

Medical Board of Australia

Registrant data

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Introduction

The role of the Medical Board of Australia (the Board) is to:

- register medical practitioners and medical students
- develop standards, codes and guidelines for the medical profession
- investigate notifications and complaints
- where necessary, conduct panel hearings and refer serious matters to Tribunal hearings
- oversee the assessment of overseas trained practitioners who wish to practise in Australia, and
- approve 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 <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 quarterly.

Pandemic response sub-register

Ahpra and the Medical Board of Australia established a short-term pandemic response sub-register for up to 12 months (or less if the pandemic subsides) to help with fast tracking the return to the workforce of experienced and qualified health practitioners. The pandemic response sub-register came into effect on 6 April 2020. Eligible medical practitioners were added to the pandemic response sub-register. These practitioners are included in these statistics. Please see the [COVID-19](#) page on AHPRA's website for more info.

For more information on medical registration, please see the Board's website: <http://www.medicalboard.gov.au/Registration.aspx>

Medical practitioners by state and territory

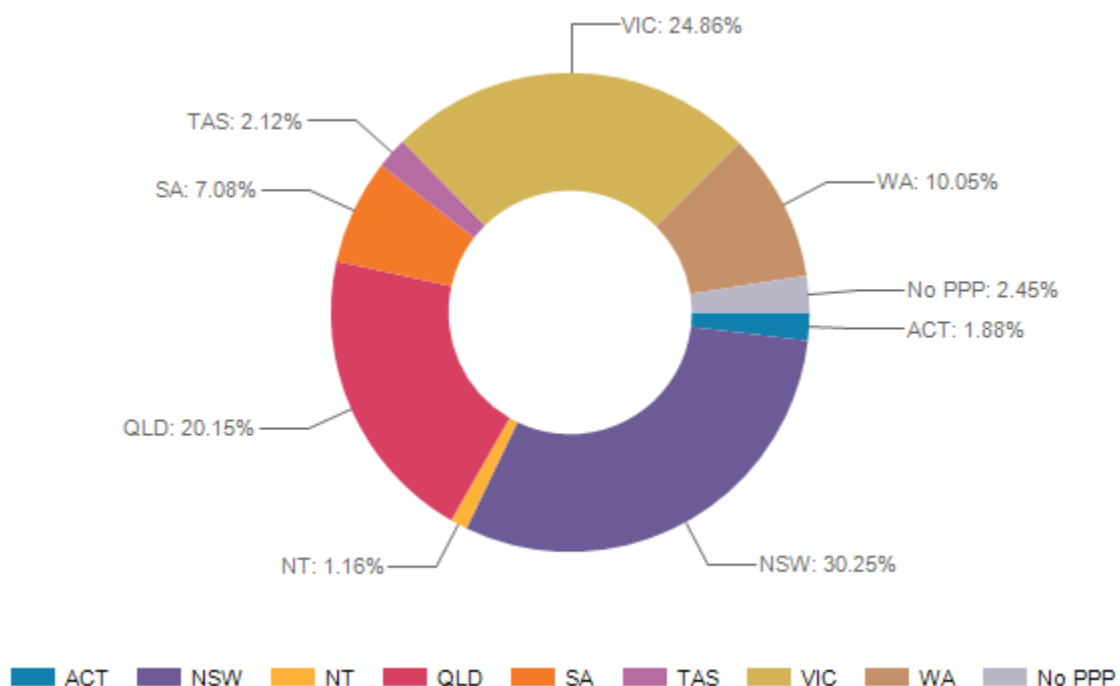
Registration type

Table 1.1 Medical practitioners - registration type by state or territory

Registration types	Registration subtypes	ACT	NSW	NT	QLD	SA	TAS	VIC	WA	No PPP	Total
General		894	13,843	620	9,280	2,938	845	10,770	4,560	824	44,574
General (Teaching and Assessing)			13		15	3	7	9	2		49
General and Specialist		1,081	18,925	580	11,504	4,562	1,286	15,578	5,239	768	59,523
Specialist		214	2,372	137	2,673	651	257	2,343	1,674	550	10,871
Provisional		110	1,495	74	1,236	419	117	1,370	731	31	5,583
Limited	Area of need	2	51	15	64	21	14	200	47	1	415
	Postgraduate training or supervised practice	38	684	21	298	186	101	522	205	16	2,071
	Public interest										0
	Teaching or research		10		6	2		11	4	3	36
Non-practising		26	610	8	244	116	34	426	165	890	2,519
Total		2,365	38,003	1,455	25,320	8,898	2,661	31,229	12,627	3,083	125,641*

* Total figure includes 3,392 medical practitioners on the Pandemic response sub-register. For more information go to the [COVID-19](#) page on the Ahpra website.

Table 1.2 Medical practitioners - percentage by state or territory



Specialist registration

Table 2.1 Medical practitioners - by area of specialist practice

Speciality name	Field of speciality practice	ACT	NSW	NT	QLD	SA	TAS	VIC	WA	No PPP	Total
Addiction medicine		4	78	4	34	15	6	30	17	4	192
Anaesthesia		88	1,648	42	1,170	419	129	1,351	614	143	5,604
Dermatology		5	215	1	102	49	6	161	52	9	600
Emergency medicine	Paediatric emergency medicine		6		6	2	1	5	1		21
	No sub-specialty	48	721	55	644	154	67	645	296	85	2,715
Subtotal - Emergency medicine		48	727	55	650	156	68	650	297	85	2,736
General practice		520	8,348	339	6,106	2,144	696	6,946	3,008	252	28,359
Intensive care medicine	Paediatric intensive care medicine		4		7		1	8	1	1	22
	No sub-specialty	25	288	11	220	76	18	241	92	43	1,014
Subtotal - Intensive care medicine		25	292	11	227	76	19	249	93	44	1,036
Medical administration		10	115	3	86	15	9	77	28	12	355
Obstetrics and gynaecology	Gynaecological oncology		17	1	11	4	1	11	5		50
	Maternal-fetal medicine	1	13	1	11	4		9	4	1	44
	Obstetrics and gynaecological ultrasound		12		3	2		44	3	2	66
	Reproductive endocrinology and infertility		26	1	4	6	1	14	2		54
	Urogynaecology	1	9		9	1		8	5		33
	No sub-specialty	38	569	19	410	144	44	512	181	51	1,968
Subtotal - Obstetrics and gynaecology		40	646	22	448	161	46	598	200	54	2,215
Occupational and environmental medicine		17	95	2	51	31	6	64	57	7	330
Ophthalmology		15	391	7	188	74	25	275	86	18	1,079

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Speciality name	Field of speciality practice	ACT	NSW	NT	QLD	SA	TAS	VIC	WA	No PPP	Total
Paediatrics and child health	Clinical genetics		20		7	3		11	3		44
	Community child health	3	41		17	2	2	23	6	1	95
	General paediatrics	30	725	29	410	147	40	547	217	40	2,185
	Neonatal and perinatal medicine	7	57	1	45	17	4	65	33	9	238
	Paediatric cardiology		13	1	10	2		15	8	4	53
	Paediatric clinical pharmacology		1					1		1	3
	Paediatric emergency medicine	1	18	1	29	10		21	12	3	95
	Paediatric endocrinology	1	19	1	11	3	1	5	7		48
	Paediatric gastroenterology and hepatology		10		6	1		12	5	2	36
	Paediatric haematology		6		5	1		5	3	1	21
	Paediatric immunology and allergy	1	14		8	8		11	3		45
	Paediatric infectious diseases		8	2	7	3		10	6	2	38
	Paediatric intensive care medicine		3		3			1		1	8
	Paediatric medical oncology	1	14		13	4		15	8	3	58
	Paediatric nephrology		7		2	2		5	2		18
	Paediatric neurology		21		8	2	1	13	3	3	51
	Paediatric nuclear medicine		1								1
	Paediatric palliative medicine		1		2			2	1		6
	Paediatric rehabilitation medicine		4		3	1			2		10
	Paediatric respiratory and sleep medicine	1	21		12	3		7	9	1	54
Paediatric rheumatology		3		4	2		5	3		17	
No sub-specialty	2	46	7	20	14	2	63	18	16	188	
Subtotal - Paediatrics and child health		47	1,053	42	622	225	50	837	349	87	3,312

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Speciality name	Field of speciality practice	ACT	NSW	NT	QLD	SA	TAS	VIC	WA	No PPP	Total
Pain medicine		6	108	1	64	35	10	71	38	2	335
Palliative medicine		7	139	5	72	29	14	98	41	6	411
Pathology	Anatomical pathology (including cytopathology)	20	341	7	202	71	20	213	106	15	995
	Chemical pathology	3	27	1	16	6	1	22	19	6	101
	Forensic pathology		15	1	16	5	1	15	6	2	61
	General pathology	1	44		20	4	5	19	5	2	100
	Haematology	13	197	2	108	46	14	153	51	14	598
	Immunology	7	51		15	10	2	20	20	2	127
	Microbiology	6	89	1	52	18	7	52	40	3	268
	No sub-specialty	2	18		9	3		9	10	3	54
Subtotal - Pathology		52	782	12	438	163	50	503	257	47	2,304
Physician	Cardiology	22	501	10	310	126	28	414	102	51	1,564
	Clinical genetics		32		10	10	1	20	4	2	79
	Clinical pharmacology		19		12	16		14	5	3	69
	Endocrinology	14	264	10	143	48	13	252	65	10	819
	Gastroenterology and hepatology	23	313	5	201	72	13	285	85	18	1,015
	General medicine	34	405	32	472	254	46	584	175	40	2,042
	Geriatric medicine	15	300	4	133	78	15	298	100	9	952
	Haematology	13	207	3	115	47	18	196	46	18	663
	Immunology and allergy	8	70		18	16	3	36	27	5	183
	Infectious diseases	10	123	16	80	36	10	198	47	14	534
	Medical oncology	14	244	6	125	57	17	273	48	21	805
	Nephrology	14	198	16	110	32	11	203	46	18	648
	Neurology	11	255	3	101	44	11	229	50	16	720
	Nuclear medicine	7	110	1	33	27	8	67	26	2	281
	Respiratory and sleep medicine	14	271	3	153	66	14	210	80	9	820
	Rheumatology	13	133	3	66	39	10	123	35	7	429
No sub-specialty	4	112	4	30	5	8	51	49	14	277	
Subtotal - Physician		216	3,557	116	2,112	973	226	3,453	990	257	11,900

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Speciality name	Field of speciality practice	ACT	NSW	NT	QLD	SA	TAS	VIC	WA	No PPP	Total
Psychiatry		84	1,226	27	843	325	80	1,163	386	86	4,220
Public health medicine		33	137	18	83	27	13	80	46	13	450
Radiation Oncology		14	157	2	86	19	10	105	27	11	431
Radiology	Diagnostic radiology	51	708	6	475	184	48	624	267	131	2,494
	Diagnostic ultrasound				1			3			4
	Nuclear medicine	6	46		54	11	3	71	11	1	203
	No sub-specialty	5	32		9	2	2	19	8	8	85
Subtotal - Radiology		62	786	6	539	197	53	717	286	140	2,786
Rehabilitation medicine		6	253	4	84	48	12	153	17	6	583
Sexual health medicine		5	62	1	22	11	2	27	8	1	139
Sport and exercise medicine		11	48	2	15	4	2	46	14	1	143
Surgery	Cardio-thoracic surgery	5	59		43	13	4	67	16	8	215
	General surgery	31	719	27	413	174	35	600	168	45	2,212
	Neurosurgery	8	86	2	51	18	5	77	21	7	275
	Oral and maxillofacial surgery	3	37	1	41	13	2	43	14	6	160
	Orthopaedic surgery	28	491	6	350	128	28	353	145	28	1,557
	Otolaryngology - head and neck surgery	8	178	3	107	48	10	136	43	13	546
	Paediatric surgery	5	37		18	8	3	26	9	3	109
	Plastic surgery	4	143	2	77	47	14	157	53	6	503
	Urology	8	149	1	102	35	12	137	41	7	492
	Vascular surgery	4	84	1	50	21	5	71	18	2	256
No sub-specialty	1	23	1	3			10	4	2	44	
Subtotal - Surgery		105	2,006	44	1,255	505	118	1,677	532	127	6,369
Total		1,420	22,869	766	15,297	5,701	1,650	19,331	7,443	1,412	75,889

Endorsements by type

Table 2.2 Medical practitioners - endorsements by state or territory

Endorsement	ACT	NSW	NT	QLD	SA	TAS	VIC	WA	No PPP	Total
Acupuncture	5	166	3	105	36	14	253	40		622

Medical practitioners by age group

Age by registration type

Table 3.1 Medical practitioners - registration type by age group

Age group	General	General (TA)	General and Specialist	Specialist	Provisional	Limited	Non-practising	Total
U - 25	337				988	1		1,326
25 - 29	11,556		119	7	2,991	98	39	14,810
30 - 34	13,735		2,884	230	851	565	156	18,421
35 - 39	7,563	2	7,178	900	415	843	165	17,066
40 - 44	3,790	3	8,809	2,008	206	542	169	15,527
45 - 49	2,212	2	8,131	2,332	80	251	222	13,230
50 - 54	1,577	1	7,020	2,077	27	130	195	11,027
55 - 59	1,241	5	7,128	1,562	16	56	250	10,258
60 - 64	981	9	6,731	979	7	24	243	8,974
65 - 69	600	11	5,222	467	2	11	270	6,583
70 - 74	398	7	3,548	225		1	265	4,444
75 - 79	286	6	1,754	59			251	2,356
80+	298	3	999	25			294	1,619
Total	44,574	49	59,523	10,871	5,583	2,522	2,519	125,641

Table 3.2 Medical practitioners - by age group

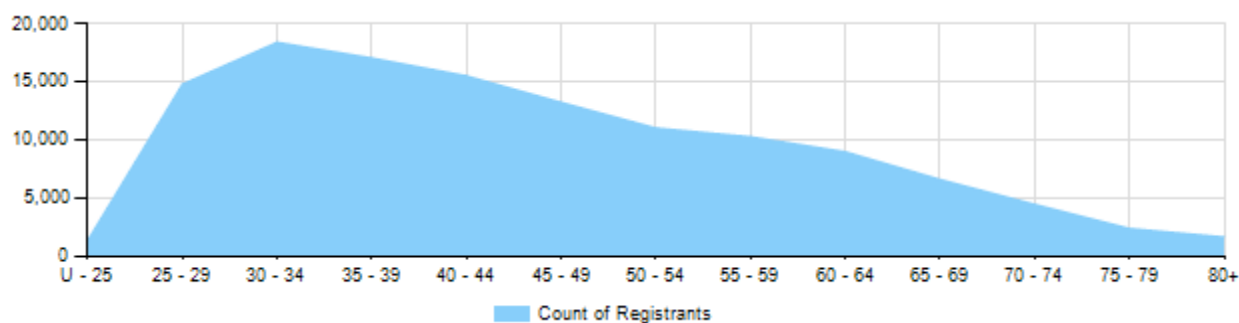


Table 3.3 Medical practitioners - limited registration by age group

Age group	Limited				Total
	Area of need	Postgraduate training or supervised practice	Public interest	Teaching or research	
U - 25				1	1
25 - 29		96		2	98
30 - 34	34	527		4	565
35 - 39	85	751		7	843
40 - 44	119	417		6	542
45 - 49	87	157		7	251
50 - 54	46	79		5	130
55 - 59	24	29		3	56
60 - 64	12	11		1	24
65 - 69	8	3			11
70 - 74		1			1
75 - 79					0
80+					0
Total	415	2,071	0	36	2,522

Medical practitioners by gender

Gender by registration type

Table 4.1 Medical practitioners - gender by state and territory by registration type

Gender	Registration types	Registration subtypes	ACT	NSW	NT	QLD	SA	TAS	VIC	WA	No PPP	Total
Female	General		485	7,086	352	4,530	1,546	423	5,704	2,458	359	22,943
	General TA			9		5	2	3	4	1		24
	General and Specialist		472	7,265	285	4,380	1,719	523	6,123	1,978	288	23,033
	Specialist		79	872	43	916	216	92	826	599	181	3,824
	Provisional		62	801	36	639	243	67	752	425	20	3,045
	Limited	Area of need	1	26	3	17	7	7	96	22	1	180
		Postgraduate training or supervised practice	19	322	5	128	77	47	222	93	4	917
		Teaching or research		1		4			4	4		13
	Non-practising		9	269	3	103	45	14	172	74	387	1,076
Total Female			1,127	16,651	727	10,722	3,855	1,176	13,903	5,654	1,240	55,055
Male	General		409	6,757	268	4,750	1,392	422	5,065	2,102	465	21,630
	General TA			4		10	1	4	5	1		25
	General and Specialist		609	11,660	295	7,124	2,843	763	9,454	3,261	480	36,489
	Specialist		135	1,499	94	1,757	435	165	1,517	1,075	369	7,046
	Provisional		48	694	38	597	176	50	618	306	11	2,538
	Limited	Area of need	1	25	12	47	14	7	104	25		235
		Postgraduate training or supervised practice	19	362	16	170	109	54	300	112	12	1,154
		Teaching or research		9		2	2		7		3	23
Non-practising		17	341	5	141	71	20	254	91	503	1,443	
Total Male			1,238	21,351	728	14,598	5,043	1,485	17,324	6,973	1,843	70,583

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Gender	Registration types	Registration subtypes	ACT	NSW	NT	QLD	SA	TAS	VIC	WA	No PPP	Total
Not stated or Intersex or Indeterminate	General								1			1
	General and Specialist								1			1
	Specialist			1								1
Total			2,365	38,003	1,455	25,320	8,898	2,661	31,229	12,627	3,083	125,641

Gender percentages

Table 4.2 Medical practitioners - percentage by gender

Gender	ACT	NSW	NT	QLD	SA	TAS	VIC	WA	No PPP	Total
Female	47.7%	43.8%	50.0%	42.3%	43.3%	44.2%	44.5%	44.8%	40.2%	43.8%
Male	52.3%	56.2%	50.0%	57.7%	56.7%	55.8%	55.5%	55.2%	59.8%	56.2%
Not stated or Intersex or Indeterminate		<0.1%					<0.1%			<0.1%

Specialist registration by gender

Table 4.3 Medical practitioners - by area of specialist practice by gender

Speciality	Female	Male	Not stated or Intersex or Indeterminate
Addiction medicine	26.6%	73.4%	
Anaesthesia	32.3%	67.7%	
Dermatology	47.5%	52.5%	
Emergency medicine	36.9%	63.1%	
General practice	43.6%	56.4%	
Intensive care medicine	20.9%	79.1%	
Medical administration	33.8%	65.9%	.3%
Obstetrics and gynaecology	50.5%	49.5%	
Occupational and environmental medicine	20.0%	80.0%	
Ophthalmology	23.0%	77.0%	
Paediatrics and child health	53.1%	46.9%	
Pain medicine	27.5%	72.5%	
Palliative medicine	60.1%	39.9%	
Pathology	44.7%	55.3%	
Physician	32.8%	67.2%	
Psychiatry	41.4%	58.6%	<0.1%
Public health medicine	42.9%	57.1%	
Radiation Oncology	43.4%	56.6%	
Radiology	27.5%	72.5%	
Rehabilitation medicine	49.7%	50.3%	
Sexual health medicine	56.1%	43.9%	
Sport and exercise medicine	25.2%	74.8%	
Surgery	12.7%	87.3%	
Total	37.5%	62.5%	<0.1%