

Registered medical professional labour force DSS

Identifying and definitional attributes

Metadata item type: Data Set Specification

METEOR identifier: 375422

Registration status:

- [Health](#), Standard 10/12/2009

DSS type: Data Set Specification (DSS)

Scope: All medical professionals listed with the Australian Health Practitioner Regulation Agency during the reference period, including:

- medical practitioners;
- medical specialists; and
- medical specialists-in-training.

Medical professionals included in this DSS may be currently registered or they may be listed but not currently registered.

Collection and usage attributes

Statistical unit: The statistical unit for this data set is the Registered medical professional.

A Registered medical professional refers to a person who is currently registered, or who has been registered, with the Australian Health Practitioner Regulation Agency as a medical practitioner, medical specialist or medical specialist-in-training at any time during the reference period.

Guide for use: This DSS is a component of the [Registered health labour force DSS](#). The Registered health labour force DSS contains profession-specific DSS for health professions listed with the Australian Health Practitioner Regulation Agency.

Note that a health professional may be qualified and registered in more than one profession.

Within each profession-specific DSS there are data clusters that apply to health professionals employed in the profession. Main job data clusters apply to all health professionals employed in the profession. Second job data clusters relate only to those health professionals employed in more than one job in the profession. All other workforce data elements in the DSS apply to all jobs held in the profession.

Collection methods: *National reporting arrangements*

Registered health professionals provide data to the Australian Health Practitioner Regulation Agency as part of their initial registration and registration renewal processes. The data includes information required for registration purposes and additional workforce data.

The Australian Health Practitioner Regulation Agency provides an extract of these data to the Australian Institute of Health and Welfare (AIHW) for the purposes of national collation and reporting. The data in this DSS comprises demographic, registration and work characteristics information.

Periods for which data are collected and collated

Data are collated annually. The period is determined by the national registration renewal period for medical professionals.

Collection of workforce data

Health professionals are asked to report data for their main job, second job, and all jobs in the profession. Some health professionals may hold more than two jobs in the profession therefore data reported for main and second jobs may be less than data reported for all jobs in the profession.

Source and reference attributes

Submitting organisation: Australian Institute of Health and Welfare

Reference documents: For further information regarding the national registration scheme for health professionals, please see the Australian Health Practitioner Regulation Agency website at <http://www.ahpra.gov.au>

Relational attributes

Implementation in Data Set Specifications: [Registered health labour force NBEDSHealth](#), Standard 10/12/2009

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Seq No.	Metadata item	Obligation	Max occurs
-	Labour force status cluster	Optional	1
-	Main job of registered medical professional cluster	Optional	1
-	Second job of registered medical professional cluster	Optional	1
-	Work setting hours cluster	Optional	1
-	Person (address)—Australian postcode, code (Postcode datafile) {NNNN}	Mandatory	1
-	Person (address)—suburb/town/locality name, text A[A(49)]	Mandatory	1
-	Person—Australian state/territory of birth, code N	Optional	1
-	Person—country of birth, code (SACC 2008) NNNN	Optional	1
-	Person—date of birth, MMYYYY	Mandatory	1
-	Person—Indigenous status, code N	Optional	1
-	Person—sex, code N	Mandatory	1
-	Registered health professional—hours worked in clinical role, total hours NNN	Optional	1
-	Registered health professional—hours worked in health profession, total hours NNN	Optional	1
-	Registered health professional—hours worked in non-clinical role, total hours NNN	Optional	1
-	Registered health professional—hours worked in private sector, total hours NNN	Optional	1
-	Registered health professional—hours worked in public sector, total hours NNN	Optional	1
-	Registered health professional—intended years in profession, total years NN	Optional	1
-	Registered health professional—length of employment in profession in Australia, total years NN	Optional	1
-	Registered health professional—principal field of medicine, medical practitioner code N	Optional	1
-	Registered health professional—visa type, code AANNN	Optional	1