

Pharmaceutical Benefits Scheme (PBS) prescription —quantity of PBS item supplied, total number N[NNN]

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Identifying and definitional attributes

Metadata item type:	Data Element
Short name:	Quantity of PBS item supplied
METEOR identifier:	601876
Registration status:	Commonwealth Department of Health , Standard 17/12/2015
Definition:	The total amount of the Pharmaceutical Benefits Scheme (PBS) item dispensed by a pharmacist, expressed either as a number of packs or units of use.
Context:	In the context of the Pharmaceutical Benefits Scheme, the term 'quantity' refers to the amount of the drug dispensed, expressed in terms of either a number of packs or units of use.
Data Element Concept:	Pharmaceutical Benefits Scheme (PBS) prescription—quantity of PBS item supplied
Value Domain:	Total number N[NNN]

Value domain attributes

Representational attributes

Representation class:	Total	
Data type:	Number	
Format:	N[NNN]	
Maximum character length:	4	
	Value	Meaning
Supplementary values:	9999	Not stated/inadequately described

Data element attributes

Collection and usage attributes

Guide for use:	The method of specifying the quantity varies between items: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• If the item is supplied in a pack that cannot be broken, the quantity is stated as a number of packs, e.g. 1 (pack of tablets), rather than a number of units of use, e.g. 28 (tablets).• If the item is supplied in a pack that can be broken, the quantity can be reported as the total number of units of use, e.g. 14 (tablets) rather than 0.5 (of a pack of tablets).• If the item is supplied in a bottle or in a continuous form, e.g. a tube of cream or ointment, the quantity is stated as the number of bottles or tubes supplied rather than as a liquid or semi-liquid volume.
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Where supply of the original prescription and any repeat(s) is made at the one time, pursuant to Regulation 24 of the *National Health (Pharmaceutical Benefits) Regulations 1960* (Cwth), the value reported must be the total quantity supplied.

Source and reference attributes

Submitting organisation: Department of Health

Reference documents: Office of Parliamentary Counsel, ComLaw website 2014. National Health (Pharmaceutical Benefits) Regulations 1960 (Cwth). Office of Parliamentary Counsel, Canberra. Viewed 12 February 2015, <http://www.comlaw.gov.au/Details/F2014C00771>

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 = PBS_RGLTN24_ADJST_QTY

Implementation in Indicators:

Used as Numerator

[Australian Atlas of Healthcare Variation 2018: Number of PBS/RPBS prescriptions dispensed for ADHD medicines per 100,000 people, aged 17 years and under, 2013-14, 2014-15, 2015-16 and 2016-17](#)

[Australian Commission on Safety and Quality in Health Care](#), Standard 13/12/2018

[Australian Atlas of Healthcare Variation 2018: Number of PBS/RPBS prescriptions dispensed for antimicrobials per 100,000 people, 2013-14, 2014-15, 2015-16 and 2016-17](#)

[Australian Commission on Safety and Quality in Health Care](#), Standard 13/12/2018

[Australian Atlas of Healthcare Variation 2018: Number of PBS/RPBS prescriptions dispensed for antipsychotic medicines per 100,000 people, 2013-14, 2014-15, 2015-16 and 2016-17 \(i\) Age 17 years & under, \(ii\) Age 18 - 64 years, \(iii\) Age 65 years & over](#)

[Australian Commission on Safety and Quality in Health Care](#), Standard 13/12/2018

[Australian Atlas of Healthcare Variation 2018: Number of PBS/RPBS prescriptions dispensed for opioid medicines per 100,000 people, 2013-14, 2014-15, 2015-16 and 2016-17](#)

[Australian Commission on Safety and Quality in Health Care](#), Standard 13/12/2018

[Australian Atlas of Healthcare Variation 2018: Number of PBS/RPBS prescriptions dispensed for proton pump inhibitor medicines per 100,000 people aged \(i\) 18 years and over, \(ii\) 1 year and under, 2016-17](#)

[Australian Commission on Safety and Quality in Health Care](#), Standard 13/12/2018

[Number of PBS/RPBS prescriptions dispensed for amoxicillin per 100,000 people, 2017-18](#)

[Australian Commission on Safety and Quality in Health Care](#), Standard 22/09/2020

[Number of PBS/RPBS prescriptions dispensed for amoxicillin-clavulanate per 100,000 people, 2017-18](#)

[Australian Commission on Safety and Quality in Health Care](#), Standard 22/09/2020

[Number of PBS/RPBS prescriptions dispensed for antimicrobials per 100,000 people, 2017-18](#)

[Australian Commission on Safety and Quality in Health Care](#), Standard 22/09/2020

[Number of PBS/RPBS prescriptions dispensed for proton pump inhibitor medicines per 100,000 people aged 75 years and over, 2018-19](#)

[Australian Commission on Safety and Quality in Health Care](#), Standard 27/04/2021

