

# NDC Reservation

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# Overview

- Benefits of **NDC Reservation**
- Who should reserve an NDC
- When to Reserve
- How to reserve an NDC (National Drug Code) in CDER Direct

# Benefits

- Preparation for a product launch
- Once accepted, the proposed NDC is reserved for 2 years
- Prevention of duplicate and formatting issues before drug listing
- CMOs can reserve an NDC using a PLD's labeler code

# Who Should Reserve?

- Preparation for a product launch – Pre-printing labels
- CMOs responsible for the PLD's drug listing
- Reservations should be used if the company is uncertain of marketing status, unsure of the product's final approved formulation, and the final physical characteristics (color, shape, imprint etc.)

# When to Reserve

- If the NDC appears on the label:
  - Prior to final labeling approval and printing
  - The reservation is not required prior to the actual listing submission
  - Do not reserve an NDC if you do not intend to start the commercial distribution within 2 years.

# Dos and Don'ts

- The labeler code included in the reservation SPL, should be a labeler code that is electronically assigned by and submitted to FDA.
- Required data elements for NDC Reservation:
  - Labeler Name, Labeler DUNS, NDC Product Code, Non-Proprietary Name, Dosage Form, Marketing Status, Reserved Until Date, and 1 Active Ingredient.

# Dos and Don'ts

- NDCs under the same labeler code can be reserved on the same NDC Reservation SPL
- Once accepted, the proposed NDC is reserved
- NDC is reserved at the product level:
  - Labeler Code and Product Code
  - No packaging information needed
- No additional data is “required” for NDC Reservation

# Dos and Don'ts

- Marketing Status for all reserved NDC is “New” or “Reserved”
- To convert an NDC Reservation SPL to a Listing SPL, the Marketing Status must be switched from “Reserved” to “Active”
- A Reserved NDC that is no longer needed can be canceled
- To cancel an NDC Reservation, change the Marketing Status from “Reserved” to “Cancel”


## Dos and Don'ts

- Cancelling an NDC Reservation is effective on day of submission
- A reserved NDC, will not be available for reservation or listing of other products.
- An NDC Reservation cannot be submitted for an NDC which has already been used.
- A previously reserved NDC becomes available once its reservation is canceled

# Key Facts

- NDC Reservation is not drug listing
- Limited data elements required
- Data will not be published until properly listed
- Effective date is the Submission date
- Reserved until date can be up to 2 years after the Effective Date

# NDC Reservation

 **CDER Direct**  
Electronic Submissions Portal

Home > NDC Reservation

SUBMISSIONS  
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NDC Labeler Code Request

Establishment Registration

GDUFA Self-Identification

Product Listing and Certification

NDC Reservation

## NDC RESERVATION

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**NDC Reservation** IS NOT a drug listing submission. It will only reserve an NDC for a drug product that will be listed later with FDA and is a useful option to confirm NDC availability for a product in development. NDC Reservation SPL Document Type should only be selected to reserve an NDC for 2 years. NDC reservation is not required prior to a drug listing submission.

- **DO NOT** reserve an NDC if you do not intend to start commercial distribution within 2 years.
- Once commercial distribution begins, the NDC Reservation SPL must be updated to a Drug Listing SPL with all its required data elements in order to list the drug product with FDA.

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ACTIONS

SEARCH NDC RESERVATION

CREATE NEW / UPLOAD FILE

STATUS	SET ID	ROOT ID	SUBMISSION ID	VERSION	DOCUMENT LABEL	TITLE	PRODUCT DETAILS	LAST MODIFIED USER	LAST MODIFIED
<a href="#">DRAFT</a>	0417e67f-f784-8e4e-e063-6394a90a5d5e	0417e67f-f785-8e4e-e063-6394a90a5d5e		1	HUMAN PRESCRIPTION DRUG LABEL <span>NDC RESERVATION</span>	-	<a href="#">DETAILS</a>	David Mazyck	19-SEP-2023 12:52:15

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**Note:** Click on the Data Element Name for each field below to display instructions and helpful hints for filling out this Products submission form. Red asterisk indicate required fields.

**Note:** This form is only to Reserve a Product NDC. The Product NDC can be reserved for up to 2 years from the time of submission. After successfully reserving a NDC, it can be converted to an active listing.

### — HEADER DETAILS

Document Type: \*

[NDC RESERVATION](#)

Version Number: \*

Set ID: \*

[Generate New](#)

Effective Date: \*



Root ID: \*

[Generate New](#)

Title

### — LABELER DETAILS

Labeler Name: \*

Labeler DUNS: \*

## REGISTRANT DETAILS

Registrant Name:

Registrant DUNS:

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## ESTABLISHMENTS

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None

## PRODUCTS

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SELECT	PRODUCT NDC	PROPRIETARY NAME	DOSAGE FORM	CLONE PRODUCT
	54321-001	-	CAPSULE	

## PRODUCT DATA ELEMENTS

NDC Product Code: \*

54321-001

**Proprietary Name:**

Non Proprietary Name: \*

CARCAS1

**Suffix:**

**DEA Schedule:**

-- Select DEA Schedule -- v

**Dosage Form:** \*

## CAPSULE

**Route of Administration:**

## AURICULAR (OTIC)

BUCCAL

CONJUNCTIVAL

## CUTANEOUS

DENTAL

## ELECTRO-OSMOSIS



&gt;&gt;



&lt;&lt;

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ORAL

**Source NDC:**

## MARKETING DETAILS

**Marketing Status:** \*

RESERVE

Reserved Until Date: \*

07-14-2025



Marketing Category:

-Select Marketing Category-

Application Number/

Regulatory Citation:

SAVE INGREDIENT

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**Note:** The denominator strength and UOM for all Ingredients within a product should be the same. Should you need to change the values, all the ingredients added thus far should be deleted and added with the new values.

## INGREDIENT DETAILS

Denominator Strength: \*

Unit of Measure: \*

-- Select One -- ▾

Type: \*

-- Select One -- ▾

Ingredient UNII - Name: \*

Strength: \*

Unit Of Measure: \*

-- Select One -- ▾

Active Moiety: \*



ADD ACTIVE MOIETY

Reference Ingredient: \*

## Challenge Questions

- NDC reservation is required to facilitate the listing submission. T/ F
- The reservation date may be up to 2 years after the effective date. T/F
- Reservation data is published on the NDC directory. T/F

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