

# Pharmaceutical Benefits Scheme (PBS)

## prescription—specialty of prescriber, group code NN

### Identifying and definitional attributes

<b>Metadata item type:</b>	Data Element
<b>Short name:</b>	Specialty group of prescriber
<b>METEOR identifier:</b>	600681
<b>Registration status:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <a href="#">Commonwealth Department of Health</a>, Standard 17/12/2015</li></ul>
<b>Definition:</b>	The broad field of specialty of the authorised health professional responsible for the writing and signing of a prescription for a medicinal product included in the Pharmaceutical Benefits Scheme (PBS), as represented by a code.

### Data element concept attributes

#### Identifying and definitional attributes

<b>Data element concept:</b>	<a href="#">Pharmaceutical Benefits Scheme (PBS) prescription—specialty of prescriber</a>
<b>METEOR identifier:</b>	600679
<b>Registration status:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <a href="#">Commonwealth Department of Health</a>, Standard 17/12/2015</li></ul>
<b>Definition:</b>	The field of specialty of the authorised health professional responsible for the writing and signing of a prescription for a medicinal product included in the Pharmaceutical Benefits Scheme (PBS).
<b>Object class:</b>	<a href="#">Pharmaceutical Benefits Scheme (PBS) prescription</a>
<b>Property:</b>	<a href="#">Specialty of prescriber</a>

#### Source and reference attributes

**Submitting organisation:** Department of Health

### Value domain attributes

#### Identifying and definitional attributes

**Value domain:** [Health professional specialty group code NN](#)  
**METEOR identifier:** 601978  
**Registration status:**

- [Commonwealth Department of Health](#), Standard 14/10/2015

**Definition:** A code set representing broad categories of medical specialty.  
**Context:** The categories and codes presented here are commonly used in the context of the Medical Benefits Schedule (MBS) and Pharmaceutical Benefits Scheme (PBS).

## Representational attributes

**Representation class:** Code  
**Data type:** String  
**Format:** NN  
**Maximum character length:** 2  
**Permissible values:**

Value	Meaning
01	General practitioner (GP)
02	Specialist
03	Allied health professional
04	Dental practitioner

## Collection and usage attributes

**Guide for use:** More detailed versions of this value domain, including codes at the major field of specialty level and the subspecialty level, are also available.

## Source and reference attributes

**Submitting organisation:** Department of Health

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## Relational attributes

**Related metadata references:** See also [Pharmaceutical Benefits Scheme \(PBS\) prescription—specialty of prescriber, major specialty code NNNN](#)

- [Commonwealth Department of Health](#), Standard 17/12/2015

See also [Pharmaceutical Benefits Scheme \(PBS\) prescription—specialty of prescriber, subspecialty code NNNNNN](#)

- [Commonwealth Department of Health](#), Standard 17/12/2015

**Implementation in Data Set Specifications:**

[Pharmaceutical Benefits Scheme \(PBS\) state/territory data extract 2013-14 Commonwealth Department of Health](#), Standard 17/12/2015

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