

Pharmaceutical Benefits Scheme (PBS) prescription —specialty of prescriber, major specialty code NNNN

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Identifying and definitional attributes

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| Metadata item type: | Data Element |
| Short name: | Major specialty of prescriber |
| METEOR identifier: | 607130 |
| Registration status: | Commonwealth Department of Health , Retired 19/10/2023 |
| Definition: | The major field of specialty of the authorised health professional responsible for the writing and signing of a prescription for a medicinal product included in the Pharmaceutical Benefits Scheme (PBS), as represented by a code. |
| Data Element Concept: | Pharmaceutical Benefits Scheme (PBS) prescription—specialty of prescriber |
| Value Domain: | Health professional major specialty code NNNN |

Value domain attributes

Representational attributes

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| Representation class: | Code |
| Data type: | String |
| Format: | NNNN |
| Maximum character length: | 4 |

| | Value | Meaning |
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| Permissible values: | 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 |
| Permissible values: | 0211 | Specialist - rehabilitation medicine |
| | 0212 | Specialist - rheumatology |
| | 0213 | Specialist - respiratory and sleep medicine |
| | 0214 | Specialist - geriatric medicine |

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| 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 |

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| 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

Data element attributes

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Relational attributes

Related metadata references: See also [Pharmaceutical Benefits Scheme \(PBS\) prescription—specialty of prescriber, group code NN](#)
[Commonwealth Department of Health](#), Retired 19/10/2023

See also [Pharmaceutical Benefits Scheme \(PBS\) prescription—specialty of prescriber, subspecialty code NNNNNN](#)
[Commonwealth Department of Health](#), Retired 19/10/2023

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