

## Importing abbreviations

Importing abbreviations is a great way of quickly entering a large number of abbreviations for use in [dispensary mode](#) (see the [Abbreviations](#) section for details).

To create the import file, create a spreadsheet with two columns like this:

	A	B
1	<b>Abbrev</b>	<b>Expanded text</b>
2	od	once daily
3	bd	twice daily
4	tid	three times daily
5	tds	three times daily
6	qid	four times daily
7	qds	four times daily
8	ac	before food
9	pc	after food

Enter the short abbreviation you will type in the *Abbreviation* column. Enter the text this will be expanded to in the *Expanded text* column. Make a new row for each abbreviation.



Note: your abbreviations cannot contain the underscore (\_), period (.) or comma (,) characters

When the spreadsheet is complete, export it as a tab delimited text file

Close the spreadsheet application then choose **File > Import > Import abbreviations...** from the menus in mSupply. Select the file you just created in the window that opens (navigate to it and either double-click it or single-click on it and click on the **Open** button). The following import options window will be displayed:

### Import abbreviations...

☐ First line contains column headers  
☐ Remove quote characters on import

If duplicate codes are detected

☒ Ask each time  
☐ Skip the duplicate without asking  
☐ Stop the import  
☐ Update the existing abbreviation

We recommend you have an up-to-date backup of your data file before attempting import. Click the cancel button below if you are not sure.

Field	Value
Abbreviation	Abbrev - English
Expansion	Expanded Text - English

Previous Next Record number 1

Cancel Import now

If the first row in your spreadsheet contained the column headers and not an abbreviation, check the **First line contains column headers** checkbox to tell mSupply to ignore it.

If the spreadsheet software has added quotes around any of the fields during the export to a text delimited file then check the **Remove quote characters on import** checkbox (you can use the **Previous** and **Next** buttons in the preview panel to see if quote characters have been added).

Select one of the options in the *If duplicate codes are detected* section to tell mSupply what it should do if an abbreviation already in mSupply or previously in the spreadsheet is detected.

When you're ready, click on the **Import now** button to carry out the import.

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