

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

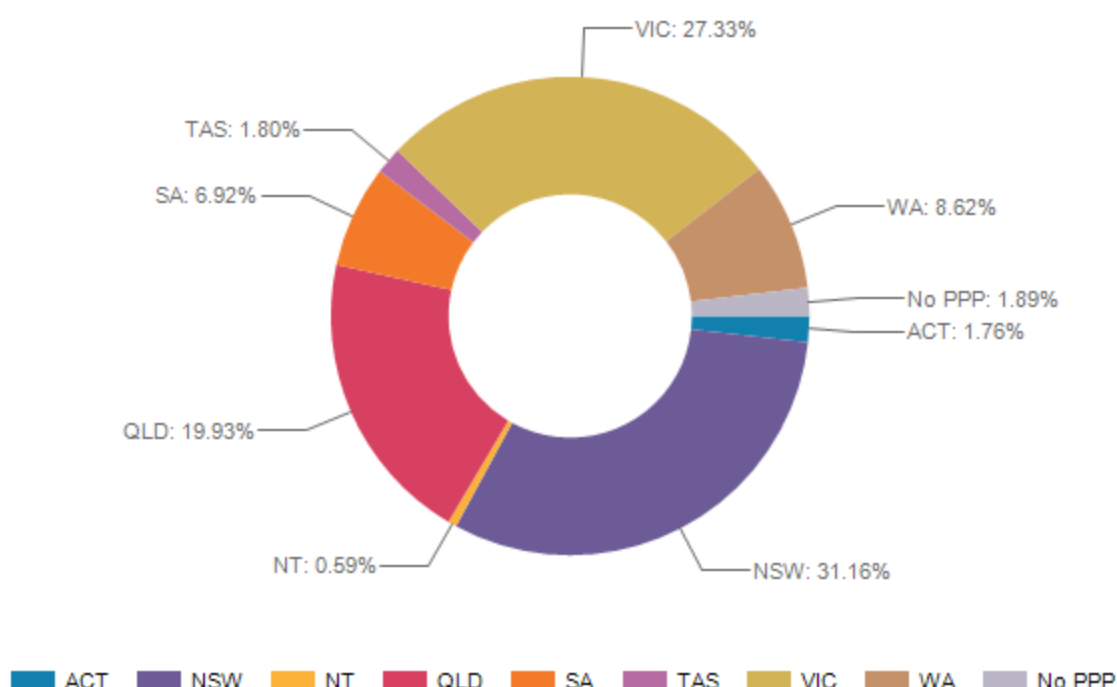
Principal place of practice

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		127	2,227	43	1,419	499	128	1,950	620	68	7,081
Limited	Postgraduate training or supervised practice		5		8	1	1	5	5	4	29
	Teaching or Research		1								1
Non-practising		2	54		36	8	3	51	8	67	229
Total		129	2,287	43	1,463	508	132	2,006	633	139	7,340

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	1.6 %	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	105	1,589	39	1,105	430	113	1,718	481	33	5,613
% of General Registrants who are Endorsed	82.7%	71.4%	90.7%	77.9%	86.2%	88.3%	88.1%	77.6%	48.5%	79.3%

Table 1.5 Endorsement by age group

Age group	Scheduled medicines	% of general registrants who are endorsed
< 25	410	100.0%
25 - 29	1,488	100.0%
30 - 34	1,290	99.5%
35 - 39	728	93.3%
40 - 44	489	74.5%
45 - 49	393	67.0%
50 - 54	293	53.6%
55 - 59	242	46.5%
60 - 64	158	43.2%
65 - 69	88	28.6%
70 - 74	27	27.3%
75 - 79	7	35.0%
80+	0	0.0%
Total	5,613	79.3%

**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	269	141					1		270	141	411
25 - 29	1,054	434	2	1			5	3	1,061	438	1,499
30 - 34	885	411	5	2			10	4	900	417	1,317
35 - 39	512	267	7	3			25	10	544	280	824
40 - 44	436	220	2	3	1		16	7	455	230	685
45 - 49	340	247					24	10	364	257	621
50 - 54	308	239	2	2			18	9	328	250	578
55 - 59	225	295					19	6	244	301	545
60 - 64	145	221					9	16	154	237	391
65 - 69	56	252					7	16	63	268	331
70 - 74	17	82					2	5	19	87	106
75 - 79	5	15					1	3	6	18	24
80+		5						3	0	8	8
Total	4,252	2,829	18	11	1	0	137	92	4,408	2,932	7,340

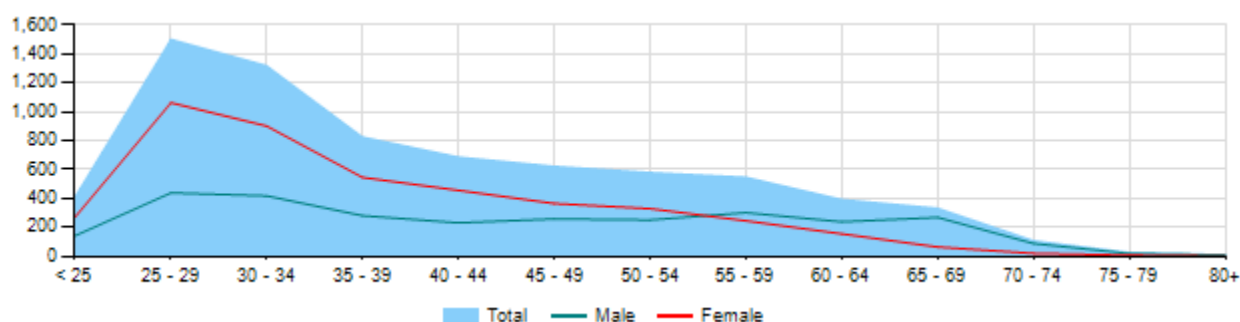
Table 2.2 Registrants age group, by principal place of practice and gender - General and Limited

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	71	46	4	6	3	1	80	35	33	17	8	3	49	15	19	16	2	2	410
25 - 29	302	137	21	11	9		207	78	116	36	17	8	279	116	99	49	6		1,491
30 - 34	250	124	17	7	5	2	146	73	89	27	14	6	309	147	55	25	5	2	1,303
35 - 39	151	74	5	9	3	1	100	49	14	15	5	2	195	96	39	22	7	2	789
40 - 44	155	67	6	3	4	2	79	51	28	8	7	3	120	63	36	21	4	5	662
45 - 49	131	66	8	4	1	1	68	66	13	13	4	3	78	69	36	22	1	3	587
50 - 54	103	67	9	5	3	1	71	62	13	14	10	8	69	53	27	30	5	1	551
55 - 59	83	85	1	5		1	50	65	7	19	3	5	58	70	18	40	5	5	520
60 - 64	53	62	1	2	2	3	31	53	2	9	4	6	40	58	10	25	2	3	366
65 - 69	33	119		2		1	3	43	3	19	2	10	8	34	6	18	1	6	308
70 - 74	9	36		1			2	14		5		1	4	15	1	8	1	2	99
75 - 79	1	5						1					4	5		2		2	20
80+		3												1		1			5
Total	1,342	891	72	55	30	13	837	590	318	182	74	55	1,213	742	346	279	39	33	7,111

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			2		4	1	1				2	1		1			1	1	14
35 - 39			3	4	2	2		1			7	3					13		35
40 - 44			3	1	4	2					2	1		1			7	2	23
45 - 49	1		3	6	5	1					7	1	1				7	2	34
50 - 54			4	2	1	1	1				7	2					5	4	27
55 - 59			3		4		1				3	2	1				7	4	25
60 - 64			3	3		2		1	1		2	3		2			3	5	25
65 - 69		1	4	8		2	1		1	1		1		1			1	2	23
70 - 74			1	1		1					2		1				1		7
75 - 79			1	1		1					1								4
80+						1					2								3
Total	1	1	28	26	21	15	5	3	2	1	32	19	2	6	0	0	46	21	229

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	56.6%	59.9%	69.8%	58.6%	63.6%	57.6%	62.1%	55.0%	61.2%	60.1%
Male	43.4%	40.1%	30.2%	41.4%	36.4%	42.4%	37.9%	45.0%	38.8%	39.9%