

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

## 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>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <a href="#">Commonwealth Department of Health</a>, Standard 17/12/2015</li></ul>
<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>

## Value domain attributes

### Representational attributes

<b>Representation class:</b>	Code																												
<b>Data type:</b>	String																												
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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  
 049999 Dental practitioner - unclassified - 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 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](#), Standard 17/12/2015

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

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

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[Pharmaceutical Benefits Scheme \(PBS\) state/territory data extract 2013-14](#)[Commonwealth Department of Health](#), Standard 17/12/2015

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