

# Pharmaceutical Benefits Scheme (PBS) prescription —prescriber identifier, identifier N[N(19)]

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## Identifying and definitional attributes

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| <b>Metadata item type:</b>   | Data Element  |
| <b>Short name:</b>           | Prescriber identifier   |
| <b>Synonymous names:</b>     | Prescriber number; Prescriber ID; Doctor's number; Doctor's ID  |
| <b>METEOR identifier:</b>    | 600762  |
| <b>Registration status:</b>  | <a href="#">Commonwealth Department of Health</a> , Standard 17/12/2015   |
| <b>Definition:</b>           | A unique numeric identifier for the prescriber of the Pharmaceutical Benefits Scheme (PBS) item for which the PBS benefit is being claimed. |
| <b>Data Element Concept:</b> | <a href="#">Pharmaceutical Benefits Scheme (PBS) prescription—prescriber identifier</a>   |
| <b>Value Domain:</b>         | <a href="#">Identifier N[N(19)]</a>   |

## Value domain attributes

### Representational attributes

|                                  |            |
|----------------------------------|------------|
| <b>Representation class:</b>     | Identifier |
| <b>Data type:</b>                | String     |
| <b>Format:</b>                   | N[N(19)]   |
| <b>Maximum character length:</b> | 20         |

### Source and reference attributes

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

### Collection and usage attributes

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| <b>Guide for use:</b> | Under the provisions of the Pharmaceutical Benefits Scheme (PBS), medications can be prescribed by medical practitioners, and authorised dental practitioners, optometrists, nurse practitioners and midwives. |
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| <b>Submitting organisation:</b> | Department of Health |
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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 = PRESC\_ID

In the context of PBS data, this data element describes the prescriber number of the provider who wrote the prescription for which a PBS benefit is paid.

Prescriber numbers are allocated to providers authorised to prescribe medication under the PBS. These prescribers include medical practitioners, dental practitioners, optometrists, nurse practitioners and midwives. The data item is referred to within the PBS system as 'Prescriber ID'.

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