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prescribed, *adj.*

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Pronunciation: Brit. /prɪˈskrɪbɪd/ , U.S. /priˈskraɪbd/ , /prəˈskraɪbd/

Etymology: < PRESCRIBE *v.* + -ED *suffix*¹. Compare earlier PRESCRIPT *adj.*¹

1. Laid down or fixed beforehand; ordained, appointed, decreed; set, defined.

- c1503 R. ARNOLD *Chron.* sig. li^v, It was declared by the Mayre and thader men for an olde prescribed Custum of the Cyte aforesayde.
- 1577 H. I. tr. H. Bullinger *50 Godlie Sermon*. II. IV. ii. sig. Vv.v/2, They are said to repent, which after a prescribed manner of punishment doe penaunce for their sinnes.
- a1610 J. HEALEY tr. Epictetus *Manuall* (1636) 49 To drink no colde water nor wine, but at prescribed seasons.
- a1699 T. COMBER *Hist. Liturgies in Compan. Temple* (1702) II. 81 All Establisht Protestant Churches do approve, and use prescribed Forms.
- 1728 J. MORGAN *Compl. Hist. Algiers* I. iv. 276 Two of them seizing each prescribed Criminal.
- 1781 GIBBON *Decline & Fall* II. xxvi. 571 In this march..the cavalry are obliged to climb the hills..and to wind through the vallies, without interrupting the prescribed order of their gradual progress.
- 1813 R. WILSON *Let.* 22 May (1861) I. Appendix II 453 The advanced guard..commenced its prescribed movement on Reichenbach.
- 1863 E. V. NEALE *Anal. Thought & Nature* 193 Within its prescribed limits, and under its prescribed conditions, the operations of instinct are certain.
- 1942 *R.A.F. Jرنl.* 13 June 17, I received their report by post. It certainly covered all the prescribed ground.
- 1987 R. ELLMANN *Oscar Wilde* i. 21 He did not cram for examinations, and read the prescribed texts for pleasure.
- 2003 R. TAYLOR *How to read Church* 178 A sacrament is an outward act with a prescribed form that confers a special grace on the person who participates in it.

2. Of a remedy or treatment: advised or recommended by a doctor; *spec.* (of a medicine) available or authorized by a doctor's written prescription.

- 1628 R. HAYMAN *To my Reuerend sicke Friend W. G. of Bristoll* 49 Both of these phrases fit all those that mell With Physicke Doses, and prescribed dyet.
- 1628 G. WITHER *Britain's Remembrancer* ii. 46 They to the rich prescrib'd Preservatives On costly termes.
- 1726 R. BLACKMORE *Treat. Spleen & Vapours* 126 Opium or Steel are almost always a Part of the prescribed Remedies.
- 1797 R. TYLER *Algerine Captive* I. xix. 135 He..weighed off the prescribed dose, to the decimal of a

drachm.

- 1820 J. F. COOPER *Precaution* I. xvii. 199 He smiled, and took without opposition the prescribed medicines from her hand.
- 1847 D. P. THOMPSON *Locke Amsden* 225 Spurning the further restrictions of prescribed diet, and confinement within, he now came forth from his prison-house.
- 1902 *Amer. Jrnl. Sociol.* 7 535 Refusal to apply the prescribed treatment.
- 1967 *Canad. Med. Assoc. Jrnl.* 21 Oct. 1012/2 They were able to stay on the prescribed regimen.
- 2001 *Observer* 9 Dec. I. 2/4 Addicts will no longer be treated as criminals if they agree to register and inject prescribed heroin in strictly controlled 'shooting galleries' under medical supervision.
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