

Psychology Board of Australia

Registrant data

Reporting period: 01 April 2021 to 30 June 2021



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Introduction

The role of the Psychology Board of Australia (the Board) includes:

- registering psychologists and provisional psychologists
- developing standards, codes and guidelines for the psychology profession
- handling notifications, complaints, investigations and disciplinary hearings
- overseeing the assessment of overseas trained psychologists 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.

In April 2020, Ahpra and the National Board established a temporary pandemic response sub-register for up to 12 months to help fast track the return to the workforce of experienced and qualified psychologists to assist with the COVID-19 pandemic. In early April 2021, the Commonwealth Health Minister requested that the pandemic sub-register for some health professions (medical practitioners, nurses, midwives and pharmacists and Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander health practitioners) be extended for up to 12 months to help with the COVID-19 vaccination program only.

At the end of April 2021 the Board agreed to close out the pandemic sub-register for psychologists. Please see the [COVID-19](#) page on Ahpra's website for more information.

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

Principal place of practice

Principal Place of Practice (PPP) is the address declared by the psychologist to be the address at which he or she is predominantly practising the profession. If the psychologist is not practising the profession or is not practising predominantly at one address the Principal Place of Practice may be the psychologist's principal place of residence.

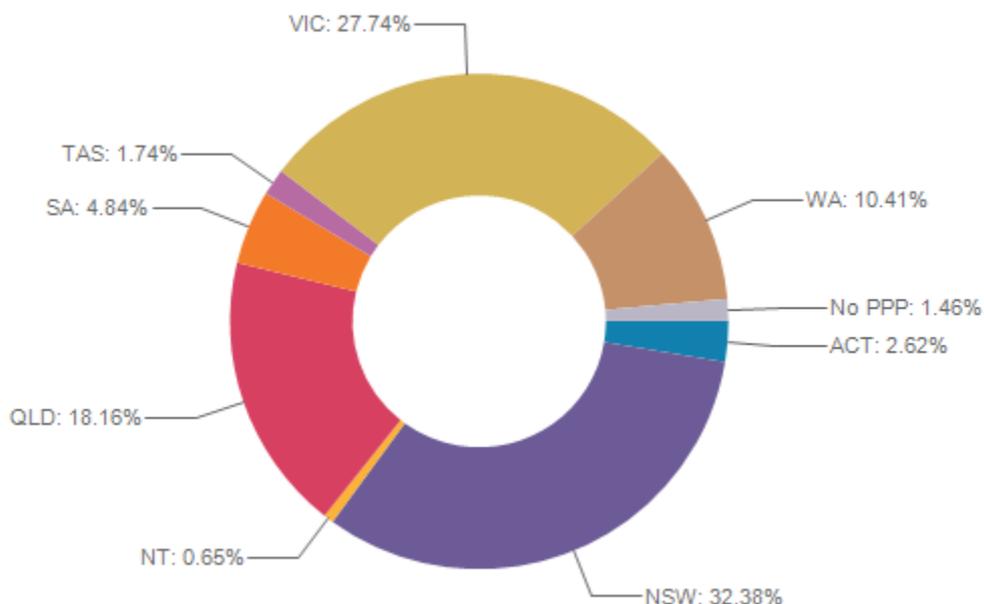
The 'No PPP' column in the tables on the following pages represents psychologists who do not have an Australian Principal Place of Practice recorded on the register usually because they are currently residing overseas or who have not provided a valid PPP.

Registration type

Table 1.1 Registration type by principal place of practice

Registration types	ACT	NSW	NT	QLD	SA	TAS	VIC	WA	No PPP	Total
General	893	10,881	222	6,096	1,635	583	9,347	3,489	410	33,556
Provisional	157	2,062	48	1,219	287	110	1,884	716	8	6,491
Non-practising	47	598	2	278	100	34	369	150	192	1,770
Total	1,097	13,541	272	7,593	2,022	727	11,600	4,355	610	41,817

Table 1.2 Registration by principal place of practice percentages



Endorsements

Area of practice endorsements by PPP

Table 2.1 Area of practice endorsements by state or territory

Area of Practice	ACT	NSW	NT	QLD	SA	TAS	VIC	WA	No PPP	Total
Clinical neuropsychology	12	194	7	122	33	8	359	39	12	786
Clinical psychology	357	3,136	43	1,738	756	230	2,698	1,291	131	10,380
Community psychology	1	5	1	3	1		32	11		54
Counselling psychology	9	198		95	17	10	530	174	12	1,045
Educational and developmental psychology	13	160	2	157	32	20	320	67	8	779
Forensic psychology	15	236	11	73	38	6	201	54	6	640
Health psychology	5	69	1	63	33	10	142	5	2	330
Organisational psychology	12	198	1	101	56	2	172	53	8	603
Sport and exercise psychology	6	24		36	7	3	22	6		104
Total	430	4,220	66	2,388	973	289	4,476	1,700	179	14,721

The figures in the table above show the total number of psychology area of practice endorsements recorded on the National Register. Psychologists who hold more than one endorsement are counted for each endorsement they hold. The number of individual psychologists who hold at least one area of practice endorsement after the close of business on 30 June 2021 was 13,676.

Number of endorsements

Table 2.2 Number of endorsements held

Endorsement	1	2	3	4	5	6	Total
Number of endorsed psychologists with the corresponding number of endorsements	12,703	912	53	6	1	1	13,676
% of endorsed psychologists who hold the corresponding number of endorsements	92.9%	6.7%	0.4%	<0.1%	<0.1%	<0.1%	100.0%
Number of psychologists with general registration (endorsed and non-endorsed)							33,556
% of all psychologists with general registration with one or more endorsement	37.9%	2.7%	0.2%	<0.1%	<0.1%	<0.1%	40.8%

Table 2.3 Psychologists with one endorsement and total number of endorsements - by area of practice

Area of Practice	Psychologists with one endorsement	% of psychologists with one endorsement	Total endorsements	% of total endorsements
Clinical neuropsychology	620	4.9%	786	5.3%
Clinical psychology	9,541	75.1%	10,380	70.5%
Community psychology	30	0.2%	54	0.4%
Counselling psychology	745	5.9%	1,045	7.1%
Educational and developmental psychology	603	4.7%	779	5.3%
Forensic psychology	369	2.9%	640	4.3%
Health psychology	175	1.4%	330	2.2%
Organisational psychology	535	4.2%	603	4.1%
Sport and exercise psychology	85	0.7%	104	0.7%
Total	12,703	100.0%	14,721	100.0%

The sum of individual proportions may not add up to 100% due to rounding.

Provisional Registration

Provisional registrants by pathway

Table 3.1 Provisional registrants by pathway

Pathway	ACT	NSW	NT	QLD	SA	TAS	VIC	WA	No PPP	Total
4+2 Internship	46	923	17	544	103	35	286	275	1	2,230
5+1 Internship	30	457	10	162	18	37	553	206	4	1,477
Higher Degree program	80	670	21	504	161	38	1,032	231	2	2,739
Transitional Program	1	12		9	5		11	4	1	43
No pathway							2			2
Total	157	2,062	48	1,219	287	110	1,884	716	8	6,491

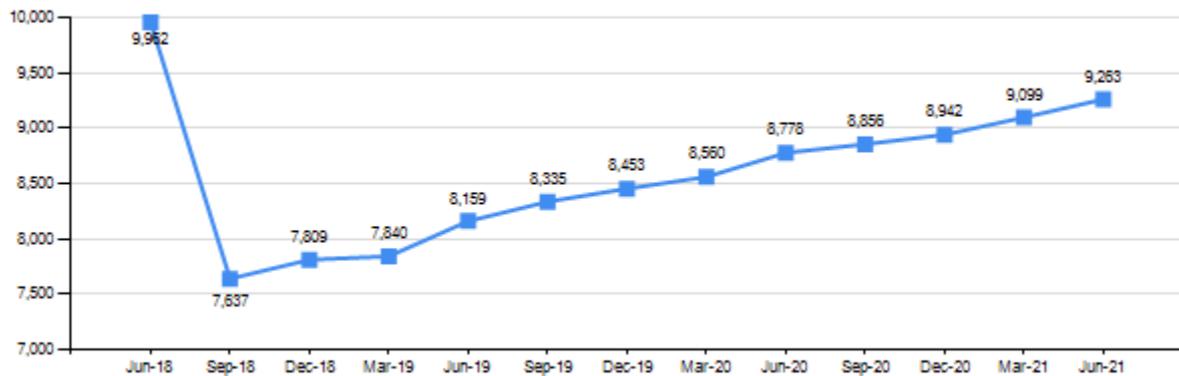
Supervisors

Board-approved supervisors

Table 4.1 Approved supervisors by PPP

PPP	Number of approved supervisors	% of general registrants
ACT	300	27.3%
NSW	3,045	22.5%
NT	61	22.4%
QLD	1,715	22.6%
SA	499	24.7%
TAS	186	25.6%
VIC	2,381	20.5%
WA	1,020	23.4%
No PPP	56	9.2%
Total	9,263	22.2%

Table 4.2 Change in the number of approved supervisors



8,500 psychologists were approved, under transitional arrangements in 2013, to provide supervision until 30 June 2018. 2,900 did not renew their supervision approvals, accounting for the decline in total approved supervisors in September 2018.

Registrar program supervisors

Table 4.3 Registrar program principal supervisors

Area of practice	ACT	NSW	NT	QLD	SA	TAS	VIC	WA	No PPP	Total
Clinical neuropsychology	6	99	3	70	19	4	218	23	3	445
Clinical psychology	163	1,271	20	737	302	96	1,134	569	26	4,318
Community psychology		1		1			17	2		21
Counselling psychology	2	46		40	9	1	174	77		349
Educational and developmental psychology	2	60		76	16	9	118	23		304
Forensic psychology	9	123	6	35	20	4	99	28	4	328
Health psychology	3	25		33	13	3	64		1	142
Organisational psychology	5	73	1	45	20	2	76	19	2	243
Sport and exercise psychology	1	5		10	2		7	1		26
Total	191	1,703	30	1,047	401	119	1,907	742	36	6,176

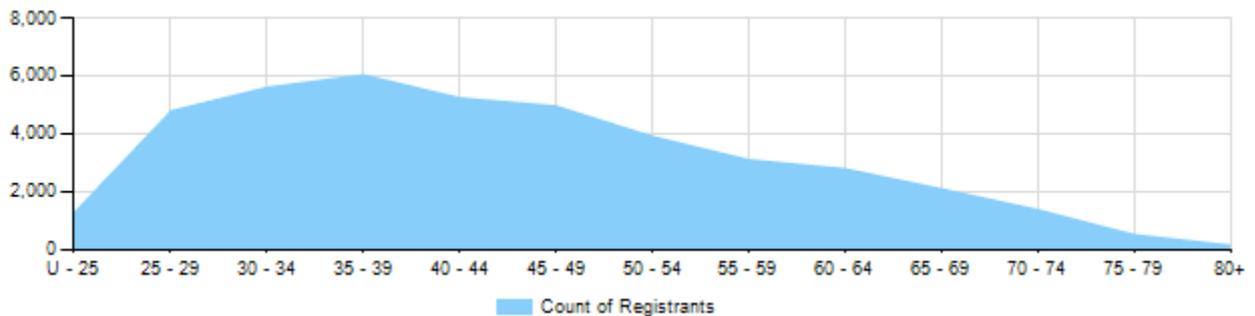
Age group

Registration type

Table 5.1 Registration type by age group

Age group	General	Provisional	Non-practising	Total
U - 25	87	1,190		1,277
25 - 29	2,502	2,256	34	4,792
30 - 34	4,344	1,069	197	5,610
35 - 39	5,098	675	269	6,042
40 - 44	4,572	499	175	5,246
45 - 49	4,461	363	139	4,963
50 - 54	3,513	252	146	3,911
55 - 59	2,846	118	133	3,097
60 - 64	2,556	51	178	2,785
65 - 69	1,864	12	211	2,087
70 - 74	1,186	5	178	1,369
75 - 79	419	1	83	503
80+	108		27	135
Total	33,556	6,491	1,770	41,817

Table 5.2 Registrants by age group



Gender

Registration type

Table 6.1 Psychology registrants by gender, by state and territory and by registration type

Gender	Registration types	ACT	NSW	NT	QLD	SA	TAS	VIC	WA	No PPP	Total
Female	General	716	8,731	172	4,889	1,270	495	7,541	2,832	323	26,969
	Provisional	135	1,660	41	968	231	93	1,535	577	6	5,246
	Non-practising	34	461	1	223	78	23	295	132	149	1,396
Total female		885	10,852	214	6,080	1,579	611	9,371	3,541	478	33,611
Male	General	177	2,148	50	1,207	365	88	1,805	657	87	6,584
	Provisional	22	402	7	250	56	17	348	137	2	1,241
	Non-practising	13	137	1	55	22	11	74	18	43	374
Total male		212	2,687	58	1,512	443	116	2,227	812	132	8,199
Not stated or Intersex or Indeterminate	General		2					1			3
	Provisional				1			1	2		4
Total Not stated or Intersex or Indeterminate		0	2	0	1	0	0	2	2	0	7
Total		1,097	13,541	272	7,593	2,022	727	11,600	4,355	610	41,817

Percentage

Table 6.2 Registrants by gender percentages

Gender	ACT	NSW	NT	QLD	SA	TAS	VIC	WA	No PPP	Total
Female	80.7%	80.1%	78.7%	80.1%	78.1%	84.0%	80.8%	81.3%	78.4%	80.4%
Male	19.3%	19.8%	21.3%	19.9%	21.9%	16.0%	19.2%	18.6%	21.6%	19.6%
Not stated or Intersex or Indeterminate		<0.1%		<0.1%			<0.1%	<0.1%		<0.1%