

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

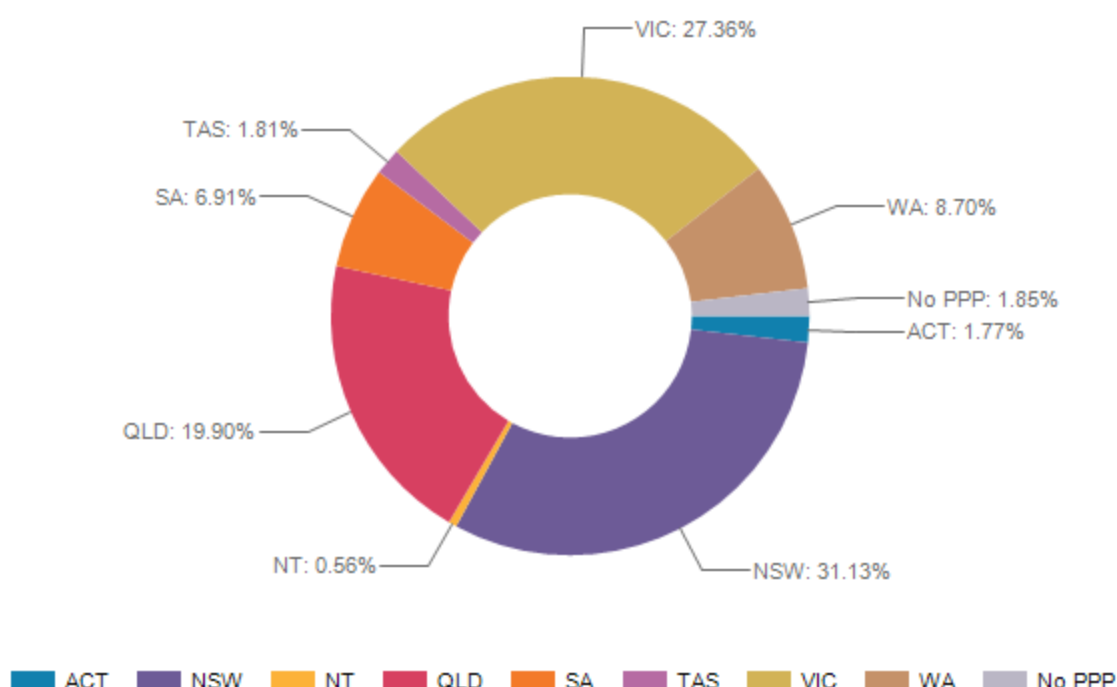
Principal place of practice

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		128	2,223	41	1,420	498	129	1,950	624	66	7,079
Limited	Postgraduate training or supervised practice		5		4	1	1	5	6	3	25
	Teaching or research		1								1
Non-practising		2	54		35	8	3	51	8	67	228
Total		130	2,283	41	1,459	507	133	2,006	638	136	7,333

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 %	0.8 %			0.7 %	0.2 %

Endorsements

Table 1.4 Endorsements

Endorsement	ACT	NSW	NT	QLD	SA	TAS	VIC	WA	No PPP	Total
Scheduled medicines	106	1,583	37	1,103	429	114	1,718	484	31	5,605
% of General Registrants who are Endorsed	82.8%	71.2%	90.2%	77.7%	86.1%	88.4%	88.1%	77.6%	47.0%	79.2%

Table 1.5 Endorsement by age group

Age group	Scheduled medicines	% of general registrants who are endorsed
< 25	481	100.0%
25 - 29	1,480	100.0%
30 - 34	1,266	99.5%
35 - 39	712	92.5%
40 - 44	468	73.4%
45 - 49	391	66.5%
50 - 54	300	53.2%
55 - 59	233	46.1%
60 - 64	159	42.1%
65 - 69	84	29.1%
70 - 74	24	26.7%
75 - 79	7	35.0%
80+		.0%
Total	5,605	79.2%

**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	324	157					1		325	157	482
25 - 29	1,046	434	2	1			6	3	1,054	438	1,492
30 - 34	861	412	5	1			12	5	878	418	1,296
35 - 39	507	262	6	4			22	9	535	275	810
40 - 44	425	213	3	1	1		17	7	446	221	667
45 - 49	338	250					25	10	363	260	623
50 - 54	313	251	2				16	10	331	261	592
55 - 59	224	281					19	7	243	288	531
60 - 64	135	243					8	15	143	258	401
65 - 69	57	232					7	15	64	247	311
70 - 74	16	74					2	5	18	79	97
75 - 79	4	16					1	5	5	21	26
80+		4						1	0	5	5
Total	4,250	2,829	18	7	1	0	136	92	4,405	2,928	7,333

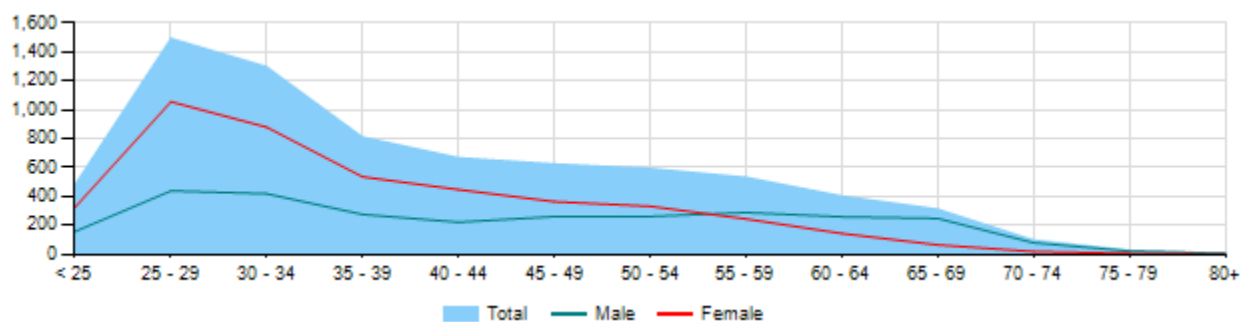
Table 2.2 Registrants age group, by principal place of practice and gender - General and Limited

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	86	48	4	6	1	1	93	40	41	19	10	3	56	20	31	18	2	2	481
25 - 29	300	138	22	12	10		203	75	109	37	15	9	291	115	93	49	5		1,483
30 - 34	244	123	16	7	4	2	139	75	88	25	14	5	305	147	52	27	4	2	1,279
35 - 39	150	75	5	9	3	1	99	48	16	14	5	3	188	94	40	20	7	2	779
40 - 44	152	61	6	3	4	2	79	47	26	10	7	2	113	64	37	21	5	4	643
45 - 49	129	68	8	4	1	1	69	70	12	11	5	3	78	69	36	21		3	588
50 - 54	106	66	9	7	3	1	70	64	13	14	9	8	70	54	29	35	6	2	566
55 - 59	81	86	1	3		1	51	58	7	20	3	5	60	68	17	36	4	4	505
60 - 64	50	72	1	2	2	3	29	59	2	9	4	7	36	58	9	29	2	4	378
65 - 69	33	114		2		1	3	37	3	18	2	9	9	32	6	13	1	6	289
70 - 74	9	29		1			2	13		5		2	4	15		8	1	1	90
75 - 79	1	6						1					3	5		2		2	20
80+		2												1		1			4
Total	1,341	888	72	56	28	13	837	587	317	182	74	56	1,213	742	350	280	37	32	7,105

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		2	1		1			2						1	1	9
30 - 34			3		3	1	1				2	2		1			3	1	17
35 - 39			2	4	2	2		1			7	2					11		31
40 - 44			3	1	4	2					3	1		1			7	2	24
45 - 49	1		3	6	4	1					9	1	1				7	2	35
50 - 54			4	2	1	1	1				4	2					6	5	26
55 - 59			3		4	2	1				4	2	1				6	3	26
60 - 64			3	4				1	1		1	3		2			3	5	23
65 - 69		1	4	7		2	1		1	1		1		1			1	2	22
70 - 74			1	1		1					2		1				1		7
75 - 79			1	1		2					2								6
80+											1								1
Total	1	1	28	26	20	15	5	3	2	1	32	19	2	6	0	0	46	21	228

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	56.2%	60.0%	68.3%	58.7%	63.5%	57.1%	62.1%	55.2%	61.0%	60.1%
Male	43.8%	40.0%	31.7%	41.3%	36.5%	42.9%	37.9%	44.8%	39.0%	39.9%