

Pharmaceutical Benefits Scheme (PBS) prescription —specialty of prescriber, major specialty code NNNN

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Identifying and definitional attributes

Metadata item type:	Data Element
Short name:	Major specialty of prescriber
METEOR identifier:	607130
Registration status:	Commonwealth Department of Health , Standard 17/12/2015
Definition:	The major field of specialty of the authorised health professional responsible for the writing and signing of a prescription for a medicinal product included in the Pharmaceutical Benefits Scheme (PBS), as represented by a code.
Data Element Concept:	Pharmaceutical Benefits Scheme (PBS) prescription—specialty of prescriber
Value Domain:	Health professional major specialty code NNNN

Value domain attributes

Representational attributes

Representation class:	Code
Data type:	String
Format:	NNNN
Maximum character length:	4

	Value	Meaning
Permissible values:	0101	General practitioner - Vocationally registered GP (VRGP)
	0102	General practitioner - Non-vocationally registered GP (Non-VRGP)
	0103	General practitioner - GP trainee
	0104	General practitioner - GP unclassified
	0201	Specialist - internal medicine
	0202	Specialist - immunology and allergy
	0203	Specialist - cardiology
	0204	Specialist - haematology
	0205	Specialist - endocrinology
	0206	Specialist - gastroenterology and hepatology
	0207	Specialist - nephrology
	0208	Specialist - neurology
	0209	Specialist - nuclear medicine
	0210	Specialist - paediatric medicine
	0211	Specialist - rehabilitation medicine
	0212	Specialist - rheumatology
	0213	Specialist - respiratory and sleep medicine
	0214	Specialist - geriatric medicine

0215	Specialist - medical oncology
0216	Specialist - intensive care
0217	Specialist - pathology
0218	Specialist - surgery
0219	Specialist - diagnostic radiology
0220	Specialist - anaesthetics
0221	Specialist - dermatology
0222	Specialist - obstetrics and gynaecology
0223	Specialist - ophthalmology
0224	Specialist - ear, nose and throat (ENT)
0225	Specialist - public health medicine
0226	Specialist - oral and maxillofacial surgery
0227	Specialist - palliative medicine
0228	Specialist - occupational and environmental medicine
0229	Specialist - infectious diseases
0230	Specialist - clinical genetics
0231	Specialist - psychiatry
0232	Specialist - college trainee - physician
0233	Specialist - sport and exercise medicine
0234	Specialist - addiction medicine
0235	Specialist - sexual health medicine
0236	Specialist - maternal-foetal medicine
0237	Specialist - reproductive endocrinology and infertility
0238	Specialist - urogynaecology
0299	Specialist - unclassified
0301	Allied health - Aboriginal Health Worker
0302	Allied health - allied mental health
0303	Allied health - chiropractor
0304	Allied health - dietician
0305	Allied health - midwife
0306	Allied health - nurse practitioner
0307	Allied health - occupational therapist
0308	Allied health - optometrist
0309	Allied health - osteopath
0310	Allied health - physiotherapist
0311	Allied health - podiatrist
0312	Allied health - speech pathologist
0313	Allied health - audiologist
0314	Allied health - social worker
0399	Allied health - unclassified
0401	Dental practitioner - oral surgery
0402	Dental practitioner - registered
0403	Dental practitioner - endodontist

0404	Dental practitioner - orthodontist
0405	Dental practitioner - periodontist
0406	Dental practitioner - prosthetist
0407	Dental practitioner - prosthodontist
0499	Dental practitioner - unclassified

Collection and usage attributes

Guide for use: The first 2 characters of the code represent the broad group into which the health professional falls, i.e. either a General Practitioner (GP), Specialist, Allied health professional or Dental practitioner. Characters 3-4 of the code represent the health professional's major field of specialty.

Source and reference attributes

Submitting organisation: Department of Health

Data element attributes

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Relational attributes

Related metadata references: See also [Pharmaceutical Benefits Scheme \(PBS\) prescription—specialty of prescriber, group code NN](#)
[Commonwealth Department of Health](#), Standard 17/12/2015

See also [Pharmaceutical Benefits Scheme \(PBS\) prescription—specialty of prescriber, subspecialty code NNNNNN](#)
[Commonwealth Department of Health](#), Standard 17/12/2015

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

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DSS specific information:

This data element is not part of the 2013-14 data extracted provided to the states and territories. It is a more detailed version of the 'Speciality group of prescriber' data element and is included here so it can be taken through the data governance process.