

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

In April 2020, Ahpra and National Boards established a temporary pandemic response sub-register for up to 12 months to help fast track the return to the workforce of experienced and qualified health practitioners to assist with the COVID-19 pandemic. In early April 2021, the Commonwealth Health Minister requested that medical practitioners (as well as nurses, midwives and pharmacists and Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander health practitioners) be extended to stay on the sub-register for up to 12 months to help with the COVID-19 vaccination program only. These medical 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

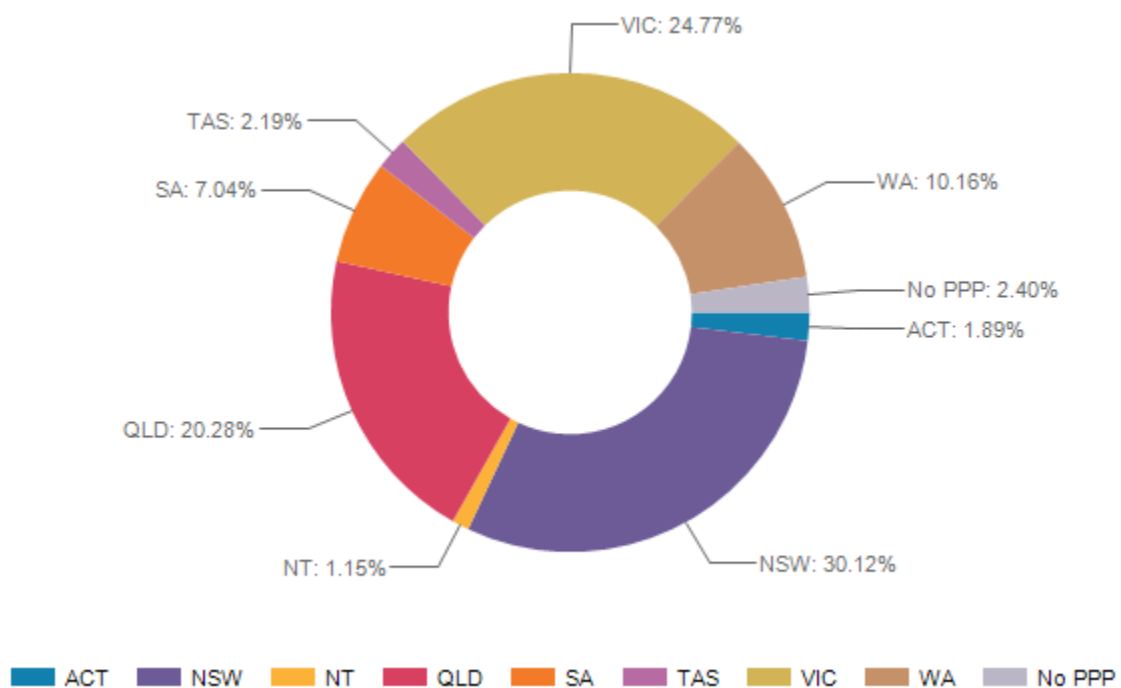
Registration type

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		817	12,451	579	8,691	2,741	797	9,852	4,265	780	40,973
General (Teaching and Assessing)			9		16	2	6	8	2		43
General and Specialist		1,223	21,100	637	12,845	4,943	1,481	17,237	5,944	754	66,164
Specialist		219	2,366	129	2,703	668	263	2,399	1,700	512	10,959
Provisional		112	1,371	79	1,171	364	107	1,186	745	35	5,170
Limited	Area of need	2	45	20	55	16	9	178	35		360
	Postgraduate training or supervised practice	32	734	26	343	189	109	540	217	27	2,217
	Public interest										0
	Teaching or research		3		5	2		5	6		21
Non-practising		39	795	12	349	164	50	569	195	986	3,159
Total		2,444	38,874	1,482	26,178	9,089	2,822	31,974	13,109	3,094	129,066*

* Total figure includes 3,186 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	81	5	34	15	5	31	16	3	194
Anaesthesia		91	1,688	46	1,210	426	138	1,381	626	130	5,736
Dermatology		5	224	1	110	51	6	159	55	10	621
Emergency medicine	Paediatric emergency medicine	1	8		13	2	1	4	2		31
	No sub-specialty	51	754	56	677	164	68	686	312	86	2,854
Subtotal - Emergency medicine		52	762	56	690	166	69	690	314	86	2,885
General practice		641	10,186	381	7,180	2,472	856	8,353	3,573	254	33,896
Intensive care medicine	Paediatric intensive care medicine		6		7		1	8	1		23
	No sub-specialty	25	297	11	233	76	18	248	92	46	1,046
Subtotal - Intensive care medicine		25	303	11	240	76	19	256	93	46	1,069
Medical administration		11	115	1	88	15	10	76	29	11	356
Obstetrics and gynaecology	Gynaecological oncology		17	1	13	4	1	11	5	1	53
	Maternal-fetal medicine	1	15	1	12	4		9	4	1	47
	Obstetrics and gynaecological ultrasound		12		3	2		42	3	2	64
	Reproductive endocrinology and infertility		25	1	4	6	1	14	2	1	54
	Urogynaecology		10		10	1		9	5		35
	No sub-specialty	40	569	19	408	146	44	528	196	47	1,997
Subtotal - Obstetrics and gynaecology		41	648	22	450	163	46	613	215	52	2,250
Occupational and environmental medicine		16	96	3	50	31	6	62	57	7	328
Ophthalmology		15	397	6	193	73	27	279	85	15	1,090

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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		22		8	2		14	3		49
	Community child health	2	44		19	2	3	24	8	1	103
	General paediatrics	31	737	32	433	148	42	563	224	36	2,246
	Neonatal and perinatal medicine	7	63	2	51	21	4	71	36	6	261
	Paediatric cardiology		15	1	13	3		16	8	1	57
	Paediatric clinical pharmacology		1		1			1		1	4
	Paediatric emergency medicine	1	17	1	31	11	1	23	13	4	102
	Paediatric endocrinology	1	21	1	13	4	1	6	7		54
	Paediatric gastroenterology and hepatology	1	9		6	1		12	7	1	37
	Paediatric haematology		6		5	1		6	4		22
	Paediatric immunology and allergy	1	15		7	9		12	3		47
	Paediatric infectious diseases		9	3	7	3		12	8	2	44
	Paediatric intensive care medicine		4		3			1			8
	Paediatric medical oncology	1	14		14	5		16	13	3	66
	Paediatric nephrology		9		2	2		5	2		20
	Paediatric neurology		20		9	2	1	13	4	3	52
	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		14	4		7	9		56
Paediatric rheumatology		3		6	2		5	3		19	
No sub-specialty	2	47	6	19	15	3	63	20	13	188	
Subtotal - Paediatrics and child health		48	1,083	46	666	236	55	872	375	71	3,452

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Speciality name	Field of speciality practice	ACT	NSW	NT	QLD	SA	TAS	VIC	WA	No PPP	Total
Pain medicine		5	115	1	66	35	12	81	40	2	357
Palliative medicine		8	147	5	73	30	15	106	43	5	432
Pathology	Anatomical pathology (including cytopathology)	22	349	5	201	72	25	205	111	11	1,001
	Chemical pathology	4	31	1	16	6	1	19	18	6	102
	Forensic pathology		15	1	16	5	3	12	8	2	62
	General pathology	1	40		19	3	5	17	4	2	91
	Haematology	12	204	3	113	44	14	166	57	15	628
	Immunology	7	50		15	10	2	20	20	2	126
	Microbiology	7	96	2	55	17	7	52	42	2	280
	No sub-specialty	3	21		9	4	1	8	9	3	58
Subtotal - Pathology		56	806	12	444	161	58	499	269	43	2,348
Physician	Cardiology	25	525	12	324	132	27	418	103	54	1,620
	Clinical genetics		32		10	10	1	21	4	2	80
	Clinical pharmacology		19		10	17		14	5	3	68
	Endocrinology	15	279	11	150	48	18	256	67	11	855
	Gastroenterology and hepatology	25	314	5	213	73	15	294	91	17	1,047
	General medicine	31	407	30	486	254	54	598	190	39	2,089
	Geriatric medicine	17	320	3	139	78	17	322	110	10	1,016
	Haematology	13	214	4	125	48	18	213	50	20	705
	Immunology and allergy	8	72		22	14	3	38	30	5	192
	Infectious diseases	13	134	18	84	38	11	205	53	13	569
	Medical oncology	14	262	5	132	60	18	284	55	25	855
	Nephrology	15	213	19	110	32	12	212	45	20	678
	Neurology	14	269	3	105	44	12	239	53	17	756
	Nuclear medicine	7	110	1	33	29	8	64	26	2	280
	Respiratory and sleep medicine	14	273	6	166	69	14	223	82	8	855
	Rheumatology	12	138	3	67	39	9	131	35	7	441
No sub-specialty	3	104	4	27	4	7	49	47	13	258	
Subtotal - Physician		226	3,685	124	2,203	989	244	3,581	1,046	266	12,364

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Speciality name	Field of speciality practice	ACT	NSW	NT	QLD	SA	TAS	VIC	WA	No PPP	Total
Psychiatry		82	1,239	29	874	328	87	1,193	403	79	4,314
Public health medicine		32	141	19	87	28	12	80	46	12	457
Radiation Oncology		13	157	2	87	20	10	116	27	10	442
Radiology	Diagnostic radiology	51	745	6	494	192	49	639	279	127	2,582
	Diagnostic ultrasound				1			3			4
	Nuclear medicine	7	47		52	12	3	75	13	1	210
	No sub-specialty	5	26		8	2	2	20	8	6	77
Subtotal - Radiology		63	818	6	555	206	54	737	300	134	2,873
Rehabilitation medicine		6	255	4	87	48	12	155	17	6	590
Sexual health medicine		5	61	1	22	10	3	27	8		137
Sport and exercise medicine		11	51	2	16	4	2	48	16	1	151
Surgery	Cardio-thoracic surgery	6	58		39	12	4	64	16	11	210
	General surgery	33	726	24	412	177	38	606	168	43	2,227
	Neurosurgery	8	92	1	51	19	5	79	21	7	283
	Oral and maxillofacial surgery	5	41	1	46	14	2	46	14	2	171
	Orthopaedic surgery	27	494	6	362	130	28	357	149	23	1,576
	Otolaryngology - head and neck surgery	8	173	3	110	47	9	136	49	11	546
	Paediatric surgery	5	37		20	9	2	24	9	3	109
	Plastic surgery	4	143	2	82	43	14	162	58	6	514
	Urology	8	155	1	108	36	13	137	43	4	505
	Vascular surgery	4	84	1	54	23	5	67	20	2	260
No sub-specialty	1	23	1	2				11	5	1	44
Subtotal - Surgery		109	2,026	40	1,286	510	120	1,689	552	113	6,445
Total		1,565	25,084	823	16,711	6,093	1,866	21,084	8,205	1,356	82,787

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	166	2	111	38	13	244	42		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	332				1,055			1,387
25 - 29	11,419		229	1	2,735	85	95	14,564
30 - 34	13,250		4,060	164	750	548	276	19,048
35 - 39	6,514	3	8,851	781	363	872	219	17,603
40 - 44	3,129	3	10,080	1,918	163	579	191	16,063
45 - 49	1,669	1	9,148	2,337	53	272	236	13,716
50 - 54	1,193	1	7,631	2,114	33	142	217	11,331
55 - 59	1,017	4	7,244	1,704	15	59	274	10,317
60 - 64	924	8	6,957	1,074	3	26	315	9,307
65 - 69	587	9	5,358	530		14	358	6,856
70 - 74	382	8	3,657	236		1	347	4,631
75 - 79	278	4	1,868	71			286	2,507
80+	279	2	1,081	29			345	1,736
Total	40,973	43	66,164	10,959	5,170	2,598	3,159	129,066

Table 3.2 Medical practitioners - by age group

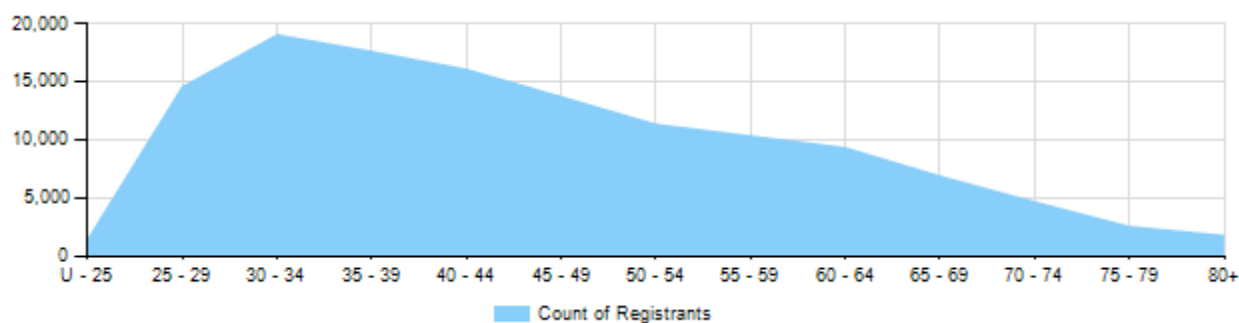


Table 3.3 Medical practitioners - limited registration by age group

Age group	Limited			Total
	Area of need	Postgraduate training or supervised practice	Teaching or research	
U - 25				0
25 - 29		84	1	85
30 - 34	25	520	3	548
35 - 39	69	798	5	872
40 - 44	100	474	5	579
45 - 49	80	189	3	272
50 - 54	47	92	3	142
55 - 59	20	38	1	59
60 - 64	12	14		26
65 - 69	7	7		14
70 - 74		1		1
75 - 79				0
80+				0
Total	360	2,217	21	2,598

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		437	6,210	317	4,163	1,429	382	5,073	2,264	335	20,610
	General TA			7		6	1	3	4	1		22
	General and Specialist		578	8,676	331	5,215	1,986	656	7,200	2,439	282	27,363
	Specialist		81	869	39	936	226	91	873	624	163	3,902
	Provisional		61	739	54	596	204	63	661	433	14	2,825
	Limited	Area of need	2	25	8	19	5	6	83	15		163
		Postgraduate training or supervised practice	15	371	8	149	87	54	255	113	9	1,061
		Teaching or research		1		3			2	6		12
	Non-practising		16	347	6	140	62	20	228	87	430	1,336
Total Female			1,190	17,245	763	11,227	4,000	1,275	14,379	5,982	1,233	57,294
Male	General		380	6,241	262	4,528	1,312	415	4,777	2,001	445	20,361
	General TA			2		10	1	3	4	1		21
	General and Specialist		645	12,424	306	7,630	2,957	825	10,036	3,504	472	38,799
	Specialist		138	1,497	90	1,767	442	172	1,526	1,076	349	7,057
	Provisional		51	632	25	575	160	44	525	312	21	2,345
	Limited	Area of need		20	12	36	11	3	95	20		197
		Postgraduate training or supervised practice	17	363	18	194	102	55	285	104	18	1,156
		Teaching or research		2		2	2		3			9
Non-practising		23	448	6	209	102	30	341	108	556	1,823	
Total Male			1,254	21,629	719	14,951	5,089	1,547	17,592	7,126	1,861	71,768

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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		2
Total			2,444	38,874	1,482	26,178	9,089	2,822	31,974	13,109	3,094	129,066

Gender percentages

Table 4.2 Medical practitioners - percentage by gender

Gender	ACT	NSW	NT	QLD	SA	TAS	VIC	WA	No PPP	Total
Female	48.7%	44.4%	51.5%	42.9%	44.0%	45.2%	45.0%	45.6%	39.9%	44.4%
Male	51.3%	55.6%	48.5%	57.1%	56.0%	54.8%	55.0%	54.4%	60.1%	55.6%
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	26.8%	73.2%	
Anaesthesia	32.7%	67.3%	
Dermatology	48.8%	51.2%	
Emergency medicine	37.7%	62.3%	
General practice	47.3%	52.7%	<0.1%
Intensive care medicine	21.5%	78.5%	
Medical administration	35.1%	64.9%	
Obstetrics and gynaecology	51.9%	48.1%	
Occupational and environmental medicine	21.3%	78.7%	
Ophthalmology	23.5%	76.5%	
Paediatrics and child health	54.6%	45.4%	
Pain medicine	29.1%	70.9%	
Palliative medicine	60.4%	39.6%	
Pathology	45.4%	54.6%	
Physician	33.8%	66.2%	
Psychiatry	41.7%	58.3%	<0.1%
Public health medicine	44.9%	55.1%	
Radiation Oncology	44.1%	55.9%	
Radiology	28.1%	71.9%	
Rehabilitation medicine	50.2%	49.8%	
Sexual health medicine	56.9%	43.1%	
Sport and exercise medicine	25.8%	74.2%	
Surgery	13.4%	86.6%	
Total	39.8%	60.2%	<0.1%