

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

Identifying and definitional attributes

Metadata item type:	Data Element
Short name:	Major specialty of prescriber
METEOR identifier:	607130
Registration status:	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Commonwealth Department of Health, Standard 17/12/2015
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 attributes

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

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](#), Standard 17/12/2015

See also [Pharmaceutical Benefits Scheme \(PBS\) prescription—specialty of prescriber, subspecialty code NNNNNN](#)

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

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:

This data element is not part of the 2013-14 data extracted provided to the states and territories. It is a more detailed version of the 'Speciality group of prescriber' data element and is included here so it can be taken through the data governance process.