

Dental Board of Australia

Registrant data

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Introduction

The functions of the Dental Board of Australia (the Board) include:

- registering dentists, students, dental specialists, dental therapists, dental hygienists, oral health therapists and dental prosthetists
- developing standards, codes and guidelines for the dental 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 Ahpra's Legislation & Publications at www.ahpra.gov.au/Publications

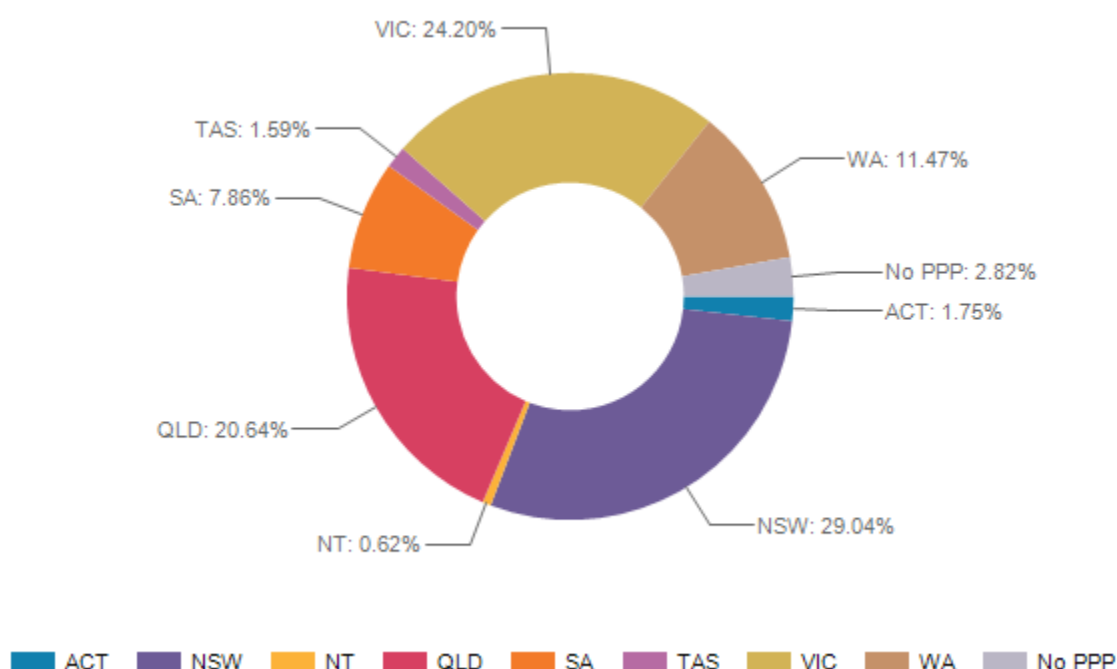
The Board has analysed its registration data and produced a number of statistical breakdowns about registrants to share with the profession and community. The Board shares these breakdowns regularly. For more information on dental registration, please see the Board's website: www.dentalboard.gov.au/Registration.aspx

Registration type

Table 1.1 Dental practitioners - registration type by state or territory

Registration types	Registration subtypes	ACT	NSW	NT	QLD	SA	TAS	VIC	WA	No PPP	Total
General		452	7,629	166	5,446	2,059	425	6,382	3,011	472	26,042
General and Non-practising			1		1				1		3
General and Specialist		50	568	7	391	156	29	462	219	41	1,923
Specialist		1	17		12	5	1	17	12	11	76
Limited	Postgraduate training or supervised practice				2	2		7	8		19
	Public interest		1								1
	Teaching or research		8		19	6		3	10		46
Non-practising		12	303	9	190	81	11	234	107	305	1,252
Total		515	8,527	182	6,061	2,309	466	7,105	3,368	829	29,362

Table 1.2 Dental practitioners - percentage by principal place of practice



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	3	54	4	55	14	3	16	13	2	164
Percentage of all practitioners	0.6%	0.6%	2.2%	0.9%	0.6%	0.6%	0.2%	0.4%	0.2%	0.6%

Registration divisions

Table 2.1 Dental practitioners - division(s) by state or territory

Division	ACT	NSW	NT	QLD	SA	TAS	VIC	WA	No PPP	Total
Dental Hygienist	36	350	14	234	381	18	219	263	16	1,531
Dental Hygienist and Dental Prosthetist				1						1
Dental Hygienist and Dental Prosthetist and Dental Therapist							1			1
Dental Hygienist and Dental Therapist	6	50	5	84	41	4	83	47	2	322
Dental Hygienist and Dental Therapist and Dentist				1						1
Dental hygienist and Dental therapist and Dentist and Oral health therapist					1					1
Dental Hygienist and Dental Therapist and Oral Health Therapist		26		17	11	1	40	18	7	120
Dental Hygienist and Dentist		3		3			1			7
Dental Hygienist and Oral Health Therapist		20		5	4		9	9		47
Dental Prosthetist	11	405	5	343	66	43	363	72	5	1,313
Dental Prosthetist and Dental Therapist							1			1
Dental Prosthetist and Dentist		1					3			4
Dental Prosthetist and Oral Health Therapist		2	1	2		1				6
Dental Therapist	7	111	9	84	44	32	97	185	8	577
Dental Therapist and Dentist				1			1			2
Dental Therapist and Oral Health Therapist		2			2			6		10
Dentist	407	6,434	126	4,653	1,420	326	5,333	2,358	747	21,804
Dentist and Oral Health Therapist	1	14		5			4	1		25
Oral Health Therapist	47	1,109	22	628	339	41	950	409	44	3,589
Total	515	8,527	182	6,061	2,309	466	7,105	3,368	829	29,362

Registration type and divisions

Table 3.1 Dental practitioners - registration type and division by state or territory

Registration types	Division	ACT	NSW	NT	QLD	SA	TAS	VIC	WA	No PPP	Total
General	Dental Hygienist	35	330	13	221	364	18	213	251	10	1,455
	Dental Hygienist and Dental Prosthetist				1						1
	Dental Hygienist and Dental Prosthetist and Dental Therapist							1			1
	Dental Hygienist and Dental Therapist	6	42	5	79	37	4	81	46	2	302
	Dental Hygienist and Dental Therapist and Dentist				1						1
	Dental hygienist and Dental therapist and Dentist and Oral health therapist					1					1
	Dental Hygienist and Dental Therapist and Oral Health Therapist		25		17	11	1	40	18	7	119
	Dental Hygienist and Dentist		3		2			1			6
	Dental Hygienist and Oral Health Therapist		19		5	4		8	9		45
	Dental Prosthetist	11	387	5	327	66	43	353	71	3	1,266
	Dental Prosthetist and Dental Therapist							1			1
	Dental Prosthetist and Dentist		1					3			4
	Dental Prosthetist and Oral Health Therapist		2	1	2		1				6
	Dental Therapist	6	93	8	82	43	30	86	170	5	523
	Dental Therapist and Dentist				1			1			2
	Dental Therapist and Oral Health Therapist		2			2			5		9
	Dentist	349	5,629	114	4,100	1,204	289	4,657	2,040	411	18,793
	Dentist and Oral Health Therapist	1	14		5			4	1		25
	Oral Health Therapist	44	1,082	20	603	327	39	933	400	34	3,482
Sub Total - General		452	7,629	166	5,446	2,059	425	6,382	3,011	472	26,042

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Registration types	Division	ACT	NSW	NT	QLD	SA	TAS	VIC	WA	No PPP	Total
General and Non-practising	Dental hygienist										0
	Dental Hygienist and Dental Therapist										0
	Dental hygienist and Dental therapist and Oral health therapist		1								1
	Dental Hygienist and Dentist				1						1
	Dental Therapist and Oral Health Therapist								1		1
	Oral health therapist										0
Sub Total - General and Non-practising		0	1	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	3
General and Specialist	Dentist	50	568	7	391	156	29	462	219	41	1,923
Specialist	Dentist	1	17		12	5	1	17	12	11	76
Limited	Dentist		9		21	8		10	18		66
	Oral Health Therapist										0
Sub Total - Limited		0	9	0	21	8	0	10	18	0	66
Non-practising	Dental Hygienist	1	20	1	13	17		6	12	6	76
	Dental Hygienist and Dental Therapist		8		5	4		2	1		20
	Dental hygienist and Oral health therapist		1					1			2
	Dental Prosthetist		18		16			10	1	2	47
	Dental Therapist	1	18	1	2	1	2	11	15	3	54
	Dentist	7	211	5	129	47	7	187	69	284	946
	Oral Health Therapist	3	27	2	25	12	2	17	9	10	107
Sub Total - Non-practising		12	303	9	190	81	11	234	107	305	1,252
Total		515	8,527	182	6,061	2,309	466	7,105	3,368	829	29,362

Dental specialities

Table 4.1 Dental practitioners - dental speciality by state or territory

Speciality	ACT	NSW	NT	QLD	SA	TAS	VIC	WA	No PPP	Total
Dento-maxillofacial radiology		1		8			1	6	1	17
Endodontics	7	59		50	17	4	50	23	5	215
Forensic odontology	2	4		2	3	1	1	4		17
Oral and maxillofacial pathology		4		2	4	1	2	4		17
Oral and maxillofacial surgery	6	62	2	62	19	5	56	21	7	240
Oral medicine	1	12		6			18	15	1	53
Oral surgery		45		8		1	7	2	6	69
Orthodontics	16	200	3	127	53	7	152	73	13	644
Paediatric dentistry	4	47		35	16	1	53	25	5	186
Periodontics	9	79	1	63	21	6	74	35	8	296
Prosthodontics	6	75		39	25	1	57	24	5	232
Public health dentistry (Community dentistry)		8	1	3	2	1	6	1		22
Special needs dentistry		7		6	3	2	9	1	1	29
Total	51	603	7	411	163	30	486	234	52	2,037

Endorsements

Table 5.1 Dental practitioners - endorsement by state or territory

Endorsement	ACT	NSW	NT	QLD	SA	TAS	VIC	WA	No PPP	Total
Conscious sedation	6	43		18	1	1	4	13	1	87

Age group

Table 6.1 Dental practitioners - by age group

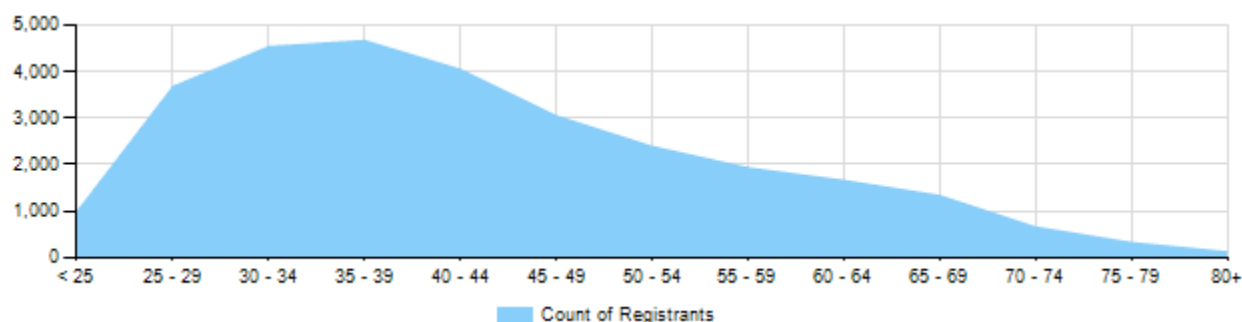


Table 6.2 Dental practitioners - registration type by age group

Age group	General	General and Non-practising	General and Specialist	Specialist	Limited			Non-practising	Total
					Postgraduate training or supervised practice	Public interest	Teaching or research		
< 25	976							7	983
25 - 29	3,608		12		2			63	3,685
30 - 34	4,246		126	3	8		3	161	4,547
35 - 39	4,254	1	245	11	5		8	155	4,679
40 - 44	3,584	2	300	19	3		14	131	4,053
45 - 49	2,593		337	21			8	93	3,052
50 - 54	2,071		222	8	1		5	82	2,389
55 - 59	1,626		178	11			5	106	1,926
60 - 64	1,335		190	1		1	2	125	1,654
65 - 69	1,029		164	1				132	1,326
70 - 74	455		87	1			1	103	647
75 - 79	209		36					66	311
80+	56		26					28	110
Total	26,042	3	1,923	76	19	1	46	1,252	29,362

Gender

Table 7.1 Dental practitioners - registration type by gender

Gender	Registration types	Registration subtypes	ACT	NSW	NT	QLD	SA	TAS	VIC	WA	No PPP	Total
Female	General		298	4,297	103	3,126	1,348	232	3,838	1,940	268	15,450
	General and Non-practising			1		1				1		3
	General and Specialist		16	179	2	117	53	8	173	85	13	646
	Specialist		1	7		4	1		11	4	5	33
	Limited	Postgraduate training or supervised practice				1	1		2	4		8
		Teaching or research		1		9	3		1	3		17
	Non-practising		9	160	4	116	52	5	119	65	158	688
Total Female			324	4,645	109	3,374	1,458	245	4,144	2,102	444	16,845
Male	General		154	3,331	63	2,320	711	193	2,544	1,071	204	10,591
	General and Specialist		34	389	5	274	103	21	289	134	28	1,277
	Specialist			10		8	4	1	6	8	6	43
	Limited	Postgraduate training or supervised practice				1	1		5	3		10
		Public interest		1								1
		Teaching or research		7		10	2		2	7		28
	Non-practising		3	143	5	74	29	6	115	42	147	564
Total Male			191	3,881	73	2,687	850	221	2,961	1,265	385	12,514
Not stated or Intersex or Indeterminate	General			1								1
	Limited	Postgraduate training or supervised practice								1		1
		Teaching or research					1					1
Total			515	8,527	182	6,061	2,309	466	7,105	3,368	829	29,362

Table 7.2 Dental practitioners - percentage by gender

Gender	ACT	NSW	NT	QLD	SA	TAS	VIC	WA	No PPP	Total
Female	62.9%	54.5%	59.9%	55.7%	63.1%	52.6%	58.3%	62.4%	53.6%	57.4%
Male	37.1%	45.5%	40.1%	44.3%	36.8%	47.4%	41.7%	37.6%	46.4%	42.6%
Not stated or Intersex or Indeterminate		<0.1%			<0.1%			<0.1%		<0.1%