

# Pharmaceutical Benefits Scheme (PBS) item code NN[NNN]A

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## Identifying and definitional attributes

<b>Metadata item type:</b>	Value Domain
<b>Synonymous names:</b>	PBS item code
<b>METEOR identifier:</b>	600257
<b>Registration status:</b>	<a href="#">Commonwealth Department of Health</a> , Retired 19/10/2023
<b>Definition:</b>	<p>The code set representing the medicinal and therapeutic products included in the Schedule of Pharmaceutical Benefits.</p> <p>The code set also includes the items listed in the separate Repatriation Schedule of Pharmaceutical Benefits (RPBS), which are structured in the same way.</p>

## Representational attributes

<b>Classification scheme:</b>	<a href="#">Schedule of Pharmaceutical Benefits</a>
<b>Representation class:</b>	Code
<b>Data type:</b>	String
<b>Format:</b>	NN[NNN]A
<b>Maximum character length:</b>	6

## Collection and usage attributes

<b>Guide for use:</b>	<p>A fifth numeric character was added to the PBS item code in 2013. The allocation of item codes with the additional digit commenced with the PBS schedule applicable from 1 December 2013, with older codes remaining valid where appropriate.</p> <p>The final alphabetic character is a check digit.</p>
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## Source and reference attributes

<b>Submitting organisation:</b>	Department of Health
<b>Reference documents:</b>	<p>Department of Health 2015. Schedule of Pharmaceutical Benefits. Department of Health, Canberra. Viewed 18 September 2015, <a href="http://www.pbs.gov.au/browse/publications">http://www.pbs.gov.au/browse/publications</a></p> <p>Department of Health 2015. Repatriation Schedule of Pharmaceutical Benefits. Department of Health, Canberra. Viewed 22 October 2015, <a href="http://www.pbs.gov.au/browse/rpbs">http://www.pbs.gov.au/browse/rpbs</a></p>

## Relational attributes

<b>Data elements implementing this value domain:</b>	<a href="#">Pharmaceutical Benefits Scheme (PBS) prescription—PBS item prescribed, code NN[NNN]A</a> <a href="#">Commonwealth Department of Health</a> , Retired 19/10/2023
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