

Bone Mineral Densitometry

The Government has rules which apply to rebates for BMD. Unfortunately, not all patients are eligible for a Medicare or DVA rebate. To be eligible for a rebate, patients must meet one of the following criteria and the reason needs to be indicated on the request form.

Item Number	Criteria	If performed for:
12306	Must be at least 24 months since any previous BMD	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1 or more fractures occurring after minimal trauma (this can only be used once for each fracture); or • Monitoring of osteoporosis proven by previous BMD at least 12 months previously, patient's lowest T-score is -2.5 or less.
12312	Must be at least 12 months since any previous BMD	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Prolonged & current glucocorticoid therapy (as per dose limits outlined in the MBS); • Conditions associated with excess glucocorticoid secretion; • Male hypogonadism; • Female hypogonadism lasting more than 6 months before the age of 45
12315	Must be at least 24 months since any previous BMD	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Primary hyperparathyroidism; • Chronic liver disease; • Chronic renal disease (excl. kidney stones); • Proven malabsorptive disorders (e.g. Coeliac or Crohn's disease) • Rheumatoid arthritis; or • Conditions associated with thyroxine excess
12320	Must be either: The first time the patient is having a BMD OR at least five years since any previous BMD	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A person aged 70 years or over and not had a scan before • A person aged 70 years or over and found to have a T-score of -1.5 or above on previous scan • A person's last BMD was prior to 1st Nov 2017 under item 12323
12321	Must be at least 12 months since any previous BMD	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • If performed for a significant change in therapy eg. a change in the class of drugs rather than for a change in the dosage regime for; • Established low bone mineral density; or • Confirming a presumptive diagnosis of low BMD made on the basis. of one or more fractures occurring after minimal trauma.
12322	Must be at least 24 months since any previous BMD	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A person aged 70 years or over and the T-score is less than -1.5 but more than -2.5 based on previous scan.

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