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](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/10), Retired 19/10/2023 |
| Definition: | The code set representing the medicinal and therapeutic products included in the Schedule of Pharmaceutical Benefits.  The code set also includes the items listed in the separate Repatriation Schedule of Pharmaceutical Benefits (RPBS), which are structured in the same way. |

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| Representational attributes | | |
| Classification scheme: | [Schedule of Pharmaceutical Benefits](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/600767) | |
| Representation class: | Code | |
| Data type: | String | |
| Format: | NN[NNN]A | |
| Maximum character length: | 6 | |

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| Collection and usage attributes | |
| Guide for use: | 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.  The final alphabetic character is a check digit. |

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

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| Relational attributes | |
| Data elements implementing this value domain: | [Pharmaceutical Benefits Scheme (PBS) prescription—PBS item prescribed, code NN[NNN]A](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/600778)  [Commonwealth Department of Health](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/10), Retired 19/10/2023 |