

# Main job of registered optometrist cluster

## Identifying and definitional attributes

**Metadata item type:** Data Set Specification

**METEOR identifier:** 383998

**Registration status:**

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

**DSS type:** Data Element Cluster

**Scope:** The main job of registered optometrists who were employed in the profession during the reference week.

The main job is defined as the post or position, funded by an organisation, in which the health professional worked the most hours during the reference week in Australia. The health professional may be an employee or they may be self-employed with the organisation.

## Collection and usage attributes

**Statistical unit:** The statistical unit for this data set is the Registered optometrist.

A Registered optometrist refers to a person who is currently registered, or who has been registered, with the Australian Health Practitioner Regulation Agency as an optometrist at any time during the reference period.

**Guide for use:** Data elements in this cluster assist in describing the type and distribution of services of registered optometrists in their main job. This cluster forms part of the Registered optometry labour force DSS, along with *Second job of registered optometrist* cluster, *Work setting hours* cluster, and a range of other data elements.

Data elements in this cluster are collected from all optometrists employed in the profession. Data elements in the *Second job of registered optometrist* cluster are collected only from those health professionals employed in more than one job in the profession. All other workforce data elements in the Registered optometry labour force DSS are collected from all health professionals registered in the profession and relate to all jobs held in the profession.

Registered health professionals on leave at the time of registration are asked to report based on the job that is usually their main job.

The main job:

- includes time spent travelling to home visits or calls out;
- excludes other time travelling between work locations; and
- excludes unpaid professional and/or voluntary activities.

## Source and reference attributes

**Submitting organisation:** Australian Institute of Health and Welfare

## Relational attributes

**Related metadata references:** See also [Second job of registered optometrist cluster](#)

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

**Implementation in Data Set Specifications:** [Registered optometry labour force DSS](#)[Health](#), Standard 10/12/2009

## Metadata items in this Data Set Specification

Seq No.	Metadata item	Obligation	Max occurs
-	<a href="#">Registered health professional—hours worked in health profession, total hours NNN</a>	Optional	1
-	<a href="#">Registered health professional—principal role, health profession code N</a>	Optional	1
-	<a href="#">Registered health professional—work sector in health profession, code N</a>	Optional	1
-	<a href="#">Registered health professional—work setting, optometrist code ANN</a>	Optional	1
-	<a href="#">Workplace (address)—Australian postcode, code (Postcode datafile) {NNNN}</a>	Mandatory	1
-	<a href="#">Workplace (address)—suburb/town/locality name, text A[A(49)]</a>	Mandatory	1