

Chemists in Medical Centres

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Policy Objectives

The objectives of this policy are as follows:

- To guide the approval and operation of chemists located within and ancillary to medical centre land uses within the 'Mixed Use', 'Centre' and 'Private clubs institutions and places of worship' zones of the City of Melville.
- To ensure that the character and amenity of these precincts is not prejudiced by the existence of retail chemist uses within them.

Policy Scope

This policy applies to all proposals for the establishment of retail chemist uses within Medical Centres located within 'Mixed Use', 'Centre' and 'Private clubs institutions and places of worship' zones.

Under the provisions of the City of Melville Local Planning Scheme No. 6 (LPS6), a Chemist is classed as a 'Shop' land use, and is described as a shop for the dispensing of medication and other items for treatment of medical conditions, illness, injuries and ailments and the sale of other health related products and ancillary items. The term chemist includes a dispensary.

Policy Statement

- 1 The inclusion of a Chemist within an existing or proposed Medical Centre will only be approved by Council where it is ancillary to the predominant Medical Centre use.
- 2 No dedicated or separate access should be provided. Access must be gained via the principal public access to the Medical Centre. There is no restriction on public attending the chemist, irrespective of their patronage to the Medical Centre.
- 3 The floor space of the Chemist is not to exceed 25% of the total floor space of the Medical Centre, subject to a maximum gross floor area of 150 square metres. A Chemist facility will only be supported in Medical Centres with at least 10 medical practitioners.
- 4 Parking requirements for ancillary Chemist uses within Medical Centres will be determined in accordance with the requirements of those for a Shop, as outlined by the provisions of LPS6 and local planning policy LPP1.6 Car Parking & Access.
- 5 Signage for a chemist within a medical centre must be incidental to the signage associated with the other uses including the Medical Centre use itself.



- 6 The Chemist must operate during the hours of opening of the Medical Centre only, with an additional hour following the close of the Medical Centre each day being permissible.

References that may be applicable to this Policy

Legislative Requirements:	Planning and Development Act 2005 Planning and Development (Local Planning Schemes) Regulations 2015
Procedure, Process Maps, Work Instructions:	Planning Application Directorate Procedure
Other Plans, Frameworks, Documents Applicable to Policy:	Local Planning Scheme No. 6 LPP1.6 Car Parking and Access LPP2.2 Outdoor Advertising and Signage Policy
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