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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](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/10), Retired 19/10/2023 |
| Definition: | The broad field of specialty of the  [**Pharmaceutical Benefits Scheme (PBS) prescriber**](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/606757) responsible for the writing and signing of the prescription, as represented by a code. |
| Data Element Concept: | [Pharmaceutical Benefits Scheme (PBS) prescription—prescriber type](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/603860) |
| Value Domain: | [Pharmaceutical Benefits Scheme (PBS) prescriber type code A](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/603783) |

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| 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 |

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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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| Submitting organisation: | Department of Health |
| 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 = PRSCRBR\_TYP\_CD |