

Optometry Board of Australia

Registrant data

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Introduction

The role of the Optometry Board of Australia (the Board) include:

- registering optometrists and students
- developing standards, codes and guidelines for the optometry profession
- handling notifications, complaints, investigations and disciplinary hearings
- overseeing the assessment of overseas trained practitioners who wish to practise in Australia, and
- approving accreditation standards and accredited courses of study.

The Board's functions are supported by the [Australian Health Practitioner Regulation Agency](#) (Ahpra). For information about legislation governing our operations see [About Ahpra](#) at www.ahpra.gov.au/About-Ahpra/What-We-Do/Legislation.aspx.

The Board has analysed its registration data and produced a number of statistical breakdowns about registrants to share with the profession and community. The Board shares these breakdowns regularly.

For more information on optometry registration, please see the Board's website: www.optometryboard.gov.au/Registration.aspx

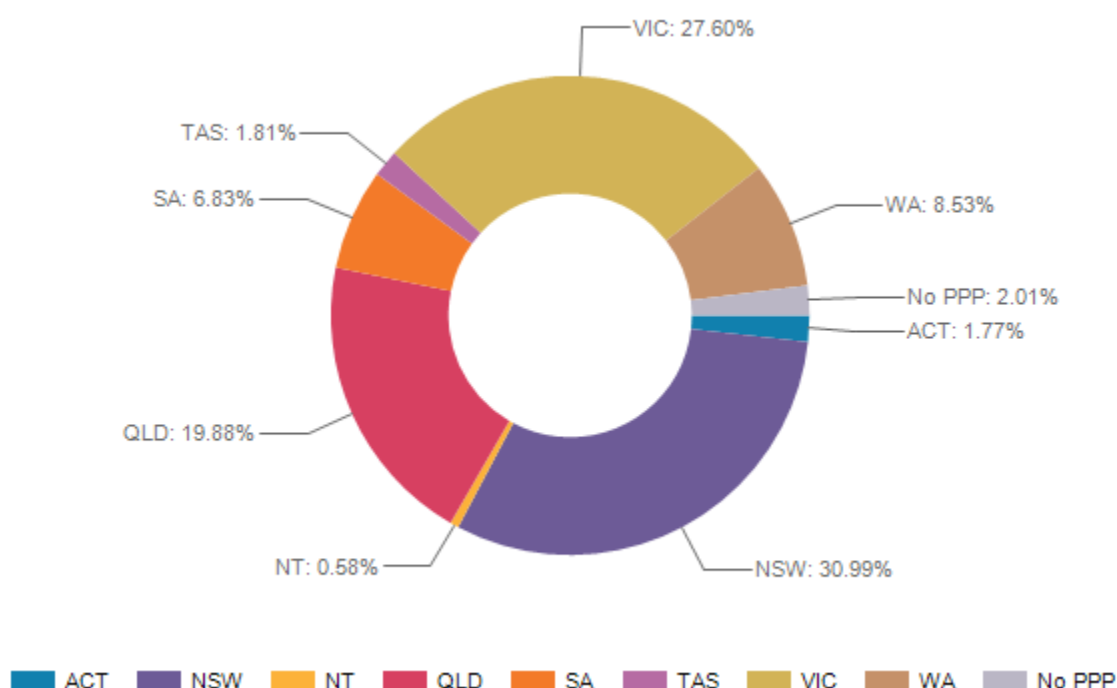
Principal place of practice

Registration type

Table 1.1 Registration type by principal place of practice

Registration types	Registration subtypes	ACT	NSW	NT	QLD	SA	TAS	VIC	WA	No PPP	Total
General		129	2,238	43	1,432	499	130	1,991	620	77	7,159
Limited	Postgraduate training or supervised practice		6		7		1	4	5	5	28
	Teaching or Research		1								1
Non-practising		2	54		36	8	3	53	8	67	231
Total		131	2,299	43	1,475	507	134	2,048	633	149	7,419

Table 1.2 Principal place of practice percentages



Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander practitioners

Table 1.3 Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander practitioners by principal place of practice

PPP	ACT	NSW	NT	QLD	SA	TAS	VIC	WA	No PPP	Total
Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander practitioners	2	4		3	2	1			1	13
Percentage of all practitioners	1.5 %	0.2 %		0.2 %	0.4 %	0.7 %			0.7 %	0.2 %

Endorsements

Table 1.4 Endorsements

Endorsement	ACT	NSW	NT	QLD	SA	TAS	VIC	WA	No PPP	Total
Scheduled medicines	107	1,605	39	1,120	431	115	1,761	481	42	5,701
% of General Registrants who are Endorsed	82.9%	71.7%	90.7%	78.2%	86.4%	88.5%	88.4%	77.6%	54.5%	79.6%

Table 1.5 Endorsement by age group

Age group	Scheduled medicines	% of general registrants who are endorsed
< 25	408	100.0%
25 - 29	1,493	100.0%
30 - 34	1,322	99.7%
35 - 39	739	94.1%
40 - 44	505	75.4%
45 - 49	398	67.9%
50 - 54	291	53.8%
55 - 59	254	47.5%
60 - 64	162	44.5%
65 - 69	93	29.2%
70 - 74	29	27.6%
75 - 79	7	29.2%
80+		.0%
Total	5,701	79.6%

**Only Optometrists holding general registration are eligible to hold the scheduled medicines endorsement.*

Age group

Registration type

Table 2.1 Registrants by age group

Age group	General		Limited				Non-practising		Total		
			Postgraduate training or supervised practice		Teaching or research						
	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female	Male	Total
< 25	270	138					1		271	138	409
25 - 29	1,046	447	1	1			5	3	1,052	451	1,503
30 - 34	914	412	4	2			7	4	925	418	1,343
35 - 39	519	265	7	3			28	10	554	278	832
40 - 44	445	225	2	4	1		16	7	464	236	700
45 - 49	342	244					24	10	366	254	620
50 - 54	307	234	2	2			19	9	328	245	573
55 - 59	231	304					17	6	248	310	558
60 - 64	145	219					11	16	156	235	391
65 - 69	64	254					7	15	71	269	340
70 - 74	17	88					1	7	18	95	113
75 - 79	6	18					2	3	8	21	29
80+		5						3	0	8	8
~Unknown									0	0	0
Total	4,306	2,853	16	12	1	0	138	93	4,461	2,958	7,419

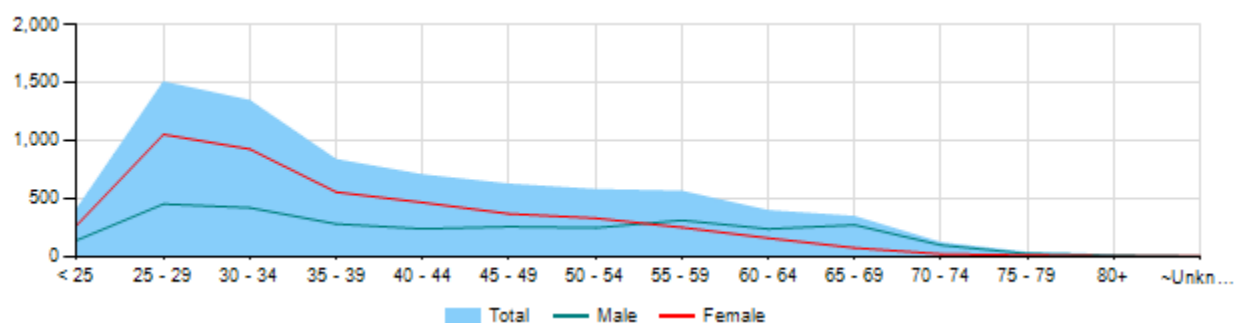
Table 2.2 Registrants age group, by principal place of practice and gender - General and Limited

Age group	NSW		ACT		NT		QLD		SA		TAS		VIC		WA		No PPP		Total
	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	
< 25	70	41	4	7	2	1	74	31	30	15	10	3	63	22	11	15	6	3	408
25 - 29	290	144	20	12	8		209	85	112	38	16	7	280	114	103	47	9	1	1,495
30 - 34	262	119	17	7	7	2	150	75	94	25	15	7	311	150	57	27	5	2	1,332
35 - 39	154	76	6	9	3	1	98	46	16	15	5	2	197	95	40	21	7	3	794
40 - 44	154	71	6	3	4	1	86	50	27	9	7	3	126	66	34	21	4	5	677
45 - 49	132	64	8	4	1	2	65	65	14	11	4	3	80	69	37	23	1	3	586
50 - 54	102	65	9	4	3	1	71	60	12	15	9	8	69	53	29	30	5		545
55 - 59	86	85	1	6		1	52	71	8	20	4	5	59	71	17	39	4	6	535
60 - 64	54	60	1	2	2	2	32	55	2	8	4	5	39	57	9	27	2	3	364
65 - 69	36	121		2		2	4	42	3	19	2	11	9	34	8	17	2	6	318
70 - 74	9	39		1			2	14		6		1	4	17	1	8	1	2	105
75 - 79	2	6						2					4	5		3		2	24
80+		3												1		1			5
~Unknown																			0
Total	1,351	894	72	57	30	13	843	596	318	181	76	55	1,241	754	346	279	46	36	7,188

Table 2.3 Registrants age group, by principal place of practice and gender - Non-Practising

Age group	ACT		NSW		QLD		SA		TAS		VIC		WA		NT		No PPP		Total
	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	
< 25							1												1
25 - 29			1		1	1		1			2						1	1	8
30 - 34			1		3	1	1				1	1		1			1	1	11
35 - 39			4	4	2	2		1			9	3					13		38
40 - 44			2	1	5	2					2	1		1			7	2	23
45 - 49	1		4	6	5	1					7	1	1				6	2	34
50 - 54			4	2	1	1	1				7	2					6	4	28
55 - 59			3		4						3	2	1				6	4	23
60 - 64			3	3		2	1	1	1		2	3		2			4	5	27
65 - 69		1	4	7		2	1		1		2		1				1	2	22
70 - 74				2		1				1		2		1			1		8
75 - 79			2	1		1						1							5
80+						1						2							3
~Unknown																			0
Total	1	1	28	26	21	15	5	3	2	1	33	20	2	6	0	0	46	21	231

Table 2.4 Registrants by age group



Gender

Percentage

Table 3.1 Registrants by gender percentages

Gender	ACT	NSW	NT	QLD	SA	TAS	VIC	WA	No PPP	Total
Female	55.7%	60.0%	69.8%	58.6%	63.7%	58.2%	62.2%	55.0%	61.7%	60.1%
Male	44.3%	40.0%	30.2%	41.4%	36.3%	41.8%	37.8%	45.0%	38.3%	39.9%