

Dear consumer,

We are writing to let you know that **Sublocade® will no longer be available in Australia after 31 December 2026.**

The company that makes Sublocade® has advised that it is stopping supply for commercial reasons. This decision is not because of any concerns regarding safety, quality or effectiveness of Sublocade®.

Suboxone® Film and Subutex® sublingual tablets will continue to be available.

If you are currently receiving Sublocade®, you **do not need to stop treatment suddenly**. You should speak with your doctor, nurse practitioner, pharmacist or treatment service about a plan that is right for you.

Options Available:

There are different treatment options available, for example you may want to:

- Change to the alternative long-acting injectable buprenorphine, (Buvidal®)
- Transfer to buprenorphine/naloxone film, (Suboxone®)
- Transfer to liquid methadone
- Consider finishing opioid dependence treatment, *(providing it is safe to do so and aligns with your overall goals)*

Take Action:

Talk to your health professional about your needs, preferences and treatment history **and together, plan what you think will work best for you**. Some people may need more regular appointments, dose changes, or specialist advice during the change from Sublocade® to another option.

If you are worried about the change, you can contact Harm Reduction Victoria's Pharmacotherapy Advocacy and Mediation Support service (PAMS) on 1800 443 844.

Please speak with your treating health professional as soon as possible to allow enough time to plan your transition.

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