

Pharmaceutical Benefits Scheme (PBS) prescription —prescriber identifier, identifier N[N(19)]

Identifying and definitional attributes

Metadata item type:	Data Element
Short name:	Prescriber identifier
Synonymous names:	Prescriber number; Prescriber ID; Doctor's number; Doctor's ID
METEOR identifier:	600762
Registration status:	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Commonwealth Department of Health, Standard 17/12/2015
Definition:	A unique numeric identifier for the prescriber of the Pharmaceutical Benefits Scheme (PBS) item for which the PBS benefit is being claimed.
Data Element Concept:	Pharmaceutical Benefits Scheme (PBS) prescription—prescriber identifier

Value domain attributes

Representational attributes

Representation class:	Identifier
Data type:	String
Format:	N[N(19)]
Maximum character length:	20

Source and reference attributes

Submitting organisation: Department of Health

Data element attributes

Collection and usage attributes

Guide for use: Under the provisions of the Pharmaceutical Benefits Scheme (PBS), medications can be prescribed by medical practitioners, and authorised dental practitioners, optometrists, nurse practitioners and midwives.

Source and reference attributes

Submitting organisation: Department of Health

Relational attributes

Implementation in Data Set Specifications:

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

Implementation start date: 01/07/2013

Implementation end date: 30/06/2014

DSS specific information:

Variable name = PRESC_ID

In the context of PBS data, this data element describes the prescriber number of the provider who wrote the prescription for which a PBS benefit is paid.

Prescriber numbers are allocated to providers authorised to prescribe medication under the PBS. These prescribers include medical practitioners, dental practitioners, optometrists, nurse practitioners and midwives. The data item is referred to within the PBS system as 'Prescriber ID'.

This data element can be used to identify individual prescribers and may, in some use cases, need to be suppressed or de-identified.