

# 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

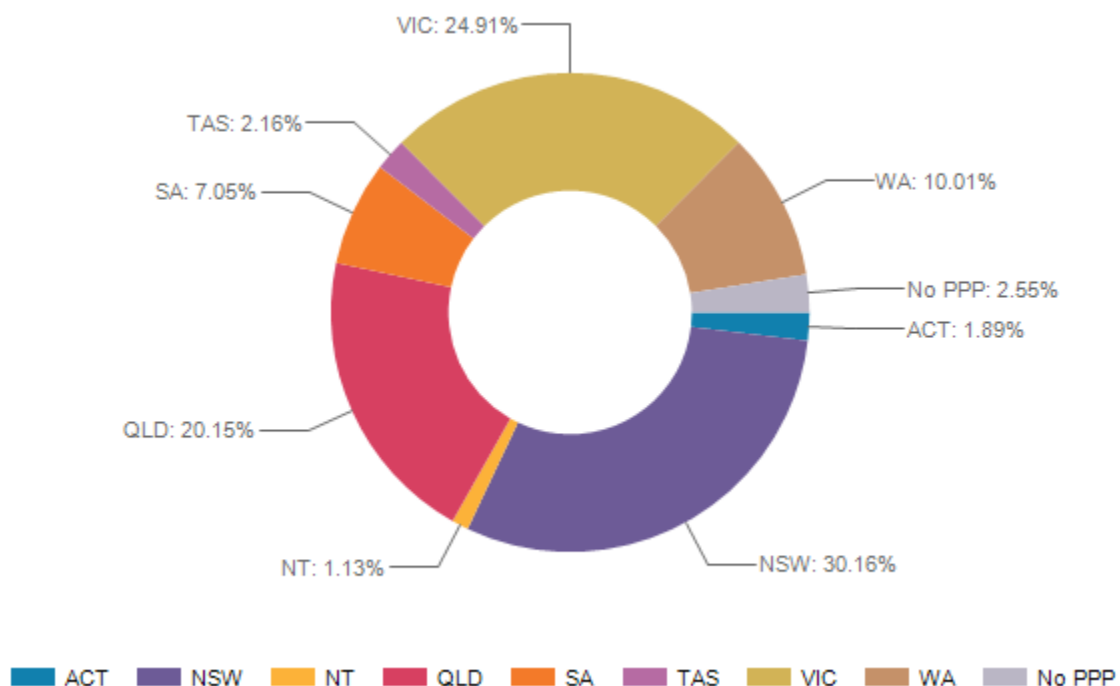
### Registration type

**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		863	13,504	607	9,078	2,861	824	10,647	4,490	836	<b>43,710</b>
General (Teaching and Assessing)			13		15	2	6	9	2		<b>47</b>
General and Specialist		1,104	19,125	560	11,689	4,627	1,340	15,755	5,359	757	<b>60,316</b>
Specialist		219	2,350	127	2,684	656	256	2,347	1,673	539	<b>10,851</b>
Provisional		106	1,438	75	1,185	371	117	1,289	614	31	<b>5,226</b>
Limited	Area of need	3	48	16	61	20	14	203	45		<b>410</b>
	Postgraduate training or supervised practice	39	687	22	302	176	108	519	204	20	<b>2,077</b>
	Public interest										<b>0</b>
	Teaching or research		8		5	2		8	5	3	<b>31</b>
Non-practising		38	751	12	312	151	47	538	199	1,014	<b>3,062</b>
<b>Total</b>		<b>2,372</b>	<b>37,924</b>	<b>1,419</b>	<b>25,331</b>	<b>8,866</b>	<b>2,712</b>	<b>31,315</b>	<b>12,591</b>	<b>3,200</b>	<b>125,730*</b>

\* Total figure includes 3,372 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		90	1,651	41	1,176	425	137	1,359	610	141	5,630
Dermatology		5	217	1	102	47	6	154	53	11	596
Emergency medicine	Paediatric emergency medicine	1	6		6	2	1	4	2		22
	No sub-specialty	48	728	56	645	153	67	653	302	84	2,736
<b>Subtotal - Emergency medicine</b>		<b>49</b>	<b>734</b>	<b>56</b>	<b>651</b>	<b>155</b>	<b>68</b>	<b>657</b>	<b>304</b>	<b>84</b>	<b>2,758</b>
General practice		527	8,527	316	6,264	2,199	724	7,128	3,077	252	29,014
Intensive care medicine	Paediatric intensive care medicine		6		7		1	8	1		23
	No sub-specialty	24	296	11	223	76	19	240	91	43	1,023
<b>Subtotal - Intensive care medicine</b>		<b>24</b>	<b>302</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>230</b>	<b>76</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>248</b>	<b>92</b>	<b>43</b>	<b>1,046</b>
Medical administration		11	117	2	85	16	10	77	29	11	358
Obstetrics and gynaecology	Gynaecological oncology		17	1	12	4	1	11	5		51
	Maternal-fetal medicine	1	14	1	11	4		9	4	1	45
	Obstetrics and gynaecological ultrasound		12		3	2		44	3	2	66
	Reproductive endocrinology and infertility		25	1	4	6	1	14	2	1	54
	Urogynaecology	1	9		9	1		8	5		33
	No sub-specialty	42	560	18	405	144	44	516	190	50	1,969
<b>Subtotal - Obstetrics and gynaecology</b>		<b>44</b>	<b>637</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>444</b>	<b>161</b>	<b>46</b>	<b>602</b>	<b>209</b>	<b>54</b>	<b>2,218</b>
Occupational and environmental medicine		16	95	2	52	31	6	63	58	7	330
Ophthalmology		15	393	7	189	75	27	274	85	14	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		21		7	2		11	3		44
	Community child health	2	41		18	2	2	24	8	1	98
	General paediatrics	32	724	30	416	147	41	545	219	38	2,192
	Neonatal and perinatal medicine	7	59	1	46	20	4	65	34	5	241
	Paediatric cardiology		14	1	14	2		15	8	1	55
	Paediatric clinical pharmacology		1					1		1	3
	Paediatric emergency medicine	1	17	1	30	11		21	13	3	97
	Paediatric endocrinology	1	20	1	12	3	1	5	7		50
	Paediatric gastroenterology and hepatology	1	9		6	1		11	6	2	36
	Paediatric haematology		6		5	1		5	4		21
	Paediatric immunology and allergy	1	14		8	8		11	3		45
	Paediatric infectious diseases		8	3	7	3		9	6	2	38
	Paediatric intensive care medicine		4		3			1			8
	Paediatric medical oncology	1	13		13	4		15	12	2	60
	Paediatric nephrology		8		2	2		5	2		19
	Paediatric neurology		20		8	2	1	12	4	3	50
	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		13	3		6	9	1	54
Paediatric rheumatology		3		5	2		5	3		18	
No sub-specialty	2	48	6	19	15	2	62	19	15	188	
<b>Subtotal - Paediatrics and child health</b>		<b>49</b>	<b>1,057</b>	<b>43</b>	<b>637</b>	<b>229</b>	<b>51</b>	<b>831</b>	<b>363</b>	<b>74</b>	<b>3,334</b>

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Speciality name	Field of speciality practice	ACT	NSW	NT	QLD	SA	TAS	VIC	WA	No PPP	Total
Pain medicine		5	108	1	66	36	11	74	38	1	340
Palliative medicine		7	144	5	72	27	16	100	41	5	417
Pathology	Anatomical pathology (including cytopathology)	22	338	6	200	70	23	207	111	14	991
	Chemical pathology	3	28	1	16	6	1	21	19	6	101
	Forensic pathology		15	1	15	5	3	14	6	2	61
	General pathology	1	44		20	4	5	19	4	2	99
	Haematology	13	195	2	108	45	15	157	54	14	603
	Immunology	7	50		15	10	2	20	20	2	126
	Microbiology	6	89	1	53	18	7	49	41	3	267
	No sub-specialty	2	19		9	3	1	7	9	3	53
<b>Subtotal - Pathology</b>		<b>54</b>	<b>778</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>436</b>	<b>161</b>	<b>57</b>	<b>494</b>	<b>264</b>	<b>46</b>	<b>2,301</b>
Physician	Cardiology	23	503	11	315	125	27	410	100	54	1,568
	Clinical genetics		32		10	10	1	20	4	2	79
	Clinical pharmacology		19		11	16		14	5	3	68
	Endocrinology	15	265	9	141	48	15	252	66	12	823
	Gastroenterology and hepatology	25	307	5	202	72	14	283	89	19	1,016
	General medicine	32	408	31	475	257	52	581	180	43	2,059
	Geriatric medicine	16	301	4	134	77	16	300	101	12	961
	Haematology	14	203	3	116	47	19	199	47	17	665
	Immunology and allergy	8	70		19	14	3	37	27	5	183
	Infectious diseases	11	123	16	78	37	11	198	50	13	537
	Medical oncology	14	245	6	122	56	18	270	50	25	806
	Nephrology	15	200	18	110	30	12	202	46	18	651
	Neurology	12	258	3	100	44	12	225	50	16	720
	Nuclear medicine	7	109	1	33	27	7	67	27	2	280
	Respiratory and sleep medicine	14	266	6	159	66	14	210	81	8	824
	Rheumatology	12	134	3	66	39	10	124	34	7	429
No sub-specialty	3	110	4	29	5	8	51	49	15	274	
<b>Subtotal - Physician</b>		<b>221</b>	<b>3,553</b>	<b>120</b>	<b>2,120</b>	<b>970</b>	<b>239</b>	<b>3,443</b>	<b>1,006</b>	<b>271</b>	<b>11,943</b>

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Speciality name	Field of speciality practice	ACT	NSW	NT	QLD	SA	TAS	VIC	WA	No PPP	Total
Psychiatry		87	1,225	27	850	328	83	1,165	393	83	4,241
Public health medicine		32	138	18	86	27	13	80	45	12	451
Radiation Oncology		14	155	2	85	19	10	108	27	10	430
Radiology	Diagnostic radiology	53	714	6	471	190	46	626	265	130	2,501
	Diagnostic ultrasound				1			3			4
	Nuclear medicine	7	45		52	11	3	70	11	1	200
	No sub-specialty	5	30		9	2	2	20	8	6	82
<b>Subtotal - Radiology</b>		<b>65</b>	<b>789</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>533</b>	<b>203</b>	<b>51</b>	<b>719</b>	<b>284</b>	<b>137</b>	<b>2,787</b>
Rehabilitation medicine		6	255	4	84	47	12	153	17	7	585
Sexual health medicine		5	62	1	21	10	2	27	8	1	137
Sport and exercise medicine		11	48	2	15	4	2	46	14	1	143
Surgery	Cardio-thoracic surgery	6	55		43	13	4	64	16	11	212
	General surgery	31	717	22	413	176	38	603	167	42	2,209
	Neurosurgery	8	86	1	51	18	5	77	22	7	275
	Oral and maxillofacial surgery	3	38	1	41	13	2	43	15	4	160
	Orthopaedic surgery	28	490	6	352	127	28	356	145	25	1,557
	Otolaryngology - head and neck surgery	8	174	3	108	47	10	137	46	12	545
	Paediatric surgery	5	36		20	9	2	24	9	3	108
	Plastic surgery	3	141	2	81	46	14	160	55	6	508
	Urology	8	150	1	105	36	12	133	44	4	493
	Vascular surgery	4	83	1	51	22	5	68	19	2	255
No sub-specialty	1	23	1	2			10	5	2	44	
<b>Subtotal - Surgery</b>		<b>105</b>	<b>1,993</b>	<b>38</b>	<b>1,267</b>	<b>507</b>	<b>120</b>	<b>1,675</b>	<b>543</b>	<b>118</b>	<b>6,366</b>
<b>Total</b>		<b>1,446</b>	<b>23,056</b>	<b>739</b>	<b>15,499</b>	<b>5,768</b>	<b>1,717</b>	<b>19,507</b>	<b>7,577</b>	<b>1,387</b>	<b>76,696</b>

## 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	6	165	2	105	38	14	249	39		618



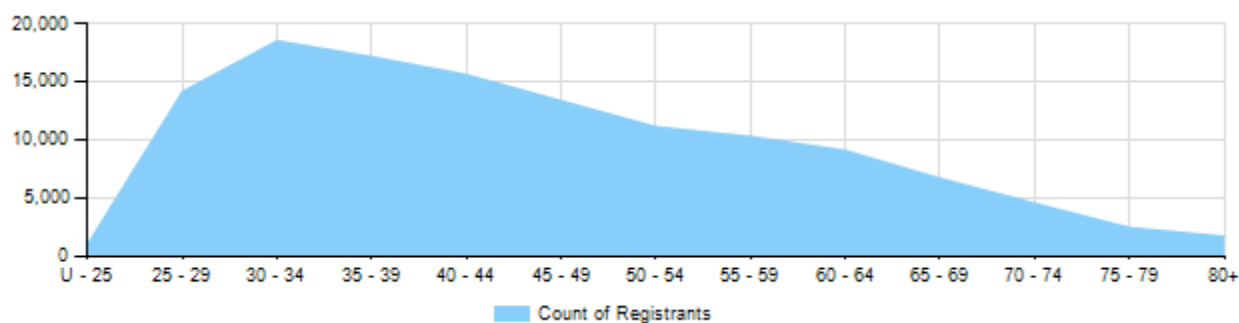
## Medical practitioners by age group

### 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	211				790			<b>1,001</b>
25 - 29	10,941		129	5	2,882	90	116	<b>14,163</b>
30 - 34	13,760		2,945	212	827	555	243	<b>18,542</b>
35 - 39	7,493	2	7,360	853	404	837	221	<b>17,170</b>
40 - 44	3,807	3	8,913	1,969	193	540	197	<b>15,622</b>
45 - 49	2,163	1	8,311	2,333	78	260	234	<b>13,380</b>
50 - 54	1,550	2	7,121	2,078	28	139	212	<b>11,130</b>
55 - 59	1,214	5	7,125	1,601	15	56	271	<b>10,287</b>
60 - 64	989	8	6,760	997	7	30	293	<b>9,084</b>
65 - 69	600	9	5,247	488	2	10	333	<b>6,689</b>
70 - 74	400	8	3,577	227		1	329	<b>4,542</b>
75 - 79	288	6	1,800	63			280	<b>2,437</b>
80+	294	3	1,028	25			333	<b>1,683</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>43,710</b>	<b>47</b>	<b>60,316</b>	<b>10,851</b>	<b>5,226</b>	<b>2,518</b>	<b>3,062</b>	<b>125,730</b>

**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	Teaching or research	
U - 25				0
25 - 29		88	2	90
30 - 34	34	517	4	555
35 - 39	78	752	7	837
40 - 44	122	413	5	540
45 - 49	83	172	5	260
50 - 54	49	86	4	139
55 - 59	22	31	3	56
60 - 64	14	15	1	30
65 - 69	8	2		10
70 - 74		1		1
75 - 79				0
80+				0
<b>Total</b>	<b>410</b>	<b>2,077</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>2,518</b>

## 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		470	6,918	349	4,429	1,504	410	5,571	2,417	361	<b>22,429</b>
	General TA			9		5	1	3	4	1		<b>23</b>
	General and Specialist		494	7,412	280	4,502	1,766	550	6,263	2,052	278	<b>23,597</b>
	Specialist		83	857	40	920	217	88	835	605	171	<b>3,816</b>
	Provisional		61	768	35	631	217	67	727	352	19	<b>2,877</b>
	Limited	Area of need	2	25	5	17	6	8	95	21		<b>179</b>
		Postgraduate training or supervised practice	20	331	6	134	78	48	235	94	6	<b>952</b>
		Teaching or research		1		4			4	5		<b>14</b>
	Non-practising		15	330	5	127	56	19	220	88	438	<b>1,298</b>
<b>Total Female</b>			<b>1,145</b>	<b>16,651</b>	<b>720</b>	<b>10,769</b>	<b>3,845</b>	<b>1,193</b>	<b>13,954</b>	<b>5,635</b>	<b>1,273</b>	<b>55,185</b>
Male	General		393	6,586	258	4,649	1,357	414	5,074	2,073	475	<b>21,279</b>
	General TA			4		10	1	3	5	1		<b>24</b>
	General and Specialist		610	11,713	280	7,187	2,861	790	9,491	3,307	479	<b>36,718</b>
	Specialist		136	1,492	87	1,764	439	168	1,512	1,068	368	<b>7,034</b>
	Provisional		45	670	40	554	154	50	562	262	12	<b>2,349</b>
	Limited	Area of need	1	23	11	44	14	6	108	24		<b>231</b>
		Postgraduate training or supervised practice	19	356	16	168	98	60	284	110	14	<b>1,125</b>
		Teaching or research		7		1	2		4		3	<b>17</b>
	Non-practising		23	421	7	185	95	28	318	111	576	<b>1,764</b>
<b>Total Male</b>			<b>1,227</b>	<b>21,272</b>	<b>699</b>	<b>14,562</b>	<b>5,021</b>	<b>1,519</b>	<b>17,358</b>	<b>6,956</b>	<b>1,927</b>	<b>70,541</b>

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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								2			2
	General and Specialist								1			1
	Specialist			1								1
<b>Total</b>			<b>2,372</b>	<b>37,924</b>	<b>1,419</b>	<b>25,331</b>	<b>8,866</b>	<b>2,712</b>	<b>31,315</b>	<b>12,591</b>	<b>3,200</b>	<b>125,730</b>

## Gender percentages

**Table 4.2 Medical practitioners - percentage by gender**

Gender	ACT	NSW	NT	QLD	SA	TAS	VIC	WA	No PPP	Total
Female	48.3%	43.9%	50.7%	42.5%	43.4%	44.0%	44.6%	44.8%	39.8%	<b>43.9%</b>
Male	51.7%	56.1%	49.3%	57.5%	56.6%	56.0%	55.4%	55.2%	60.2%	<b>56.1%</b>
Not stated or Intersex or Indeterminate		<0.1%					<0.1%			<b>&lt;0.1%</b>

## 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	32.4%	67.6%	
Dermatology	47.5%	52.5%	
Emergency medicine	37.0%	63.0%	
General practice	44.2%	55.8%	
Intensive care medicine	20.9%	79.1%	
Medical administration	34.6%	65.1%	.3%
Obstetrics and gynaecology	50.8%	49.2%	
Occupational and environmental medicine	20.3%	79.7%	
Ophthalmology	23.1%	76.9%	
Paediatrics and child health	53.4%	46.6%	
Pain medicine	27.9%	72.1%	
Palliative medicine	60.4%	39.6%	
Pathology	44.6%	55.4%	
Physician	32.9%	67.1%	
Psychiatry	41.4%	58.6%	<0.1%
Public health medicine	43.9%	56.1%	
Radiation Oncology	43.7%	56.3%	
Radiology	27.6%	72.4%	
Rehabilitation medicine	49.7%	50.3%	
Sexual health medicine	56.9%	43.1%	
Sport and exercise medicine	25.2%	74.8%	
Surgery	12.8%	87.2%	
<b>Total</b>	<b>37.8%</b>	<b>62.2%</b>	<b>&lt;0.1%</b>