

# New health professional graduate cluster

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## Identifying and definitional attributes

**Metadata item type:** Data Set Specification

**METEOR identifier:** 544868

**Registration status:** [Health, Retired 31/10/2017](#)  
[Independent Hospital Pricing Authority, Superseded 17/08/2015](#)

**DSS type:** Data Element Cluster

**Scope:** These data elements are used in conjunction with each other to describe the volume of [new health professional graduates](#) within an establishment.

For the purposes of this data element cluster, new health professional graduates include any person who has graduated from a course and gained a qualification to practice as a health professional in Australia.

Dental, nursing, allied health and other diagnostic profession graduates who are in an existing new graduate training program and in their first or second year post graduation are considered new graduates.

Medical graduates that have graduated from a university medical school and are undertaking postgraduate prevocational medical training are considered new graduates. This first year is sometimes known as the intern year or postgraduate year one. Many junior doctors work for one or more years after their intern year to gain more experience. This is sometimes known as the postgraduate year two or postgraduate year three.

New health professional graduates may be employed by an establishment while undertaking clinical/professional education and training requirements as part of a new graduate program.

For the purposes of this data element cluster, new health professional graduates include the following medical, dental, nursing, allied health and other diagnostic professions:

- Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander health worker
- Audiology
- Chiropractic
- Dentistry
- Dietetics
- Exercise physiology
- Medicine
- Medical laboratory science
- Midwifery
- Nursing
- Occupational therapy
- Optometry
- Oral health
- Orthoptics
- Orthotics and prosthetics
- Osteopathy
- Paramedicine
- Pharmacy
- Physiotherapy
- Podiatry
- Psychology
- Radiation science
- Social work
- Sonography
- Speech pathology

## Collection and usage attributes

**Guide for use:**

The New health professional graduate cluster comprises two data elements that provide information on the total number of new graduate full-time equivalents (FTEs) and the profession of those students. In the case of new medical graduates, the cluster also describes the year of their postgraduate training.

The New health professional graduate cluster describes the following information for an establishment:

Profession	Total number of FTEs
Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander health worker	N[NNN{.N}]
Audiology	N[NNN{.N}]
Chiropractic	N[NNN{.N}]
Dentistry	N[NNN{.N}]
Dietetics	N[NNN{.N}]
Exercise physiology	N[NNN{.N}]
Medicine	N[NNN{.N}]
Medical laboratory science	N[NNN{.N}]
Midwifery	N[NNN{.N}]
Nursing	N[NNN{.N}]
Occupational therapy	N[NNN{.N}]
Optometry	N[NNN{.N}]
Oral health	N[NNN{.N}]
Orthoptics	N[NNN{.N}]
Orthotics and prosthetics	N[NNN{.N}]
Osteopathy	N[NNN{.N}]
Paramedicine	N[NNN{.N}]
Pharmacy	N[NNN{.N}]
Physiotherapy	N[NNN{.N}]
Podiatry	N[NNN{.N}]
Psychology	N[NNN{.N}]
Radiation science	N[NNN{.N}]
Social work	N[NNN{.N}]
Sonography	N[NNN{.N}]
Speech pathology	N[NNN{.N}]

## Source and reference attributes

**Submitting organisation:** Independent Hospital Pricing Authority

## Relational attributes

**Related metadata references:** Has been superseded by [New health professional graduate cluster](#)  
[Independent Hospital Pricing Authority](#), Retired 31/10/2017

**Implementation in Data Set Specifications:** [Hospital teaching and training activities DSS 2014-15](#)  
[Health](#), Retired 31/10/2017  
[Independent Hospital Pricing Authority](#), Superseded 27/11/2017  
**Implementation start date:** 01/07/2014  
**Implementation end date:** 30/06/2015  
**Conditional obligation:** The data elements in this data element cluster are only required to be reported for establishments able to collect data on [new health professional graduates](#).

## Metadata items in this Data Set Specification

Seq No.	Metadata item	Obligation	Max occurs
1	<a href="#">Establishment—full-time equivalent new health professional graduates, total N[NNN{.N}]</a>	Mandatory	33
<p><b>DSS specific information:</b></p> <p>If a legitimate data value cannot be provided by a jurisdiction for a particular category, such an occurrence should be handled via the use of a supplementary value of 9999.7.</p>			
2	<a href="#">New health professional graduate—qualified profession type, code N[N].N</a>	Mandatory	33