different to what you are used to. Your tablets will still have the same shape and size, but they will now be white, instead of blue.



**Apo-Zopiclone**



**Zopiclone Actavis**

### Will the new brand cost me more?

No. You will pay the usual patient co-payment. There will be no extra cost for you for Apo-Zopiclone.

**Will I still be able to get my current brand after 1 March 2016?**

Once the funding for Apo-Zopiclone stops after 1 March 2016, we can't guarantee it will remain available and how much it will cost.

If you do want to keep using the Apo-Zopiclone brand of zopiclone you can ask your pharmacist to check the price and availability.

**Where can I get more information?**

If you would like more information about the change you can contact PHARMAC on [enquiry@pharmac.govt.nz](mailto:enquiry@pharmac.govt.nz)

Your doctor, nurse and pharmacist will also help guide you during the changeover period.