

# Health professional major specialty code NNNN

## Identifying and definitional attributes

**Metadata item type:** Value Domain

**METEOR identifier:** 607029

**Registration status:**

- [Commonwealth Department of Health](#), Standard 17/12/2015

**Definition:** A code set representing major categories of medical specialty.

**Context:** The categories and codes presented here are commonly used in the context of the Medical Benefits Schedule (MBS) and Pharmaceutical Benefits Scheme (PBS).

## Representational attributes

**Representation class:** Code

**Data type:** String

**Format:** NNNN

**Maximum character length:** 4

**Permissible values:**

Value	Meaning
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0101	General practitioner - Vocationally registered GP (VRGP)
0102	General practitioner - Non-vocationally registered GP (Non-VRGP)
0103	General practitioner - GP trainee
0104	General practitioner - GP unclassified
0201	Specialist - internal medicine
0202	Specialist - immunology and allergy
0203	Specialist - cardiology
0204	Specialist - haematology
0205	Specialist - endocrinology
0206	Specialist - gastroenterology and hepatology
0207	Specialist - nephrology
0208	Specialist - neurology
0209	Specialist - nuclear medicine
0210	Specialist - paediatric medicine
0211	Specialist - rehabilitation medicine
0212	Specialist - rheumatology
0213	Specialist - respiratory and sleep medicine
0214	Specialist - geriatric medicine
0215	Specialist - medical oncology
0216	Specialist - intensive care
0217	Specialist - pathology
0218	Specialist - surgery
0219	Specialist - diagnostic radiology
0220	Specialist - anaesthetics
0221	Specialist - dermatology

0222 Specialist - obstetrics and gynaecology  
0223 Specialist - ophthalmology  
0224 Specialist - ear, nose and throat (ENT)  
0225 Specialist - public health medicine  
0226 Specialist - oral and maxillofacial surgery  
0227 Specialist - palliative medicine  
0228 Specialist - occupational and environmental medicine  
0229 Specialist - infectious diseases  
  
0230 Specialist - clinical genetics  
0231 Specialist - psychiatry  
0232 Specialist - college trainee - physician  
0233 Specialist - sport and exercise medicine  
0234 Specialist - addiction medicine  
0235 Specialist - sexual health medicine  
0236 Specialist - maternal-foetal medicine  
0237 Specialist - reproductive endocrinology and infertility  
0238 Specialist - urogynaecology  
0299 Specialist - unclassified  
0301 Allied health - Aboriginal Health Worker  
0302 Allied health - allied mental health  
0303 Allied health - chiropractor  
0304 Allied health - dietician  
0305 Allied health - midwife  
0306 Allied health - nurse practitioner  
0307 Allied health - occupational therapist  
0308 Allied health - optometrist  
0309 Allied health - osteopath  
0310 Allied health - physiotherapist  
0311 Allied health - podiatrist  
0312 Allied health - speech pathologist  
  
0313 Allied health - audiologist  
0314 Allied health - social worker  
0399 Allied health - unclassified  
0401 Dental practitioner - oral surgery  
0402 Dental practitioner - registered  
0403 Dental practitioner - endodontist  
0404 Dental practitioner - orthodontist  
0405 Dental practitioner - periodontist  
0406 Dental practitioner - prosthetist  
0407 Dental practitioner - prosthodontist  
0499 Dental practitioner - unclassified

## Collection and usage attributes

**Guide for use:** The first 2 characters of the code represent the broad group into which the health professional falls, i.e. either a General Practitioner (GP), Specialist, Allied health professional or Dental practitioner. Characters 3-4 of the code represent the health professional's major field of specialty.

## Source and reference attributes

**Submitting organisation:** Department of Health

## Relational attributes

**Related metadata references:**

See also [Health professional specialty group code NN](#)

- [Commonwealth Department of Health](#), Standard 14/10/2015

See also [Health professional subspecialty code NNNNNN](#)

- [Commonwealth Department of Health](#), Standard 17/12/2015

**Data elements implementing this value domain:**

[Pharmaceutical Benefits Scheme \(PBS\) prescription—specialty of prescriber, major specialty code NNNN](#)

- [Commonwealth Department of Health](#), Standard 17/12/2015