

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

Identifying and definitional attributes

Metadata item type:	Data Element
Short name:	Prescriber type
METEOR identifier:	603862
Registration status:	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Commonwealth Department of Health, Standard 17/12/2015
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 attributes

Representational attributes

Representation class:	Code														
Data type:	String														
Format:	A														
Maximum character length:	1														
Permissible values:	<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
	<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](#), Standard 17/12/2015

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Implementation end date: 30/06/2014

DSS specific information:

Variable name = PRSCRBR_TYP_CD