

# 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](http://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.

### Pandemic response sub-register

In April 2020, Ahpra and National Boards 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 health practitioners to assist with the COVID-19 pandemic. In early April 2021, the Commonwealth Health Minister requested that optometrists (as well as nurses, midwives and pharmacists and Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander health practitioners) be added to the sub-register for up to 12 months to help with the COVID-19 response. These optometrists are included in these statistics. Please see the [COVID-19](#) page on Ahpra's website for more info.

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

## Principal place of practice

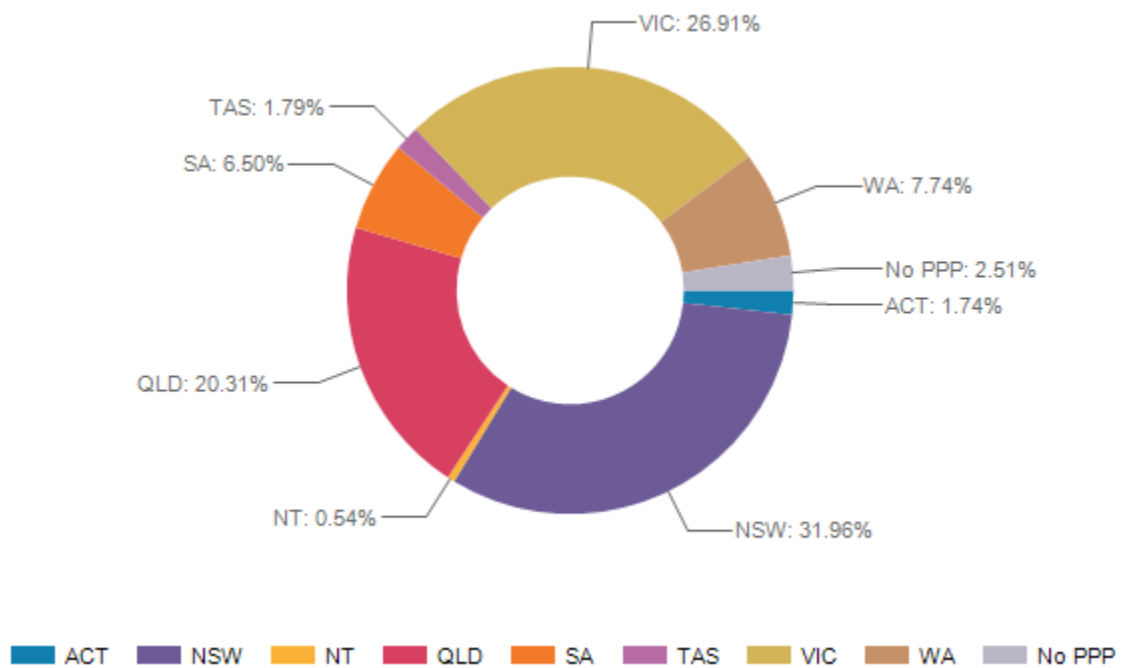
### Registration type

**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		109	2,031	35	1,292	418	114	1,706	496	81	6,282
Limited	Postgraduate training or supervised practice	2	1		2	1		7	2	2	17
Non-practising		3	56		33	6	3	45	8	81	235
<b>Total</b>		<b>114</b>	<b>2,088</b>	<b>35</b>	<b>1,327</b>	<b>425</b>	<b>117</b>	<b>1,758</b>	<b>506</b>	<b>164</b>	<b>6,534*</b>

\* Total figure includes 48 optometrists on the Pandemic response sub-register. For more information go to the [COVID-19](#) page on the Ahpra website.

**Table 1.2 Principal place of practice percentages**



## Endorsements

**Table 1.3 Endorsements**

Endorsement	ACT	NSW	NT	QLD	SA	TAS	VIC	WA	No PPP	Total
Scheduled Medicines	74	1,215	27	888	323	92	1,375	324	29	<b>4,347</b>
% of General Registrants who are Endorsed	67.9%	59.8%	77.1%	68.7%	77.3%	80.7%	80.6%	65.3%	35.8%	<b>69.2%</b>

**Table 1.4 Endorsement by age group**

Age group	Scheduled Medicines	% of general registrants who are endorsed
U - 25	363	99.7%
25 - 29	1,305	99.2%
30 - 34	831	95.0%
35 - 39	522	75.5%
40 - 44	380	60.4%
45 - 49	307	53.2%
50 - 54	250	43.3%
55 - 59	165	37.8%
60 - 64	148	32.0%
65 - 69	53	21.3%
70 - 74	20	27.0%
75 - 79	3	12.0%
80+		.0%
<b>Total</b>	<b>4,347</b>	<b>69.2%</b>

*\*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						
	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female	Male	Total
U - 25	260	104					260	104	364
25 - 29	922	394	3	1	6	1	931	396	1,327
30 - 34	579	296	4	1	23	6	606	303	909
35 - 39	459	232	4	2	21	7	484	241	725
40 - 44	387	242	1	1	15	10	403	253	656
45 - 49	331	246			18	10	349	256	605
50 - 54	282	296			18	11	300	307	607
55 - 59	180	257			12	12	192	269	461
60 - 64	125	338			9	19	134	357	491
65 - 69	52	197			7	12	59	209	268
70 - 74	17	57			2	8	19	65	84
75 - 79	2	23				5	2	28	30
80+		4				3	0	7	7
<b>Total</b>	<b>3,596</b>	<b>2,686</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>131</b>	<b>104</b>	<b>3,739</b>	<b>2,795</b>	<b>6,534</b>

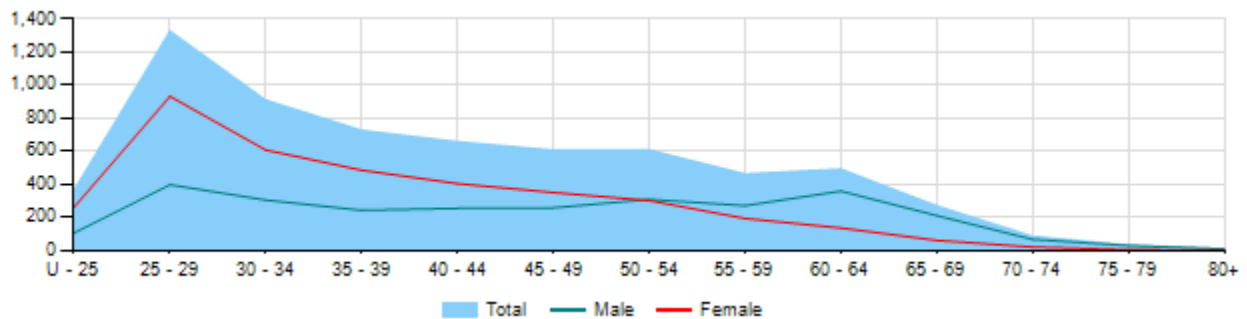
**Table 2.2 Registrants age group, by principal place of practice and gender - General and Limited**

Age group	ACT		NSW		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	
U - 25	4	2	77	25	1		78	36	39	14	4		43	20	14	6		1	<b>364</b>
25 - 29	24	4	271	124	7	1	181	69	94	32	20	7	262	124	60	33	6	1	<b>1,320</b>
30 - 34	7	8	171	97	3	2	102	53	31	14	6	1	231	98	27	23	5	1	<b>880</b>
35 - 39	9	3	140	65	3		97	49	19	18	6	3	143	78	39	12	7	6	<b>697</b>
40 - 44	9	3	160	69	2	2	65	54	24	10	4	4	81	73	36	26	7	2	<b>631</b>
45 - 49	10	7	97	60	2	2	80	61	14	20	7	8	89	65	27	22	5	1	<b>577</b>
50 - 54	4	7	112	83	1	1	58	69	9	17	5	5	65	66	22	43	6	5	<b>578</b>
55 - 59	1	1	61	70	1		44	68	3	8	5	5	47	71	12	30	6	4	<b>437</b>
60 - 64	1	5	60	145	1	6	19	54	4	22	3	14	25	57	10	28	2	7	<b>463</b>
65 - 69	1	1	28	79			5	36	6	17		4	8	40	2	16	2	4	<b>249</b>
70 - 74			9	21			1	10		2		2	7	14		5		3	<b>74</b>
75 - 79			1	5				5		2		1	1	4		4		2	<b>25</b>
80+				2										1		1			<b>4</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>70</b>	<b>41</b>	<b>1,187</b>	<b>845</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>730</b>	<b>564</b>	<b>243</b>	<b>176</b>	<b>60</b>	<b>54</b>	<b>1,002</b>	<b>711</b>	<b>249</b>	<b>249</b>	<b>46</b>	<b>37</b>	<b>6,299</b>

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

Age group	ACT		NSW		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	
U - 25																			0
25 - 29			1				1				1				1		2	1	7
30 - 34			4	1			2	1	1				8	1			8	3	29
35 - 39	1		5	3			2	3	1				5			1	7		28
40 - 44			3	3			1	3					6		1		4	4	25
45 - 49			2	5			1	1					6	2			9	2	28
50 - 54			6	1			1						3	2	1		7	8	29
55 - 59			3	1			3	1	1				2	4			3	6	24
60 - 64		1	2	5				1		3	1		1	1		1	5	7	28
65 - 69		1	3	1			2	5				1				2	2	2	19
70 - 74			2	2				3						2		1			10
75 - 79				1				2						2					5
80+				2														1	3
<b>Total</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>47</b>	<b>34</b>	<b>235</b>

**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	62.3%	58.3%	60.0%	56.0%	57.9%	53.0%	58.8%	49.8%	56.7%	<b>57.2%</b>
Male	37.7%	41.7%	40.0%	44.0%	42.1%	47.0%	41.2%	50.2%	43.3%	<b>42.8%</b>