



Cardiovascular risk category	People with any of the following:
^a Very-high-risk	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Documented ASCVD, either clinical or unequivocal on imaging DM with target organ damage[‡], or at least three major risk factors, or early onset of Type 1 DM of long duration (> 20 years) Severe CKD (eGFR < 30 ml/minute/1.73 m²) A calculated SCORE ≥ 10% for 10-year risk of fatal CVD FH with ASCVD or with another major risk factor
^b High-risk	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Markedly elevated single risk factors, in particular total cholesterol > 8 mmol/L, LDL-C > 4.9 mmol/L, or blood pressure > 180/110 mmHg FH without other major risk factors DM without target organ damage[‡], with DM duration ≥ 10 years or another additional risk factor Moderate CKD (eGFR 30 – 59 ml/minute/1.73 m²) A calculated SCORE ≥ 5% and < 10% for 10-year risk of fatal CVD

^c**Two LDL-C levels** must be provided to demonstrate that LDL-C is **persistently** above the specified thresholds:

- The **current LDL-C level** must have been taken in the 30-day period prior to the date of application for reimbursement approval.
- The **previous LDL-C level** should have been taken at least three months prior to the current LDL-C level.
- The current LDL-C level must be reflective of confirmed adherence to ezetimibe 10 mg daily for a minimum of three months and one of the following:^{*}**
 - adherence to high-dose statin therapy for a minimum of three months
 - adherence to maximum-tolerated statin therapy for a minimum of three months, where the individual was unable to tolerate high-dose statin therapy
 - statin intolerance
 - contraindication to statin therapy.
- A copy of the blood test results showing the **current LDL-C level** must be provided as part of the application for reimbursement approval.

^{*}*see the HSE-Managed Access Protocol for further details*

A Managed Access Protocol (MAP) is in place through the Health Service Executive (HSE)-Medicines Management Programme (MMP): <https://www.hse.ie/eng/about/who/cspd/medicines-management/managed-access-protocols/>. Prescribers, once user-registered with the Primary Care Reimbursement Service (PCRS), are required to apply for reimbursement approval on an individual patient basis through the PCRS online application system (www.pcrs.ie). This can be accessed for GPs via the 'GP Application Suite' and for hospital prescribers via 'Services for Hospitals'.