

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

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Identifying and definitional attributes

Metadata item type:	Value Domain
Synonymous names:	PBS item code
METEOR identifier:	600257
Registration status:	Commonwealth Department of Health , Retired 19/10/2023
Definition:	<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

Classification scheme:	Schedule of Pharmaceutical Benefits
Representation class:	Code
Data type:	String
Format:	NN[NNN]A
Maximum character length:	6

Collection and usage attributes

Guide for use:	<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

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

Relational attributes

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