

Individual service provider—occupation (self-identified), code (ASCO 2nd edn) N[NNN]{-NN}

Identifying and definitional attributes

Metadata item type:	Data Element
Short name:	Provider occupation category (self-identified)
METEOR identifier:	289047
Registration status:	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Community Services (retired), Superseded 27/03/2007• Health, Superseded 05/10/2016
Definition:	A health care occupation that an individual provider identifies as being one in which they provide a significant amount of services, as represented by a code.
Data Element Concept:	Individual service provider—occupation (self-identified)

Value domain attributes

Representational attributes

Classification scheme:	Australian Standard Classification of Occupations 2nd edition
Representation class:	Code
Data type:	Number
Format:	N[NNN]{-NN}
Maximum character length:	6

Data element attributes

Collection and usage attributes

Guide for use:	The following is a list of the more common health care occupations, however, it is not intended to represent all the possible health care occupations: Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health Worker (ASCO code 3493 11) Acupuncturist (ASCO code 2394-13) Aged or Disabled Person Carer (ASCO code 6313-17)
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Ambulance officer (ASCO code 3491-11)
Anaesthetist (ASCO code 2312-11)
Audiologist (ASCO code 2399-11)
Chiropractor (ASCO code 2387-11)
Clinical Psychologist (ASCO code 2514-11)
Dental Assistant (ASCO code 6391-11)
Dental Hygienist (ASCO code 3492-13)
Dental Specialist (ASCO code 2381-13)
Dental Technician (ASCO code 3492-15)
Dental Therapist (ASCO code 3492-11)
Dentist (ASCO code 2381-11)
Dermatologist (ASCO code 2312-13)
Dietician (ASCO code 2393-11)
Drug and Alcohol Counsellor (ASCO code 2513-13)
Enrolled Nurse (ASCO code 3411-11)
General Medical Practitioner (ASCO code 2311-11)
Health Professionals nec (ASCO code 2399-79)
Hospital Pharmacist (ASCO code 2382-11)
Intensive Care Ambulance Paramedic (ASCO code 3491-13)
Massage Therapist (ASCO code 3494-11)
Medical Diagnostic Radiographer (ASCO code 2391-11)
Medical Practitioner in Training (ASCO code 2311-81)
Natural Therapy Professional nec (ASCO code 2394-79)
Naturopath (ASCO code 2394-11)
Nuclear Medicine Technologist (ASCO code 2391-15)
Nurse Educator (ASCO code 2322-11)
Nurse Manager (ASCO code 2321-11)
Nurse Researcher (ASCO code 2322-13)
Nursing Assistant (ASCO code 6314-13)
Occupational Therapist (ASCO code 2383-11)
Ophthalmologist (ASCO code 2312-19)
Optometrist (ASCO code 2384-11)
Orthoptist (ASCO code 2399-13)
Orthotist (ASCO code 2399-15)
Osteopath (ASCO code 2387-13)
Paediatrician (ASCO code 2312-21)
Pathologist (ASCO code 2312-23)

Physiotherapist (ASCO code 2385-11)
Podiatrist (ASCO code 2388-11)
Psychiatrist (ASCO code 2312-27)
Psychologists nec (ASCO code 2514-79)
Radiation Therapist (ASCO code 2391-13)
Radiologist (ASCO code 2312-29)
Registered Developmental Disability Nurse (ASCO code 2326-11)
Registered Mental Health Nurse (ASCO code 2325-11)
Registered Midwife (ASCO code 2324-11)
Registered Nurse (ASCO code 2323-11)
Rehabilitation Counsellor (ASCO code 2513-11)
Retail Pharmacist (ASCO code 2382-15)
Social Worker (ASCO code 2511-11)
Sonographer (ASCO code 2391-17)
Specialist Medical Practitioner NEC (ASCO code 2312-79)
Specialist Physician (ASCO code 2312-25)
Speech Pathologist (ASCO code 2386-11)
Surgeon (ASCO code 2312-31)
Therapy Aide (ASCO code 6313-19)

Collection methods:

Data is collected at the time a health care provider identification record is created.

Multiple instances of health care occupation may be collected where the individual provides a significant amount of services in more than one category. For example, a dentist who is also a medical practitioner may practice as both.

Record as many as apply.

Accurate data are best achieved using computer assisted coding. A computer assisted coding system is available from the ABS to assist in coding occupational data to ASCO codes.

Data coded at the 4-digit and 6-digit level will provide more detailed information than that collected at the higher levels and may be more useful. However, the level at which data are coded and reported will depend on the purpose of collecting this information.

Comments:

ASCO defines 'occupation' as 'a set of jobs with similar sets of tasks'. Operationally this is defined as 'a collection of jobs which are sufficiently similar in their main tasks to be grouped together for purposes of the classification'. Job is defined as 'a set of tasks designed to be performed by one individual for a wage or salary'.

ASCO will be replaced in 2006 by the Australia and New Zealand Standard Classification of Occupations.

Source and reference attributes

Submitting organisation: Standards Australia

Reference documents: AS4846 Health Care Provider Identification, 2004, Sydney: Standards Australia.

In AS4846 this data element is referred to as 'Provider main field of practice'.

Relational attributes

Related metadata references:

Has been superseded by [Individual service provider—occupation \(self-identified\), code \(ANZSCO 1st edition\) N\[NNN\]{NN}](#)

- [Community Services \(retired\)](#), Superseded 01/10/2013
- [Health](#), Superseded 05/10/2016

Implementation in Data Set Specifications:

[Health care provider identification DSS Health](#), Superseded 04/07/2007

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