

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

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## Identifying and definitional attributes

<b>Metadata item type:</b>	Data Element
<b>Short name:</b>	Subspecialty of prescriber
<b>METEOR identifier:</b>	607133
<b>Registration status:</b>	<a href="#">Commonwealth Department of Health</a> , Retired 19/10/2023
<b>Definition:</b>	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.
<b>Data Element Concept:</b>	<a href="#">Pharmaceutical Benefits Scheme (PBS) prescription—specialty of prescriber</a>
<b>Value Domain:</b>	<a href="#">Health professional subspecialty code NNNNNN</a>

## Value domain attributes

### Representational attributes

<b>Representation class:</b>	Code
<b>Data type:</b>	String
<b>Format:</b>	NNNNNN
<b>Maximum character length:</b>	6

	<b>Value</b>	<b>Meaning</b>
<b>Permissible values:</b>	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 - haematology - haematology
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

## 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.

## Source and reference attributes

**Submitting organisation:** Department of Health

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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, major specialty code NNNN](#)

[Commonwealth Department of Health](#), Retired 19/10/2023

**Implementation in Data Set Specifications:**

[Pharmaceutical Benefits Scheme \(PBS\) state/territory data extract 2013-14](#)

[Commonwealth Department of Health](#), 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 'Specialty 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](#)

[Australian Commission on Safety and Quality in Health Care, 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](#)

[Australian Commission on Safety and Quality in Health Care, 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](#)

[Australian Commission on Safety and Quality in Health Care, 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](#)

[Australian Commission on Safety and Quality in Health Care, 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](#)

[Australian Commission on Safety and Quality in Health Care, Standard 15/09/2022](#)

[Number of PBS/RPBS prescriptions dispensed for opioid medicines per 100,000 people, all ages 2016-17 to 2020-21](#)

[Australian Commission on Safety and Quality in Health Care, Standard 15/09/2022](#)

[Number of PBS/RPBS prescriptions dispensed for opioid medicines per 100,000 people, all ages 2016-17 to 2020-21](#)

[Australian Commission on Safety and Quality in Health Care, Standard 15/09/2022](#)