Pharmaceutical Benefits Scheme (PBS) prescription—quantity of PBS item supplied, total number N[NNN]

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| Identifying and definitional attributes |
| Metadata item type: | Data Element |
| Short name: | Quantity of PBS item supplied |
| METEOR identifier: | 601876 |
| Registration status: | [Commonwealth Department of Health](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/10), Retired 19/10/2023 |
| Definition: | The total amount of the Pharmaceutical Benefits Scheme (PBS) item [**dispensed**](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/602791) by a pharmacist, expressed either as a number of packs or units of use. |
| Context: | In the context of the Pharmaceutical Benefits Scheme, the term 'quantity' refers to the amount of the drug dispensed, expressed in terms of either a number of packs or units of use. |
| Data Element Concept: | [Pharmaceutical Benefits Scheme (PBS) prescription—quantity of PBS item supplied](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/601874)  |
| Value Domain: | [Total number N[NNN]](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/480158) |

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| Value domain attributes |
| Representational attributes |
| Representation class: | Total |
| Data type: | Number |
| Format: | N[NNN] |
| Maximum character length: | 4 |
|   | **Value** | **Meaning** |
| Supplementary values: | 9999  | Not stated/inadequately described  |

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| Data element attributes  |
| Collection and usage attributes |
| Guide for use: | The method of specifying the quantity varies between items:* If the item is supplied in a pack that cannot be broken, the quantity is stated as a number of packs, e.g. 1 (pack of tablets), rather than a number of units of use, e.g. 28 (tablets).
* If the item is supplied in a pack that can be broken, the quantity can be reported as the total number of units of use, e.g. 14 (tablets) rather than 0.5 (of a pack of tablets).
* If the item is supplied in a bottle or in a continuous form, e.g. a tube of cream or ointment, the quantity is stated as the number of bottles or tubes supplied rather than as a liquid or semi-liquid volume.

Where supply of the original prescription and any repeat(s) is made at the one time, pursuant to Regulation 24 of the *National Health (Pharmaceutical Benefits) Regulations 1960* (Cwth), the value reported must be the total quantity supplied. |
| Source and reference attributes |
| Submitting organisation: | Department of Health |
| Reference documents: | Office of Parliamentary Counsel, ComLaw website 2014. National Health (Pharmaceutical Benefits) Regulations 1960 (Cwth). Office of Parliamentary Counsel, Canberra. Viewed 12 February 2015,<http://www.comlaw.gov.au/Details/F2014C00771> |
| Relational attributes |
| Implementation in Data Set Specifications: | [Pharmaceutical Benefits Scheme (PBS) state/territory data extract 2013-14](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/602524)       [Commonwealth Department of Health](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/10), Retired 19/10/2023***Implementation start date:*** 01/07/2013***Implementation end date:*** 30/06/2014***DSS specific information:*** Variable name = PBS\_RGLTN24\_ADJST\_QTY |
| Implementation in Indicators: | **Used as Numerator**[Australian Atlas of Healthcare Variation 2018: Number of PBS/RPBS prescriptions dispensed for ADHD medicines per 100,000 people, aged 17 years and under, 2013-14, 2014-15, 2015-16 and 2016-17](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/709507)       [Australian Commission on Safety and Quality in Health Care](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/18), Standard 13/12/2018[Australian Atlas of Healthcare Variation 2018: Number of PBS/RPBS prescriptions dispensed for antimicrobials per 100,000 people, 2013-14, 2014-15, 2015-16 and 2016-17](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/709488)       [Australian Commission on Safety and Quality in Health Care](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/18), Standard 13/12/2018[Australian Atlas of Healthcare Variation 2018: Number of PBS/RPBS prescriptions dispensed for antipsychotic medicines per 100,000 people, 2013-14, 2014-15, 2015-16 and 2016-17 (i) Age 17 years & under, (ii) Age 18 - 64 years, (iii) Age 65 years & over](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/709504)       [Australian Commission on Safety and Quality in Health Care](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/18), Standard 13/12/2018[Australian Atlas of Healthcare Variation 2018: Number of PBS/RPBS prescriptions dispensed for opioid medicines per 100,000 people, 2013-14, 2014-15, 2015-16 and 2016-17](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/709514)       [Australian Commission on Safety and Quality in Health Care](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/18), Standard 13/12/2018[Australian Atlas of Healthcare Variation 2018: Number of PBS/RPBS prescriptions dispensed for proton pump inhibitor medicines per 100,000 people aged (i) 18 years and over, (ii) 1 year and under, 2016-17](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/709274)       [Australian Commission on Safety and Quality in Health Care](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/18), Standard 13/12/2018[Number of PBS/RPBS prescriptions dispensed for amoxicillin per 100,000 people, 2017-18](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/723565)       [Australian Commission on Safety and Quality in Health Care](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/18), Standard 22/09/2020[Number of PBS/RPBS prescriptions dispensed for amoxicillin-clavulanate per 100,000 people, 2017-18](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/723567)       [Australian Commission on Safety and Quality in Health Care](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/18), Standard 22/09/2020[Number of PBS/RPBS prescriptions dispensed for antimicrobials per 100,000 people, 2017-18](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/723543)       [Australian Commission on Safety and Quality in Health Care](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/18), Standard 22/09/2020[Number of PBS/RPBS prescriptions dispensed for antipsychotic medicines per 100,000 people, aged 65 years and over, 2016–17 to 2020–21](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/752714)       [Australian Commission on Safety and Quality in Health Care](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/18), Standard 15/09/2022[Number of PBS/RPBS prescriptions dispensed for opioid medicines per 100,000 people, all ages 2016-17 to 2020-21](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/754809)       [Australian Commission on Safety and Quality in Health Care](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/18), Standard 15/09/2022[Number of PBS/RPBS prescriptions dispensed for proton pump inhibitor medicines per 100,000 people aged 75 years and over, 2018-19](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/726379)       [Australian Commission on Safety and Quality in Health Care](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/18), Standard 27/04/2021 |