

Codeine Phosphate Tablets (Noumed) 15 mg, 30 mg and 60 mg

Overlabelling of cartons and blister packs due to stock shortages / out of stock

Dear Healthcare Professional,

Following consultation with Medsafe, Noumed Pharmaceuticals Limited would like to inform you of the following:

- Due to supply chain delays, Codeine Phosphate Tablets (Noumed) 30 mg are out-of-stock which has resulted in stock shortages of Codeine Phosphate Tablets (Noumed) 15 mg and 60 mg.
- To help alleviate the shortages, available stock has been over-labelled with the currently approved shelf-life of 36 months.

Noumed Pharmaceuticals has experienced delays with transportation of Codeine Phosphate Tablets from the UK manufacturer to New Zealand, which have resulted in Codeine Phosphate Tablets 30 mg being out-of-stock and shortages of Codeine Phosphate Tablets 15 mg and 60 mg.

In July 2025 Medsafe approved increases of the shelf-lives of Codeine Phosphate Tablets (Noumed) 15 mg, 30 mg and 60 mg from 24 months to 36 months.

To help address the shortages, carton and inner blister packs of stock from 15 mg and 60 mg tablets, which have been labelled with a 24-month shelf-life, have been over-labelled with a 36-month shelf-life. The batch number has also been included on the over-label.

The batches concerned are:

Strength	Batch Number	New 36-month Expiry Date
15 mg	B1003490	05/2026
	B1003666	05/2026
60 mg*	B1003383	06/2026
	B1003407	06/2026
	B1003488	07/2026
	B1003527	07/2026

*Codeine Phosphate Tablets (Noumed) 60 mg may be halved to obtain a dose of 30 mg. Since the tablets do not have a score line, the use of a tablet cutter is recommended.

Codeine Phosphate Tablets (Noumed) with over-labelled new expiry date will be available early November 2025, and new stock are forecasted to be available end of November 2025.

If you have any questions, please contact Noumed Pharmaceuticals Limited on 0800 527 545.

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Yours faithfully,

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