

Workers' Compensation Item Number File Specification

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1 Introduction

1.1 Purpose

This document describes the specifications of the Item Number files provided by Q-COMP. The Item Number files are made available for the purposes of enabling Insurers' to provide the item number details as specified within the Workers' Compensation Insurer's Interface Data Specifications for the Payments.dta file (4.12.12 – Item Number).

Q-COMP maintains these schedules and updates fees annually. Q-COMP makes files containing updated fee schedules available one month before new fees and fee changes are implemented.

1.2 Content

This document specifies the file layout of the two item number files provided by Q-COMP. The file specifications for the two sources of data for the item numbers are detailed in the following sections:

- 2 – Q-COMP Medicare Benefits Schedule File Specification
- 3 – Q-COMP Table of Costs (Supplementary and Allied Health) File Specification

In so far as practical, both of the Q-COMP Item Number files specifications have been developed to mirror the files for the Medicare Benefit Schedule (MBS) from the Health Insurance Commission (HIC).

1.3 Audience

This specification is primarily designed for self-insurers, WorkCover QLD and workers' compensation system providers, to enable them to provide the data required by Q-COMP.

1.4 Validation

The requirement to report Item Numbers is specified within the Workers' Compensation Insurer's Interface Data Specifications and is subject to the following validations.

- May be supplied for payment category 01 or 06
- Must not be supplied for payment category 02, 03, 04, 05, 07, 08 or 17.
- The value must be a valid code from one of the following item number schedules:
 - Q-COMP Medicare Benefits Schedule.
 - Q-COMP Supplementary Table of Costs.
 - Q-COMP Allied Health Tables of Costs.

For further information regarding the use and validation, please refer to the Workers' Compensation Insurer's Interface Data Specification.

1.5 Q-COMP assistance

Additional information regarding this Workers' Compensation Item Number File Specification can be obtained by contacting the Scheme Analysis – Data Management team.

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2 Q-COMP medical benefit schedule file specification

The following specification describes the format of data provided for the Q-COMP Medical Benefit Schedule. The data is provided in a number of record types per item number:

Record type	Description	Mandatory/Optional
10	Item details	Mandatory
20	Fee details	Mandatory if the item is a normal item
30	Derived fee details	Mandatory if the item is a derived fee item
40	Anaesthetic details	Optional
50	Description details	Mandatory

For each item there will be:

- One item detail record
- One fee details record OR a number of derived fee detail records describing the manner in which the fee is calculated
- One anaesthetic detail record (optional)
- A number of description detail records describing the service.

Record specifications

Legend	
	A – Alphanumeric
	N – Numeric
	M – Mandatory
	O – Optional

Record Type 10 – item details record

Field	Format	Description
Record type	N2 M	10
Item #	N5 M	Item number
Sub-item #	N3 O	Sub-item number for precedent items (that is, 30000 items)
Start date	A10 dd.mm.yyyy M	Date item commenced
End date	A10 dd.mm.yyyy O	Date item ceased
Category	A3 M	The Category the item relates to
Group	A3 M	The Group the items relates to
Subgroup	A3 M	The Subgroup the item relates to
Item type	A1 M	The item type (that is, S for standard, P for precedent or D for Ministerial Determination)
Fee type	A1 M	N – Normal fee; D – Derived fee
Provider type	A3 O	The provider category applicable to the item
New item indicator	A1 O	Y – if the item is a new item
Item change indicator	A1 O	Y – if the item number changed
Anaesthetic change indicator	A1 O	Y – if a change has occurred in the anaesthetic units
Descriptor change indicator	A1 O	Y – if a change has occurred in the item description
Fee change indicator	A1 O	Y – if a change has occurred in the fee

Record type 20 – fee details record

This record must be present if the item is a normal fee item (fee type “N”)

Field	Format	Description
Record type	N2 M	20
Start date	A10 dd.mm.yyyy M	Date current Schedule fee commenced
Schedule fee	N5.2 M	Queensland Worker's Compensation fee
Benefit 1	N5.2 M	MBS Fee
Benefit 2	N5.2 M	

Record type 30 – derived fee details record

Records of this type must be present if the item is derived fee item (fee type “D”)

Field	Format	Description
Record type	N2 M	30
Start date	A10 dd.mm.yyyy M	Date current derived fee commenced
Description	A80 M	Derived fee description

Record type 40 – anaesthetic details record

Field	Format	Description
Record type	N2 M	40
Start date	A10 dd.mm.yyyy M	Date current anaesthetic details commenced
Anaesthetic indicator	A8 M	(Anes.) – indicates that item attracts an anaesthetic

Record type 50 – description details record

Field	Format	Description
Record type	N2 M	50
Start date	A10 dd.mm.yyyy M	Date current description commenced
Description	A80 M	Item description

Provider Type

Description

AD	Accredited Dental Practitioner
AO	Accredited Orthodontist
AOS	Approved Oral Surgeon
C	Computerised facilities
G	General Practitioner
HR	Hospital Recognised
NC	Non-computerised facilities
OP	Other (non-specialist pathologist)
S	Specialist
SP	Specialist Pathologist

3 Q-COMP table of costs file specification

The following specification describes the format of data provided for the Supplementary Table of Costs and Allied Health Table of Costs. The data is provided in a number of record types per item number:

Record type	Description	Mandatory/Conditional
10	Item details	Mandatory
20	Fee details	Mandatory
50	Description details	Mandatory

For each item there will be:

- One item detail record
- One fee details record
- A number of description detail records describing the service.

Record Specifications

Legend	
	A – Alphanumeric
	N – Numeric
	M – Mandatory
	O – Optional

Record type 10 – item details record

Field	Format	Description
Record type	N2 M	10
Item #	N8 M	Item number
Start date	A10 dd.mm.yyyy M	Date item commenced
End date	A10 dd.mm.yyyy O	Date item ceased
Category	A3	N/A
Group	A3	N/A
Subgroup	A3	N/A
Item type	A1	N/A
Fee type	A1 M	N – Normal fee H – Hourly rate D - Daily O – Other qualifier in the description
Provider type	A3 O	The provider category applicable to the item
New item indicator	A1 O	Y – if the item is a new item
Item change indicator	A1	N/A
Anaesthetic change indicator	A1	N/A
Descriptor change indicator	A1	N/A
Fee change indicator	A1 O	Y – if a change has occurred in the fee

Record type 20 – fee details record

Field	Format	Description
Record type	N2 M	20
Start date	A10 dd.mm.yyyy M	Date current schedule fee commenced
Schedule fee	N5.2 M	Queensland Worker's Compensation fee
Benefit 1	N5.2 M	N/A
Benefit 2	N5.2 M	N/A

Record type 50 – description details record

Field	Format	Description
Record type	N2 M	50
Start date	A10 dd.mm.yyyy M	Date current description commenced
Description	A80 M	Item description

Provider type	Description
CH	Chiropractor
D	Dentist
G	General Practitioner
O	Osteopathy
OR	Occupation Rehabilitation
OT	Occupation Therapist
PH	Physiotherapist
PO	Podiatry
PS	Psychology
S	Specialist
SP	Speech Pathology
QH	Queensland Health