

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

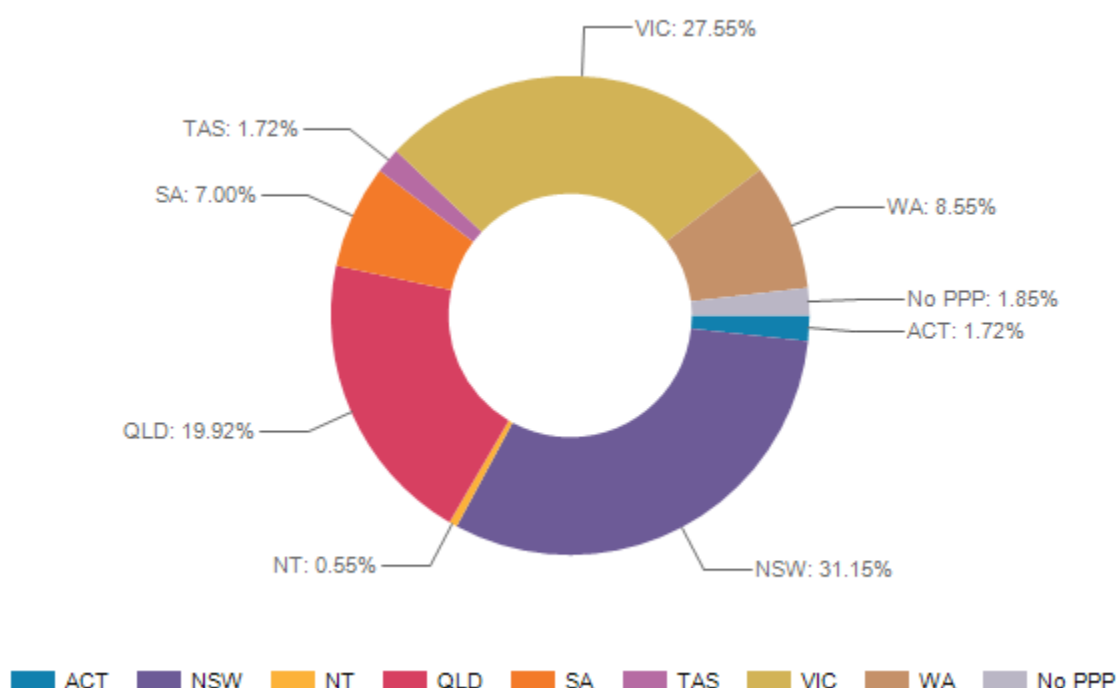
Principal place of practice

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	2,287	42	1,459	521	127	2,024	637	69	7,293
Limited	Postgraduate training or supervised practice		5		7				2	6	20
	Teaching or research		1								1
Non-practising		3	67		43	9	3	63	9	65	262
Total		130	2,360	42	1,509	530	130	2,087	648	140	7,576

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	1	4	2	1				14
Percentage of all practitioners	1.5%	0.2%	2.4%	0.3%	0.4%	0.8%				0.2%

Endorsements

Table 1.4 Endorsements

Endorsement	ACT	NSW	NT	QLD	SA	TAS	VIC	WA	No PPP	Total
Scheduled medicines	105	1,665	38	1,162	454	112	1,799	503	35	5,873
% of General Registrants who are Endorsed	82.7%	72.8%	90.5%	79.6%	87.1%	88.2%	88.8%	79.0%	50.7%	80.5%

Table 1.5 Endorsement by age group

Age group	Scheduled medicines	% of general registrants who are endorsed
< 25	444	100.0%
25 - 29	1,565	99.9%
30 - 34	1,347	99.8%
35 - 39	759	95.2%
40 - 44	511	76.5%
45 - 49	400	68.0%
50 - 54	298	54.8%
55 - 59	257	48.4%
60 - 64	154	44.1%
65 - 69	98	31.1%
70 - 74	32	28.6%
75 - 79	8	34.8%
80+		.0%
Total	5,873	80.5%

**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	302	142					3		305	142	447
25 - 29	1,088	478	1	2			5	3	1,094	483	1,577
30 - 34	931	419	3	1			13	4	947	424	1,371
35 - 39	523	273	5	2			30	11	558	286	844
40 - 44	448	220	2	2	1		19	6	470	228	698
45 - 49	339	249					26	13	365	262	627
50 - 54	314	230		2			21	7	335	239	574
55 - 59	229	302					21	9	250	311	561
60 - 64	143	206					11	16	154	222	376
65 - 69	66	249					7	20	73	269	342
70 - 74	20	92					1	8	21	100	121
75 - 79	5	18					2	3	7	21	28
80+		7						3	0	10	10
Total	4,408	2,885	11	9	1	0	159	103	4,579	2,997	7,576

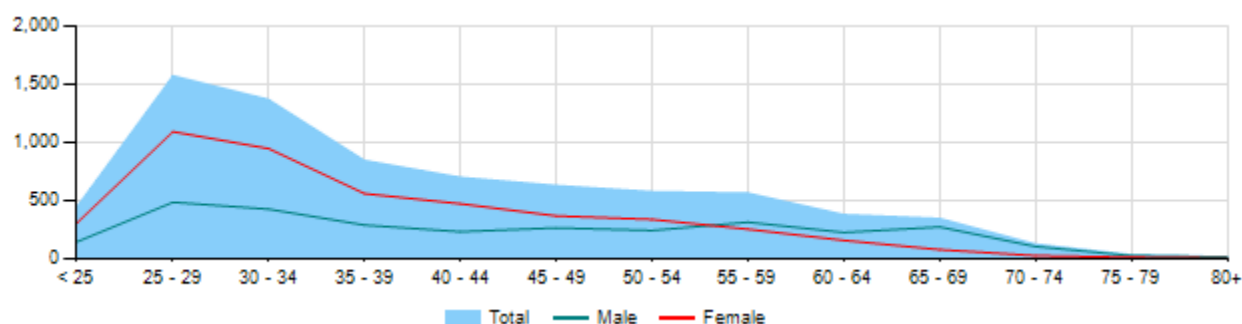
Table 2.2 Registrants age group, by principal place of practice and gender - General and Limited

Age group	VIC		TAS		QLD		ACT		WA		SA		NT		NSW		No PPP		Total
	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	
< 25	60	23	8	2	83	31	4	3	20	13	38	18	3	1	85	48	1	3	444
25 - 29	297	120	17	6	221	88	19	14	104	49	115	41	8	1	304	158	4	3	1,569
30 - 34	310	151	16	8	157	75	17	7	59	30	99	24	5	2	265	122	6	1	1,354
35 - 39	197	99	5	2	97	48	7	9	41	22	16	16	4	1	156	75	5	3	803
40 - 44	132	67	6	3	91	51	6	3	35	19	27	8	3	1	145	66	6	4	673
45 - 49	76	70	4	3	64	63	9	4	34	24	14	11		2	137	69	1	3	588
50 - 54	73	53	8	7	71	58	8	4	30	27	14	16	3	1	102	66	5		546
55 - 59	55	67	5	6	49	69	2	6	19	41	7	21		1	86	86	6	5	531
60 - 64	41	59	4	4	31	52	1	1	10	25	2	6	2	1	50	54	2	4	349
65 - 69	9	31	1	11	6	40		2	8	17	1	18		3	39	121	2	6	315
70 - 74	4	20		1	2	16		1	1	6	2	7			10	39	1	2	112
75 - 79	4	5				3				3					1	6		1	23
80+		1								2						3		1	7
Total	1,258	766	74	53	872	594	73	54	361	278	335	186	28	14	1,380	913	39	36	7,314

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

Age group	VIC		QLD		NSW		SA		TAS		NT		WA		ACT		No PPP		Total
	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	
< 25	1		1														1		3
25 - 29	2			1	1			1					1				2		8
30 - 34	1	1	5	1	4		1						1				2	1	17
35 - 39	12	2	2	2	4	6		1									12		41
40 - 44	2	1	5	2	4	1			1					1			7	1	25
45 - 49	8	3	7	2	5	5							1		1		4	3	39
50 - 54	8	1	1	1	3	2	1								1		7	3	28
55 - 59	4	3	4	1	7												6	5	30
60 - 64	2	3		2	4	4	1	2						2			4	3	27
65 - 69	1	3	1	2	2	10	1	1	1					1		1	1	2	27
70 - 74		2		1		2				1				2			1		9
75 - 79		1		1	2	1													5
80+		2		1															3
Total	41	22	26	17	36	31	4	5	2	1	0	0	1	8	2	1	47	18	262

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	57.7%	60.0%	66.7%	59.5%	64.0%	58.5%	62.2%	55.9%	61.4%	60.4%
Male	42.3%	40.0%	33.3%	40.5%	36.0%	41.5%	37.8%	44.1%	38.6%	39.6%