

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

## Identifying and definitional attributes

<b>Metadata item type:</b>	Data Element
<b>Short name:</b>	Prescriber type
<b>METEOR identifier:</b>	603862
<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 <a href="#">Pharmaceutical Benefits Scheme (PBS) prescriber</a> responsible for the writing and signing of the prescription, as represented by a code.
<b>Data Element Concept:</b>	<a href="#">Pharmaceutical Benefits Scheme (PBS) prescription—prescriber type</a>

## Value domain attributes

### Representational attributes

<b>Representation class:</b>	Code														
<b>Data type:</b>	String														
<b>Format:</b>	A														
<b>Maximum character length:</b>	1														
<b>Permissible values:</b>	<table><thead><tr><th>Value</th><th>Meaning</th></tr></thead><tbody><tr><td>M</td><td>Medical practitioner</td></tr><tr><td>D</td><td>Dental practitioner</td></tr><tr><td>B</td><td>Both</td></tr><tr><td>O</td><td>Optometrist</td></tr><tr><td>N</td><td>Nurse practitioner</td></tr><tr><td>W</td><td>Midwife</td></tr></tbody></table>	Value	Meaning	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.

## Source and reference attributes

**Submitting organisation:** Department of Health

## 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](#), Standard 17/12/2015

*Implementation start date:* 01/07/2013

*Implementation end date:* 30/06/2014

*DSS specific information:*

Variable name = PRSCRBR\_TYP\_CD