

# Pharmacy—pharmacy identifier, identifier XXNNNA

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## Identifying and definitional attributes

<b>Metadata item type:</b>	Data Element
<b>Short name:</b>	Pharmacy identifier
<b>Synonymous names:</b>	Pharmacy ID; Supplying pharmacy ID
<b>METEOR identifier:</b>	600674
<b>Registration status:</b>	<a href="#">Commonwealth Department of Health</a> , Standard 17/12/2015
<b>Definition:</b>	A sequence of alphanumeric, numeric and alphabetic characters which uniquely identify a pharmacy.
<b>Data Element Concept:</b>	<a href="#">Pharmacy—pharmacy identifier</a>
<b>Value Domain:</b>	<a href="#">Identifier XXNNNA</a>

## Value domain attributes

### Representational attributes

<b>Representation class:</b>	Identifier
<b>Data type:</b>	String
<b>Format:</b>	XXNNNA
<b>Maximum character length:</b>	6

### Source and reference attributes

<b>Submitting organisation:</b>	Department of Health
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## Data element attributes

### Collection and usage attributes

<b>Guide for use:</b>	<p>The alphanumeric characters at the start of this data element are used to identify hospital pharmacies (via an 'H' as the first alphanumeric character) and dispensing doctors (via a 'D' as the first alphanumeric character).</p> <p>In the case of hospital pharmacies, the second alphanumeric character is intended to be indicative of the state/territory in which the hospital is located.</p>
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### Relational attributes

**Implementation in Data Set Specifications:** [Pharmaceutical Benefits Scheme \(PBS\) state/territory data extract 2013-14](#)  
[Commonwealth Department of Health](#), Standard 17/12/2015

**Implementation start date:** 01/07/2013

**Implementation end date:** 30/06/2014

**DSS specific information:**

Variable name = PHCY\_ID

In the context of PBS data, this data element describes the approval number of the pharmacy that claimed for the supply of the PBS item and is referred to within the PBS system as 'Supplying pharmacy ID'.

The sixth character is an alphabetic check digit.

This data element can be used to identify individual pharmacies and may, in some use cases, need to be suppressed or de-identified.