

# YOUR BRAND OF FLUOXETINE IS CHANGING



DO YOU CURRENTLY TAKE THE ARROW-FLUOXETINE BRAND OF MEDICINE?

Your new brand of this medicine is called **FLUOX**.

## FLUOX WORKS THE SAME AS ARROW-FLUOXETINE

Fluox has the same active ingredient as Arrow-Fluoxetine and is delivered to the body in the same way. This means your new brand of medicine works the same as your old brand. You shouldn't notice any difference in how it affects you.

Fluox is a brand that has previously been funded so you may recognise it.

### YOUR PREVIOUS BRAND



20 mg capsule



20 mg dispersible tablet

Arrow-Fluoxetine

### YOUR NEW BRAND



20 mg capsule



20 mg dispersible tablet

Fluox

The brand that PHARMAC currently funds is a generic medicine, so this change means a different generic brand will be funded.

## **ASK YOUR PHARMACIST WHEN YOUR BRAND WILL CHANGE**

Your pharmacist will change you to Fluox brand between 1 November 2019 and 1 April 2020.

If you want to keep using your current brand of fluoxetine, you can ask your pharmacist to check the price and availability. Arrow-Fluoxetine will no longer be funded from 1 April 2020.

## **YOUR MEDICINE HAS BEEN CAREFULLY ASSESSED**

Fluox has been fully assessed by Medsafe (part of the Ministry of Health). Medsafe ensures the quality and safety of medicines in New Zealand.

## **FIND OUT MORE**

If you have any questions or concerns about changing brands, talk with your doctor, nurse or pharmacist.

You can also get more information from PHARMAC, the New Zealand Government agency that decides which medicines are funded.



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### **NEED TO TALK?**

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Visit the Mental Health Foundation's website for more information about how you and your loved ones can get support:

[www.mentalhealth.org.nz/get-help/in-crisis](http://www.mentalhealth.org.nz/get-help/in-crisis)