

# Dental Board of Australia

## Registrant data

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## Introduction

The functions of the Dental Board of Australia (the Board) include:

- registering dentists, students, dental specialists, dental therapists, dental hygienists, oral health therapists and dental prosthetists
- developing standards, codes and guidelines for the dental 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 Ahpra's Legislation & Publications at [www.ahpra.gov.au/Publications](http://www.ahpra.gov.au/Publications)

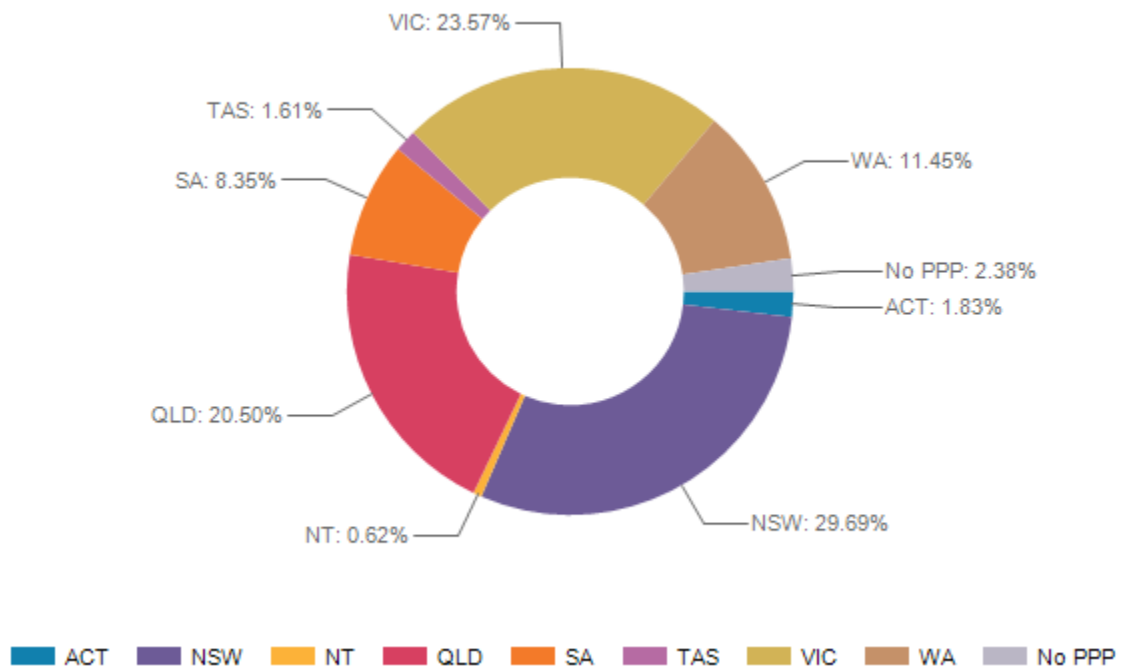
The Board has analysed its registration data and produced a number of statistical breakdowns about registrants to share with the profession and community. The Board shares these breakdowns regularly. For more information on dental registration, please see the Board's website: [www.dentalboard.gov.au/Registration.aspx](http://www.dentalboard.gov.au/Registration.aspx)

## Registration type

**Table 1.1 Dental practitioners - registration type by state or territory**

Registration types	Registration subtypes	ACT	NSW	NT	QLD	SA	TAS	VIC	WA	No PPP	Total
General		398	6,651	143	4,597	1,856	368	5,259	2,585	314	22,171
General and Non-practising					1						1
General and Specialist		45	520	5	346	150	27	438	194	42	1,767
Specialist		1	14		12	4		12	8	7	58
Limited	Postgraduate training or supervised practice		3		4	5		2	1	2	17
	Teaching or research		7		14	6		1	5		33
Non-practising		11	199	6	131	58	7	158	58	227	855
<b>Total</b>		<b>455</b>	<b>7,394</b>	<b>154</b>	<b>5,105</b>	<b>2,079</b>	<b>402</b>	<b>5,870</b>	<b>2,851</b>	<b>592</b>	<b>24,902</b>

**Table 1.2 Dental practitioners - percentage by principal place of practice**



## Registration divisions

**Table 2.1 Dental practitioners - division(s) by state or territory**

Division	ACT	NSW	NT	QLD	SA	TAS	VIC	WA	No PPP	Total
Dental Hygienist	43	379	11	164	326	20	232	267	22	1,464
Dental Hygienist and Dental Prosthetist		2		1						3
Dental Hygienist and Dental Prosthetist and Dental Therapist							1			1
Dental Hygienist and Dental Therapist	7	60	4	124	55	3	112	53	4	422
Dental Hygienist and Dental Therapist and Dentist				2						2
Dental Hygienist and Dental Therapist and Oral Health Therapist	1	16		11	5		13	2		48
Dental Hygienist and Dentist		1		3			1			5
Dental Hygienist and Oral Health Therapist	1	19		5	3		4	6		38
Dental Prosthetist	13	401	4	298	65	44	347	83	5	1,260
Dental Prosthetist and Dental Therapist							1			1
Dental Prosthetist and Dentist							3			3
Dental Prosthetist and Oral Health Therapist		1	1							2
Dental Therapist	12	156	10	140	67	37	124	238	5	789
Dental Therapist and Dentist							1			1
Dental Therapist and Oral Health Therapist								6		6
Dentist	342	5,713	106	3,855	1,290	276	4,463	1,943	539	18,527
Dentist and Oral Health Therapist		2		1			2			5
Oral Health Therapist	36	644	18	501	268	22	566	253	17	2,325
<b>Total</b>	<b>455</b>	<b>7,394</b>	<b>154</b>	<b>5,105</b>	<b>2,079</b>	<b>402</b>	<b>5,870</b>	<b>2,851</b>	<b>592</b>	<b>24,902</b>

## Registration type and divisions

Table 3.1 Dental practitioners - registration type and division by state or territory

Registration types	Division	ACT	NSW	NT	QLD	SA	TAS	VIC	WA	No PPP	Total
General	Dental Hygienist	43	358	11	158	317	20	225	258	11	1,401
	Dental Hygienist and Dental Prosthetist		2		1						3
	Dental Hygienist and Dental Prosthetist and Dental Therapist							1			1
	Dental Hygienist and Dental Therapist	7	56	4	118	52	3	104	52	2	398
	Dental Hygienist and Dental Therapist and Dentist				2						2
	Dental Hygienist and Dental Therapist and Oral Health Therapist	1	16		11	5		13	2		48
	Dental Hygienist and Dentist		1		2			1			4
	Dental Hygienist and Oral Health Therapist	1	19		5	3		4	6		38
	Dental Prosthetist	12	387	4	291	64	43	336	81	1	1,219
	Dental Prosthetist and Dental Therapist							1			1
	Dental Prosthetist and Dentist							3			3
	Dental Prosthetist and Oral Health Therapist		1	1							2
	Dental Therapist	10	143	9	137	66	36	114	230	1	746
	Dental Therapist and Dentist							1			1
	Dental Therapist and Oral Health Therapist								6		6
	Dentist	289	5,028	98	3,386	1,085	244	3,893	1,698	287	16,008
	Dentist and Oral Health Therapist		2		1			2			5
	Oral Health Therapist	35	638	16	485	264	22	561	252	12	2,285
<b>Sub Total - General</b>		<b>398</b>	<b>6,651</b>	<b>143</b>	<b>4,597</b>	<b>1,856</b>	<b>368</b>	<b>5,259</b>	<b>2,585</b>	<b>314</b>	<b>22,171</b>

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Registration types	Division	ACT	NSW	NT	QLD	SA	TAS	VIC	WA	No PPP	Total
General and Non-practising	Dental Hygienist and Dental Therapist										0
	Dental Hygienist and Dentist				1						1
	Dentist and Oral Health Therapist										0
<b>Sub Total - General and Non-practising</b>		<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>
General and Specialist	Dentist	45	520	5	346	150	27	438	194	42	1,767
Specialist	Dentist	1	14		12	4		12	8	7	58
Limited	Dental Hygienist		1								1
	Dentist		9		18	11		2	6	2	48
	Oral Health Therapist							1			1
<b>Sub Total - Limited</b>		<b>0</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>50</b>
Non-practising	Dental Hygienist		20		6	9		7	9	11	62
	Dental Hygienist and Dental Therapist		4		6	3		8	1	2	24
	Dental Hygienist and Oral Health Therapist										0
	Dental Prosthetist	1	14		7	1	1	11	2	4	41
	Dental Therapist	2	13	1	3	1	1	10	8	4	43
	Dentist	7	142	3	93	40	5	118	37	201	646
	Oral Health Therapist	1	6	2	16	4		4	1	5	39
<b>Sub Total - Non-practising</b>		<b>11</b>	<b>199</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>131</b>	<b>58</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>158</b>	<b>58</b>	<b>227</b>	<b>855</b>
<b>Total</b>		<b>455</b>	<b>7,394</b>	<b>154</b>	<b>5,105</b>	<b>2,079</b>	<b>402</b>	<b>5,870</b>	<b>2,851</b>	<b>592</b>	<b>24,902</b>

## Dental specialities

**Table 4.1 Dental practitioners - dental speciality by state or territory**

Speciality	ACT	NSW	NT	QLD	SA	TAS	VIC	WA	No PPP	Total
Dento-maxillofacial radiology		1		9			1	4		15
Endodontics	8	53	1	35	13	3	47	18	4	182
Forensic odontology	2	5	1	2	2	2	2	4		20
Oral and maxillofacial surgery	6	64	1	53	18	5	58	22	6	233
Oral medicine		9		7			14	11	2	43
Oral pathology		6		5	3	1	2	2	1	20
Oral surgery		39		6			6	1	3	55
Orthodontics	15	192	2	126	54	11	155	67	16	638
Paediatric dentistry	2	46		25	18	1	42	21	4	159
Periodontics	7	69	1	47	16	4	63	31	5	243
Prosthodontics	6	66		45	24		52	22	8	223
Public health dentistry (Community dentistry)		4		1	1		8	1		15
Special needs dentistry		4		6	5		7	1	1	24
Surgery				1						1
<b>Total</b>	<b>46</b>	<b>558</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>368</b>	<b>154</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>457</b>	<b>205</b>	<b>50</b>	<b>1,871</b>

## Endorsements

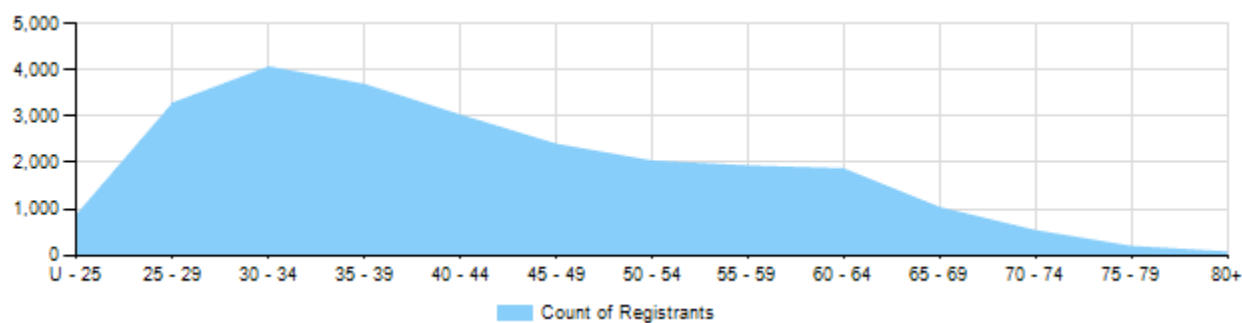
**Table 5.1 Dental practitioners - endorsement by state or territory**

Endorsement	ACT	NSW	NT	QLD	SA	TAS	VIC	WA	No PPP	Total
Area of Practice - Conscious sedation	6	54	1	20	2	3	6	11	1	104



## Age group

**Table 6.1 Dental practitioners - by age group**



**Table 6.2 Dental practitioners - registration type by age group**

Age group	General	General and Non-practising	General and Specialist	Specialist	Limited			Non-practising	Total
					Postgraduate training or supervised practice	Public interest	Teaching or research		
U - 25	877							1	878
25 - 29	3,209		11		3			59	3,282
30 - 34	3,808		118	8	7		1	120	4,062
35 - 39	3,332	1	231	13	4		3	99	3,683
40 - 44	2,587		332	16	3		11	70	3,019
45 - 49	2,106		217	7			7	52	2,389
50 - 54	1,756		178	9			6	77	2,026
55 - 59	1,634		208	3			3	73	1,921
60 - 64	1,538		216				1	103	1,858
65 - 69	791		135				1	93	1,020
70 - 74	380		77	2				63	522
75 - 79	120		30					30	180
80+	33		14					15	62
<b>Total</b>	<b>22,171</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1,767</b>	<b>58</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>33</b>	<b>855</b>	<b>24,902</b>

## Gender

**Table 7.1 Dental practitioners - registration type by gender**

Gender	Registration types	Registration subtypes	ACT	NSW	NT	QLD	SA	TAS	VIC	WA	No PPP	Total
Female	General		266	3,436	79	2,480	1,167	187	2,912	1,596	155	<b>12,278</b>
	General and Non-practising					1						<b>1</b>
	General and Specialist		11	141	2	86	47	8	149	66	10	<b>520</b>
	Specialist		1	6		3	1		9	3		<b>23</b>
	Limited	Postgraduate training or supervised practice		2		2	4			1	1	<b>10</b>
		Teaching or research		2		4	3			2		<b>11</b>
	Non-practising		7	103	3	72	28	2	83	31	111	<b>440</b>
<b>Total Female</b>			<b>285</b>	<b>3,690</b>	<b>84</b>	<b>2,648</b>	<b>1,250</b>	<b>197</b>	<b>3,153</b>	<b>1,699</b>	<b>277</b>	<b>13,283</b>
Male	General		132	3,215	64	2,117	689	181	2,347	989	159	<b>9,893</b>
	General and Specialist		34	379	3	260	103	19	289	128	32	<b>1,247</b>
	Specialist			8		9	3		3	5	7	<b>35</b>
	Limited	Postgraduate training or supervised practice		1		2	1		2		1	<b>7</b>
		Teaching or research		5		10	3		1	3		<b>22</b>
Non-practising		4	96	3	59	30	5	75	27	116	<b>415</b>	
<b>Total Male</b>			<b>170</b>	<b>3,704</b>	<b>70</b>	<b>2,457</b>	<b>829</b>	<b>205</b>	<b>2,717</b>	<b>1,152</b>	<b>315</b>	<b>11,619</b>
<b>Total</b>			<b>455</b>	<b>7,394</b>	<b>154</b>	<b>5,105</b>	<b>2,079</b>	<b>402</b>	<b>5,870</b>	<b>2,851</b>	<b>592</b>	<b>24,902</b>

**Table 7.2 Dental practitioners - percentage by gender**

Gender	ACT	NSW	NT	QLD	SA	TAS	VIC	WA	No PPP	Total
Female	62.6%	49.9%	54.5%	51.9%	60.1%	49.0%	53.7%	59.6%	46.8%	<b>53.3%</b>
Male	37.4%	50.1%	45.5%	48.1%	39.9%	51.0%	46.3%	40.4%	53.2%	<b>46.7%</b>