Pharmaceutical Benefits Scheme (PBS) prescription—specialty of prescriber, subspecialty code NNNNNN

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# Pharmaceutical Benefits Scheme (PBS) prescription—specialty of prescriber, subspecialty code NNNNNN

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| Identifying and definitional attributes | |
| Metadata item type: | Data Element |
| Short name: | Subspecialty of prescriber |
| METEOR identifier: | 607133 |
| Registration status: | [Commonwealth Department of Health](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/10), Retired 19/10/2023 |
| Definition: | The field of subspecialty 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. |

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| Data element concept attributes | |
| Identifying and definitional attributes | |
| Data element concept: | [Pharmaceutical Benefits Scheme (PBS) prescription—specialty of prescriber](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/600679) |
| METEOR identifier: | 600679 |
| Registration status: | [Commonwealth Department of Health](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/10), Retired 19/10/2023 |
| Definition: | The 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). |
| Object class: | [Pharmaceutical Benefits Scheme (PBS) prescription](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/601920) |
| Property: | [Specialty of prescriber](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/600677) |
| Source and reference attributes | |
| Submitting organisation: | Department of Health |

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| Value domain attributes | |
| Identifying and definitional attributes | |
| Value domain: | [Health professional subspecialty code NNNNNN](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/607042) |
| METEOR identifier: | 607042 |
| Registration status: | [Commonwealth Department of Health](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/10), Retired 19/10/2023 |
| Definition: | A code set representing subcategories of medical specialty. |
| Context: | The subcategories and codes presented here are commonly used in the context of the Medical Benefits Schedule (MBS) and Pharmaceutical Benefits Scheme (PBS). |

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| Representational attributes | | |
| Representation class: | Code | |
| Data type: | String | |
| Format: | NNNNNN | |
| Maximum character length: | 6 | |
|  | **Value** | **Meaning** |
| Permissible values: | 010101 | General practitioner - Vocationally registered GP (VRGP) - non-referred attendances |
|  | 010102 | General practitioner - Vocationally registered GP (VRGP) - procedural |
|  | 010103 | General practitioner - Vocationally registered GP (VRGP) - anaesthesia |
|  | 010104 | General practitioner - Vocationally registered GP (VRGP) - acupuncture |
|  | 010105 | General practitioner - Vocationally registered GP (VRGP) - obstetrics |
|  | 010106 | General practitioner - Vocationally registered GP (VRGP) - diagnostic imaging |
|  | 010201 | General practitioner - Non-vocationally registered GP (Non-VRGP) - non-referred attendances |
|  | 010202 | General practitioner - Non-vocationally registered GP (Non-VRGP) - procedural |
|  | 010203 | General practitioner - Non-vocationally registered GP (Non-VRGP) - anaesthesia |
|  | 010204 | General practitioner - Non-vocationally registered GP (Non-VRGP) - acupuncture |
|  | 010205 | General practitioner - Non-vocationally registered GP (Non-VRGP) - obstetrics |
|  | 010206 | General practitioner - Non-vocationally registered GP (Non-VRGP) - diagnostic imaging |
|  | 010301 | General practitioner - GP trainee - GP trainee |
|  | 019999 | General practitioner - unclassified - unclassified |
|  | 020101 | Specialist - internal medicine - internal medicine |
|  | 020102 | Specialist - internal medicine - general medicine |
|  | 020103 | Specialist - internal medicine - clinical pathology |
|  | 020201 | Specialist - immunology and allergy - immunology and allergy |
|  | 020301 | Specialist - cardiology - cardiology |
|  | 020401 | Specialist - haemotology - haemotology |
|  | 020501 | Specialist - endocrinology - endocrinology |
|  | 020601 | Specialist - gastroenterology and hepatology - gastroenterology and hepatology |
|  | 020701 | Specialist - nephrology - nephrology |
|  | 020801 | Specialist - neurology - neurology |
|  | 020901 | Specialist - nuclear medicine - nuclear medicine |
|  | 021001 | Specialist - paediatric medicine - paediatric medicine |
|  | 021101 | Specialist - rehabilitation medicine - rehabilitation medicine |
|  | 021201 | Specialist - rheumatology - rheumatology |
|  | 021301 | Specialist - respiratory and sleep medicine - respiratory and sleep medicine |
|  | 021401 | Specialist - geriatric medicine - geriatric medicine |
|  | 021501 | Specialist - medical oncology - medical oncology |
|  | 021601 | Specialist - intensive care - intensive care |
|  | 021701 | Specialist - pathology - pathology |
|  | 021801 | Specialist - surgery - general surgery |
|  | 021802 | Specialist - surgery - cardiothoracic surgery |
|  | 021803 | Specialist - surgery - neurosurgery |
|  | 021804 | Specialist - surgery - orthopaedic surgery |
|  | 021805 | Specialist - surgery - paediatric surgery |
|  | 021806 | Specialist - surgery - plastic and reconstructive surgery |
|  | 021807 | Specialist - surgery - urology |
|  | 021808 | Specialist - surgery - vascular surgery |
|  | 021901 | Specialist - diagnostic radiology - diagnostic radiology |
|  | 022001 | Specialist - anaesthetics - anaesthetics |
|  | 022101 | Specialist - dermatology - dermatology |
|  | 022201 | Specialist - obstetrics and gynaecology - obstetrics and gynaecology |
|  | 022301 | Specialist - ophthalmology - ophthalmology |
|  | 022401 | Specialist - ear, nose and throat (ENT) - ear, nose and throat (ENT) |
|  | 022501 | Specialist - public health medicine - public health medicine |
|  | 022601 | Specialist - oral and maxillofacial surgery - oral and maxillofacial surgery |
|  | 022701 | Specialist - palliative medicine - palliative medicine |
|  | 022801 | Specialist - occupational and environmental medicine - occupational and environmental medicine |
|  | 022901 | Specialist - infectious diseases - infectious diseases |
|  | 023001 | Specialist - clinical genetics - clinical genetics |
|  | 023101 | Specialist - psychiatry - psychiatry |
|  | 023201 | Specialist - college trainee (physician) - college trainee (physician) |
|  | 023301 | Specialist - sport and exercise medicine - sport and exercise medicine |
|  | 023401 | Specialist - addiction medicine - addiction medicine |
|  | 023501 | Specialist - sexual health medicine - sexual health medicine |
|  | 023601 | Specialist - maternal-foetal medicine - maternal-foetal medicine |
|  | 023701 | Specialist - reproductive endocrinology and infertility - reproductive endocrinology and infertility |
|  | 023801 | Specialist - urogynaecology - urogynaecology |
|  | 029999 | Specialist - unclassified - unclassified |
|  | 030101 | Allied health - Aboriginal Health Worker - Aboriginal Health Worker |
|  | 030201 | Allied health - allied mental health - mental health worker |
|  | 030202 | Allied health - allied mental health - psychologist (clinical) |
|  | 030203 | Allied health - allied mental health - psychologist (non-clinical) |
|  | 030301 | Allied health - chiropractor - chiropractor |
|  | 030401 | Allied health - dietician - dietician |
|  | 030402 | Allied health - dietician - diabetes educator |
|  | 030501 | Allied health - midwife - midwife |
|  | 030601 | Allied health - nurse practitioner - nurse practitioner |
|  | 030701 | Allied health - occupational therapist - occupational therapist |
|  | 030801 | Allied health - optometrist - optometrist |
|  | 030901 | Allied health - osteopath - osteopath |
|  | 031001 | Allied health - physiotherapist - physiotherapist |
|  | 031002 | Allied health - physiotherapist - exercise physiologist |
|  | 031101 | Allied health - podiatrist - podiatrist |
|  | 031201 | Allied health - speech pathologist - speech pathologist |
|  | 031301 | Allied health - audiologist - audiologist |
|  | 031401 | Allied health - social worker - social worker |
|  | 039999 | Allied health - unclassified - unclassified |
|  | 040101 | Dental practitioner - oral surgery - oral surgery |
|  | 040201 | Dental practitioner - registered - registered |
|  | 040301 | Dental practitioner - endodontist - endodontist |
|  | 040401 | Dental practitioner - orthodontist - orthodontist |
|  | 040501 | Dental practitioner - periodontist - periodontist |
|  | 040601 | Dental practitioner - prosthetist - prosthetist |
|  | 040701 | Dental practitioner - prosthodontist - prosthodontist |
|  | 049999 | Dental practitioner - unclassified - unclassified |

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| 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 represent the health professional's major field of specialty, and characters 5-6 represent the health professional's subspecialty. In some cases, a specialty may consist of one subspecialty. |

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| Relational attributes | |
| Related metadata references: | See also [Pharmaceutical Benefits Scheme (PBS) prescription—specialty of prescriber, group code NN](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/600681)  [Commonwealth Department of Health](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/10), Retired 19/10/2023  See also [Pharmaceutical Benefits Scheme (PBS) prescription—specialty of prescriber, major specialty code NNNN](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/607130)  [Commonwealth Department of Health](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/10), Retired 19/10/2023 |
| 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:***  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. |
| Implementation in Indicators: | **Used as Disaggregation** [Australian Atlas of Healthcare Variation 2018: Number of PBS/RPBS prescriptions dispensed for ADHD medicines per 100,000 people, aged 17 years and under, 2013-14, 2014-15, 2015-16 and 2016-17](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/709507)  [Australian Commission on Safety and Quality in Health Care](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/18), Standard 13/12/2018  [Australian Atlas of Healthcare Variation 2018: Number of PBS/RPBS prescriptions dispensed for antipsychotic medicines per 100,000 people, 2013-14, 2014-15, 2015-16 and 2016-17 (i) Age 17 years & under, (ii) Age 18 - 64 years, (iii) Age 65 years & over](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/709504)  [Australian Commission on Safety and Quality in Health Care](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/18), Standard 13/12/2018  [Australian Atlas of Healthcare Variation 2018: Number of PBS/RPBS prescriptions dispensed for proton pump inhibitor medicines per 100,000 people aged (i) 18 years and over, (ii) 1 year and under, 2016-17](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/709274)  [Australian Commission on Safety and Quality in Health Care](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/18), Standard 13/12/2018  [Number of PBS/RPBS prescriptions dispensed for antipsychotic medicines per 100,000 people, aged 65 years and over, 2016–17 to 2020–21](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/752714)  [Australian Commission on Safety and Quality in Health Care](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/18), Standard 15/09/2022  [Number of PBS/RPBS prescriptions dispensed for antipsychotic medicines per 100,000 people, aged 65 years and over, 2016–17 to 2020–21](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/752714)  [Australian Commission on Safety and Quality in Health Care](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/18), Standard 15/09/2022  [Number of PBS/RPBS prescriptions dispensed for opioid medicines per 100,000 people, all ages 2016-17 to 2020-21](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/754809)  [Australian Commission on Safety and Quality in Health Care](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/18), Standard 15/09/2022  [Number of PBS/RPBS prescriptions dispensed for opioid medicines per 100,000 people, all ages 2016-17 to 2020-21](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/754809)  [Australian Commission on Safety and Quality in Health Care](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/18), Standard 15/09/2022 |