Pharmaceutical Benefits Scheme (PBS) prescriber type code A

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| Identifying and definitional attributes | |
| Metadata item type: | Value Domain |
| METEOR identifier: | 603783 |
| Registration status: | [Commonwealth Department of Health](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/10), Retired 19/10/2023 |
| Definition: | A code set representing the types of health professional authorised to prescribe medicinal products under the Pharmaceutical Benefits Scheme (PBS). |

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| Representational attributes | | |
| Representation class: | Code | |
| Data type: | String | |
| Format: | A | |
| Maximum character length: | 1 | |
|  | **Value** | **Meaning** |
| Permissible values: | M | Medical practitioner |
|  | D | Dental practitioner |
|  | B | Both |
|  | O | Optometrist |
|  | N | Nurse practitioner |
|  | W | Midwife |

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| Collection and usage attributes | |
| Guide for use: | CODE B   Both  This code should only be present in historical data records. It represents instances where a prescriber was qualified as both a medical practitioner and a dental practitioner, i.e. the only fields of specialty that were able to be authorised as PBS prescribers prior to 1 January 2008.  From 1 January 2008, optometrists have been able to be authorised as PBS prescribers.  From 1 September 2010, nurse practitioners and midwives have been able to be authorised as PBS prescribers. |

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| Source and reference attributes | |
| Submitting organisation: | Department of Health |

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| Relational attributes | |
| Data elements implementing this value domain: | [Pharmaceutical Benefits Scheme (PBS) prescription—prescriber type, code A](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/603862)  [Commonwealth Department of Health](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/10), Retired 19/10/2023 |