

# 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](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 regularly.

For more information on optometry registration, please see the Board's website: [www.optometryboard.gov.au/Registration.aspx](http://www.optometryboard.gov.au/Registration.aspx)

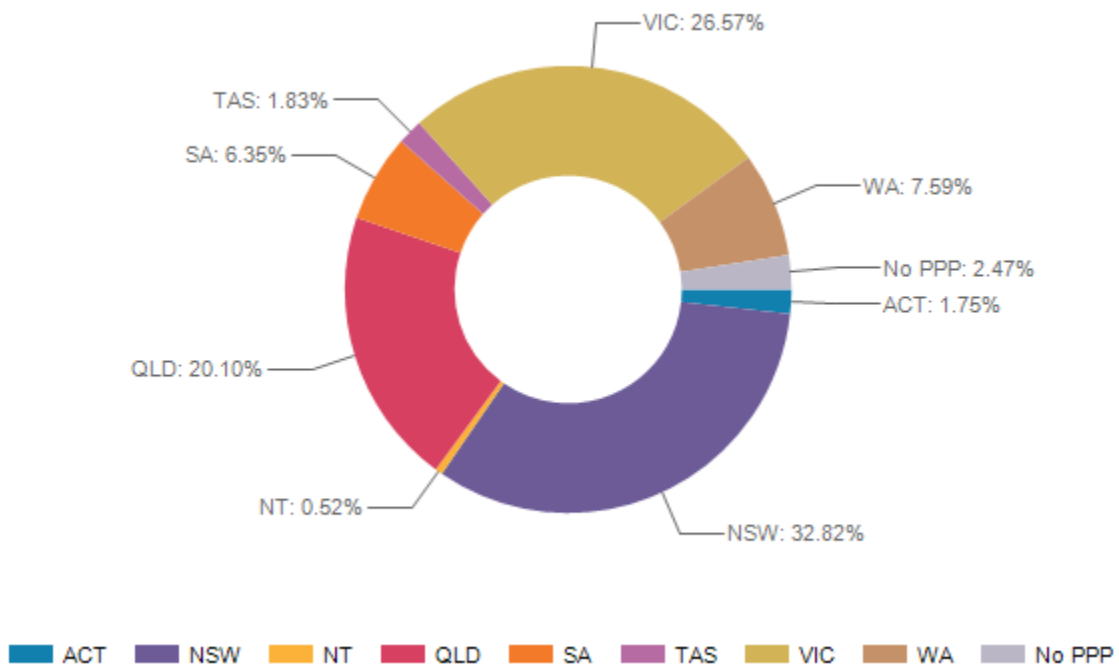
# Principal place of practice

## 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		106	2,020	33	1,233	396	114	1,627	469	86	6,084
Limited	Postgraduate training or supervised practice	1	3		4	1		7	3	2	21
Non-practising		3	41		27	2	1	37	5	67	183
<b>Total</b>		<b>110</b>	<b>2,064</b>	<b>33</b>	<b>1,264</b>	<b>399</b>	<b>115</b>	<b>1,671</b>	<b>477</b>	<b>155</b>	<b>6,288</b>

**Table 1.2 Principal place of practice percentages**



## Endorsements

**Table 1.3 Endorsements**

Endorsement	ACT	NSW	NT	QLD	SA	TAS	VIC	WA	No PPP	Total
Scheduled Medicines	72	1,195	26	827	302	93	1,301	294	29	<b>4,139</b>
% of General Registrants who are Endorsed	67.9%	59.2%	78.8%	67.1%	76.3%	81.6%	80.0%	62.7%	33.7%	<b>68.0%</b>

**Table 1.4 Endorsement by age group**

Age group	Scheduled Medicines	% of general registrants who are endorsed
U - 25	336	99.7%
25 - 29	1,253	99.7%
30 - 34	784	94.5%
35 - 39	496	71.4%
40 - 44	377	59.5%
45 - 49	283	50.8%
50 - 54	239	41.2%
55 - 59	167	38.7%
60 - 64	135	28.8%
65 - 69	47	22.3%
70 - 74	20	30.8%
75 - 79	2	12.5%
80+		.0%
<b>Total</b>	<b>4,139</b>	<b>68.0%</b>

*\*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
U - 25	231	106							231	106	337
25 - 29	885	372	3	1			3	2	891	375	1,266
30 - 34	550	280	4	1			14	4	568	285	853
35 - 39	463	232	5	2			12	4	480	238	718
40 - 44	379	255	1	1			15	9	395	265	660
45 - 49	324	233	1	2			18	7	343	242	585
50 - 54	269	311					16	10	285	321	606
55 - 59	178	253					7	13	185	266	451
60 - 64	124	345					4	14	128	359	487
65 - 69	48	163					4	11	52	174	226
70 - 74	14	51					2	9	16	60	76
75 - 79	1	15						3	1	18	19
80+		2						2	0	4	4
<b>Total</b>	<b>3,466</b>	<b>2,618</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>95</b>	<b>88</b>	<b>3,575</b>	<b>2,713</b>	<b>6,288</b>

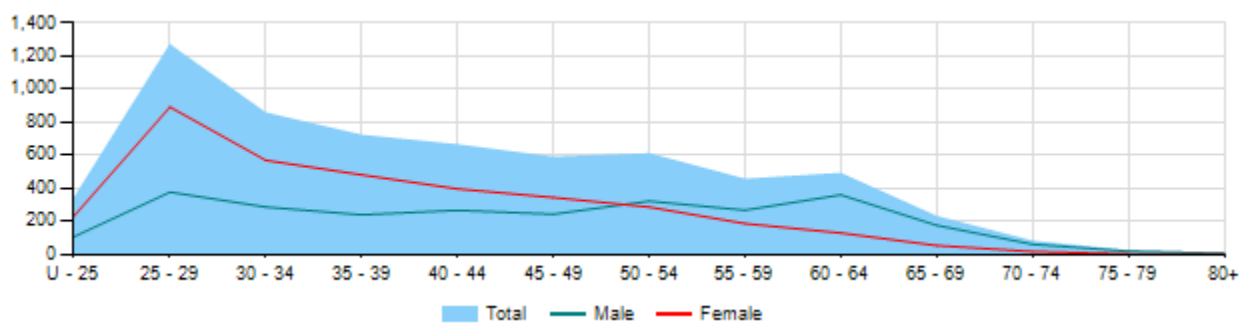
**Table 2.2 Registrants age group, by principal place of practice and gender - General and Limited**

Age group	ACT		NSW		NT		QLD		SA		TAS		VIC		WA		No PPP		Total
	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	
U - 25	5	3	91	41	2	1	74	26	27	13	5	3	25	14	2	4		1	<b>337</b>
25 - 29	21	5	267	116	5	2	167	68	98	27	18	6	254	113	54	36	4		<b>1,261</b>
30 - 34	4	8	163	82	3	2	98	55	25	12	4	1	222	99	30	21	5	1	<b>835</b>
35 - 39	9	3	157	67	1		91	46	25	16	7	3	136	78	36	14	6	7	<b>702</b>
40 - 44	10	5	147	70	2	2	70	58	20	12	3	5	89	74	33	26	6	4	<b>636</b>
45 - 49	9	5	101	61	3	2	72	59	15	20	7	7	85	56	28	23	5	2	<b>560</b>
50 - 54	3	7	109	91		1	56	74	8	18	5	5	60	68	19	41	9	6	<b>580</b>
55 - 59	1	2	60	62	1	2	44	66	3	10	4	5	50	72	11	28	4	6	<b>431</b>
60 - 64		5	62	158	1	3	17	50	4	23	4	15	21	54	10	31	5	6	<b>469</b>
65 - 69	1	1	26	64			5	31	4	14		3	8	34	2	13	2	3	<b>211</b>
70 - 74			7	16				9		2		3	6	12		6	1	3	<b>65</b>
75 - 79			1	2				1		1		1		4		4		2	<b>16</b>
80+				2															<b>2</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>63</b>	<b>44</b>	<b>1,191</b>	<b>832</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>694</b>	<b>543</b>	<b>229</b>	<b>168</b>	<b>57</b>	<b>57</b>	<b>956</b>	<b>678</b>	<b>225</b>	<b>247</b>	<b>47</b>	<b>41</b>	<b>6,105</b>

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

Age group	ACT		NSW		NT		QLD		SA		TAS		VIC		WA		No PPP		Total
	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	
U - 25																			0
25 - 29							1						1	1			1	1	5
30 - 34			2	2			1						4				7	2	18
35 - 39			3				2	3					2			1	5		16
40 - 44			6	3			1	2					4	2			4	2	24
45 - 49	1		2	3			2						5	2			8	2	25
50 - 54			4				3	1					2	2	1		6	7	26
55 - 59			3	2				1	1					4			3	6	20
60 - 64		1		4			1	1	1					1		1	2	6	18
65 - 69		1	1					4				1	1	1		2	2	2	15
70 - 74			2	2				3						4					11
75 - 79				1				1						1					3
80+				1														1	2
<b>Total</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>38</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>183</b>

**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	58.2%	58.8%	54.5%	55.8%	57.9%	49.6%	58.3%	47.4%	54.8%	<b>56.9%</b>
Male	41.8%	41.2%	45.5%	44.2%	42.1%	50.4%	41.7%	52.6%	45.2%	<b>43.1%</b>