# YOUR BRAND OF **PAROXETINE** IS CHANGING



DO YOU CURRENTLY TAKE THE APO-PAROXETINE BRAND OF MEDICINE?

Your new brand of this medicine is called LOXAMINE.

### LOXAMINE WORKS THE SAME AS APO-PAROXETINE

Loxamine has the same active ingredient as Apo-Paroxetine 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.

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

### YOUR PREVIOUS BRAND



20 mg tablet

**Apo-Paroxetine** 

### YOUR NEW BRAND



20 mg tablet

Loxamine

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 Loxamine brand between 1 October 2019 and 1 March 2020.

If you want to keep using your current brand of paroxetine, you can ask your pharmacist to check the price and availability. Apo-Paroxetine will no longer be funded from 1 March 2020.

## YOUR MEDICINE HAS BEEN CAREFULLY ASSESSED

Loxamine 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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information about how you and
your loved ones can get support:

www.mentalhealth.org.nz/get-help/in-crisis