

Pharmaceutical Benefits Scheme (PBS) prescription —prescriber type, code A

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Identifying and definitional attributes

Metadata item type:	Data Element
Short name:	Prescriber type
METEOR identifier:	603862
Registration status:	Commonwealth Department of Health , Retired 19/10/2023
Definition:	The broad field of specialty of the Pharmaceutical Benefits Scheme (PBS) prescriber responsible for the writing and signing of the prescription, as represented by a code.
Data Element Concept:	Pharmaceutical Benefits Scheme (PBS) prescription—prescriber type
Value Domain:	Pharmaceutical Benefits Scheme (PBS) prescriber type code A

Value domain attributes

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

Collection and usage attributes

Guide for use:	CODE B Both
<p>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.</p> <p>From 1 January 2008, optometrists have been able to be authorised as PBS prescribers.</p> <p>From 1 September 2010, nurse practitioners and midwives have been able to be authorised as PBS prescribers.</p>	

Source and reference attributes

Submitting organisation:	Department of Health
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Data element attributes

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Relational attributes

Implementation in Data Set Specifications: [Pharmaceutical Benefits Scheme \(PBS\) state/territory data extract 2013-14](#)
[Commonwealth Department of Health](#), Retired 19/10/2023

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Implementation end date: 30/06/2014

DSS specific information:

Variable name = PRSCRBR_TYP_CD