

Psychology Board of Australia

Registrant data

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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.

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.

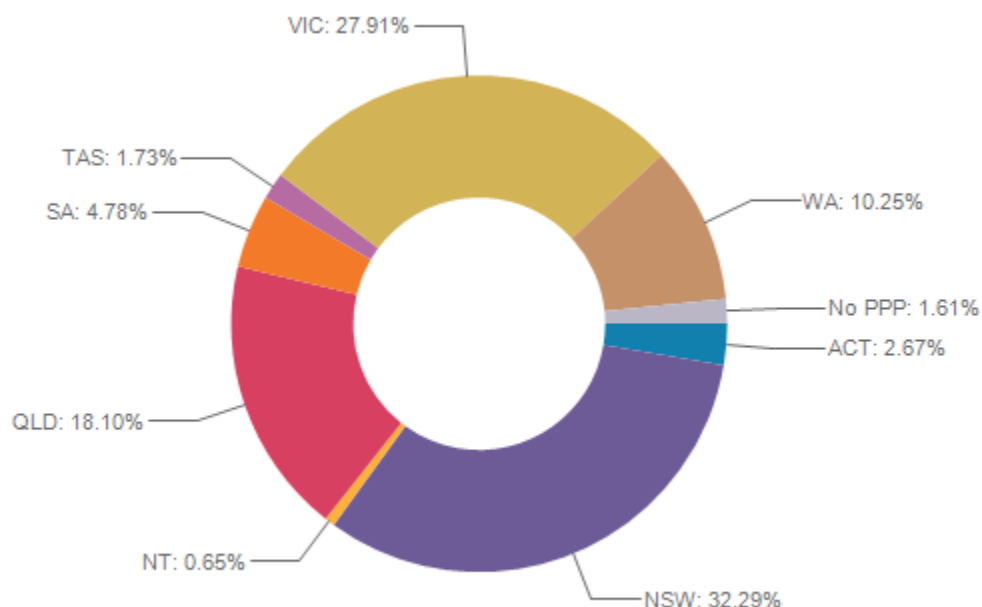
The 'No PPP' column in the tables on the following pages represents psychologists who do not have an Australian Principal Place of Practice recorded on the register usually because they are currently residing overseas or who have not provided a valid PPP.

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	865	10,256	203	5,721	1,559	544	8,828	3,245	412	31,633
Provisional	137	1,719	46	1,042	215	97	1,675	602	18	5,551
Non-practising	38	589	5	278	84	34	355	142	197	1,722
Total	1,040	12,564	254	7,041	1,858	675	10,858	3,989	627	38,906

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	182	4	113	30	7	335	40	12	735
Clinical psychology	307	2,874	39	1,588	701	210	2,443	1,229	129	9,520
Community psychology	2	6	1	3	1		34	9		56
Counselling psychology	10	200		87	14	8	518	162	6	1,005
Educational and developmental psychology	10	157	2	132	33	20	271	68	11	704
Forensic psychology	13	234	7	72	37	5	187	52	7	614
Health psychology	5	67	1	65	30	10	144	5	2	329
Organisational psychology	13	181	1	92	53	2	163	46	7	558
Sport and exercise psychology	6	22		33	8	3	22	6		100
Total	378	3,923	55	2,185	907	265	4,117	1,617	174	13,621

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 31 March 2020 was 12,590.

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	11,633	894	55	6	1	1	12,590
% of endorsed psychologists who hold the corresponding number of endorsements	92.4%	7.1%	0.4%	<0.1%	<0.1%	<0.1%	100.0%
Number of psychologists with general registration (endorsed and non-endorsed)							31,633
% of all psychologists with general registration with one or more endorsement	36.8%	2.8%	0.2%	<0.1%	<0.1%	<0.1%	39.8%

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	576	5.0%	735	5.4%
Clinical psychology	8,698	74.8%	9,520	69.9%
Community psychology	31	0.3%	56	0.4%
Counselling psychology	702	6.0%	1,005	7.4%
Educational and developmental psychology	530	4.6%	704	5.2%
Forensic psychology	351	3.0%	614	4.5%
Health psychology	175	1.5%	329	2.4%
Organisational psychology	489	4.2%	558	4.1%
Sport and exercise psychology	81	0.7%	100	0.7%
Total	11,633	100.0%	13,621	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	42	773	16	388	79	23	195	198	2	1,716
5+1 Internship	18	350	7	141	17	36	471	144	3	1,187
Higher Degree program	77	582	22	506	118	37	999	252	6	2,599
Transitional Program		14	1	7	1	1	10	8	7	49
Total	137	1,719	46	1,042	215	97	1,675	602	18	5,551

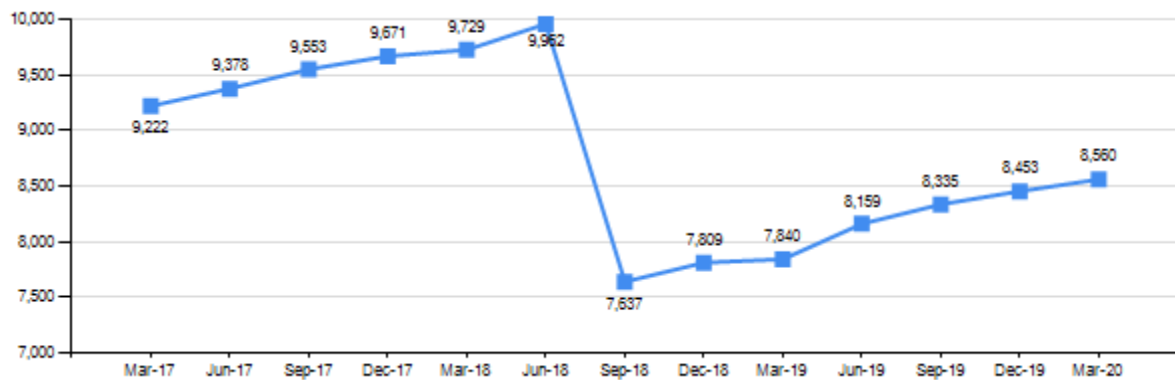
Supervisors

Board-approved supervisors

Table 4.1 Approved supervisors by PPP

PPP	Number of approved supervisors	% of general registrants
ACT	277	26.6%
NSW	2,853	22.7%
NT	59	23.2%
QLD	1,547	22.0%
SA	459	24.7%
TAS	185	27.4%
VIC	2,162	19.9%
WA	970	24.3%
No PPP	48	7.7%
Total	8,560	22.0%

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	7	91	2	66	15	4	205	26	3	419
Clinical psychology	137	1,164	21	655	280	88	1,025	531	23	3,924
Community psychology	1	2		1			19	1		24
Counselling psychology	4	44		36	5	1	179	67		336
Educational and developmental psychology	2	61		67	17	8	107	22		284
Forensic psychology	9	126	6	33	22	3	96	27	4	326
Health psychology	4	23		30	13	3	63		1	137
Organisational psychology	5	66	1	42	19	2	73	14	2	224
Sport and exercise psychology	1	3		11	2		2	1		20
Total	170	1,580	30	941	373	109	1,769	689	33	5,694

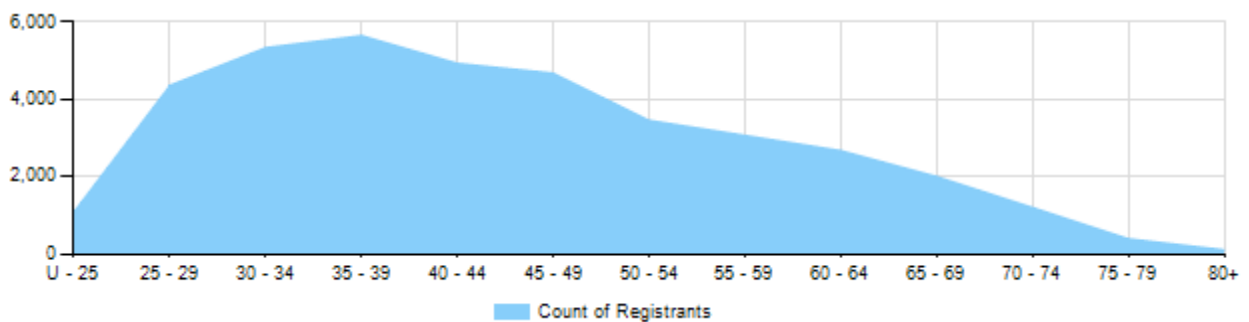
Age group

Registration type

Table 5.1 Registration type by age group

Age group	General	Provisional	Non-practising	Total
U - 25	102	992		1,094
25 - 29	2,412	1,906	42	4,360
30 - 34	4,161	939	232	5,332
35 - 39	4,796	593	256	5,645
40 - 44	4,342	414	172	4,928
45 - 49	4,192	322	160	4,674
50 - 54	3,110	211	133	3,454
55 - 59	2,821	108	135	3,064
60 - 64	2,439	52	177	2,668
65 - 69	1,799	8	192	1,999
70 - 74	1,050	4	144	1,198
75 - 79	322	2	64	388
80+	87		15	102
Total	31,633	5,551	1,722	38,906

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	703	8,210	155	4,606	1,206	456	7,100	2,606	312	25,354
	Provisional	110	1,356	38	820	172	81	1,379	501	11	4,468
	Non-practising	26	452	4	224	64	23	288	122	157	1,360
Total female		839	10,018	197	5,650	1,442	560	8,767	3,229	480	31,182
Male	General	162	2,044	48	1,114	353	88	1,728	639	100	6,276
	Provisional	27	363	8	222	43	16	293	101	7	1,080
	Non-practising	12	137	1	54	20	11	67	20	40	362
Total male		201	2,544	57	1,390	416	115	2,088	760	147	7,718
Not stated or Intersex or Indeterminate	General		2		1						3
	Provisional							3			3
Total Not stated or Intersex or Indeterminate		0	2	0	1	0	0	3	0	0	6
Total		1,040	12,564	254	7,041	1,858	675	10,858	3,989	627	38,906

Percentage

Table 6.2 Registrants by gender percentages

Gender	ACT	NSW	NT	QLD	SA	TAS	VIC	WA	No PPP	Total
Female	80.7%	79.7%	77.6%	80.2%	77.6%	83.0%	80.7%	80.9%	76.6%	80.1%
Male	19.3%	20.2%	22.4%	19.7%	22.4%	17.0%	19.2%	19.1%	23.4%	19.8%
Not stated or Intersex or Indeterminate		<0.1%		<0.1%			<0.1%			<0.1%