

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.

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

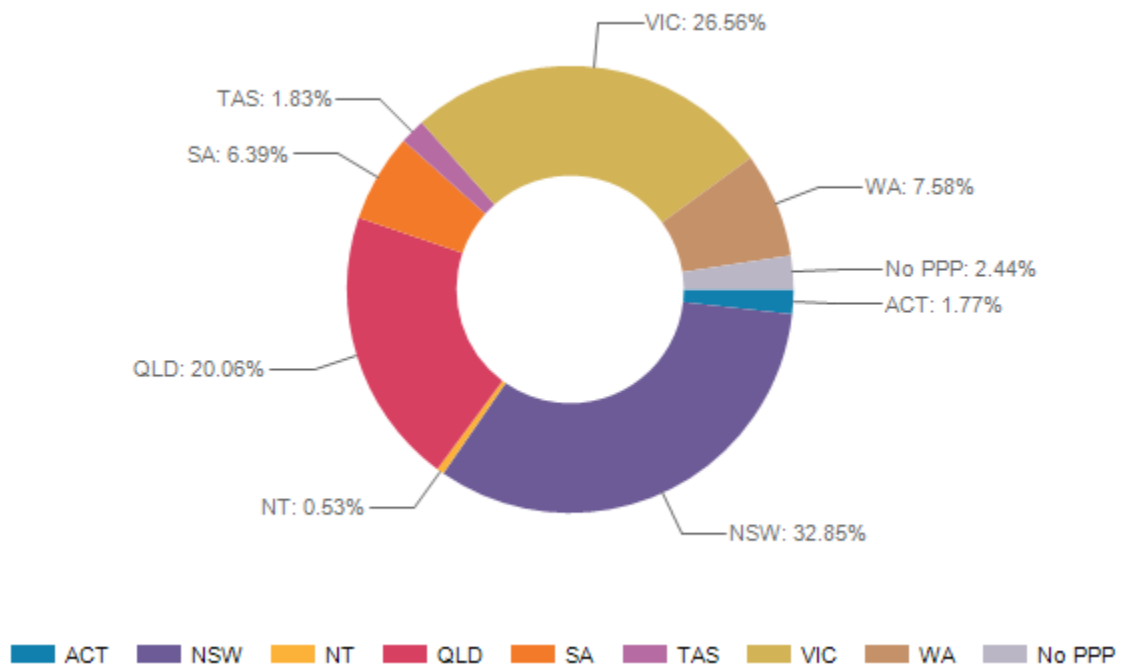
Principal place of practice

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		107	2,020	33	1,230	399	114	1,627	467	84	6,081
Limited	Postgraduate training or supervised practice	1	3		3			4	3	2	16
Non-practising		3	40		27	2	1	37	6	67	183
Total		111	2,063	33	1,260	401	115	1,668	476	153	6,280

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	73	1,192	26	823	306	92	1,301	293	29	4,135
% of General Registrants who are Endorsed	68.2%	59.0%	78.8%	66.9%	76.7%	80.7%	80.0%	62.7%	34.5%	68.0%

Table 1.4 Endorsement by age group

Age group	Scheduled Medicines	% of general registrants who are endorsed
U - 25	379	100.0%
25 - 29	1,260	99.7%
30 - 34	766	93.9%
35 - 39	483	70.4%
40 - 44	368	58.8%
45 - 49	280	49.8%
50 - 54	248	42.2%
55 - 59	157	37.1%
60 - 64	127	27.6%
65 - 69	48	23.5%
70 - 74	17	30.9%
75 - 79	2	12.5%
80+		.0%
Total	4,135	68.0%

**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	266	113							266	113	379
25 - 29	888	376	1	1			4	2	893	379	1,272
30 - 34	537	279	3	1			14	5	554	285	839
35 - 39	455	231	5	1			14	3	474	235	709
40 - 44	373	253	2				12	10	387	263	650
45 - 49	327	235		2			18	7	345	244	589
50 - 54	268	320					18	10	286	330	616
55 - 59	173	250					6	12	179	262	441
60 - 64	120	340					3	14	123	354	477
65 - 69	44	160					4	11	48	171	219
70 - 74	12	43					2	9	14	52	66
75 - 79	1	15						3	1	18	19
80+		2						2	0	4	4
Total	3,464	2,617	11	5	0	0	95	88	3,570	2,710	6,280

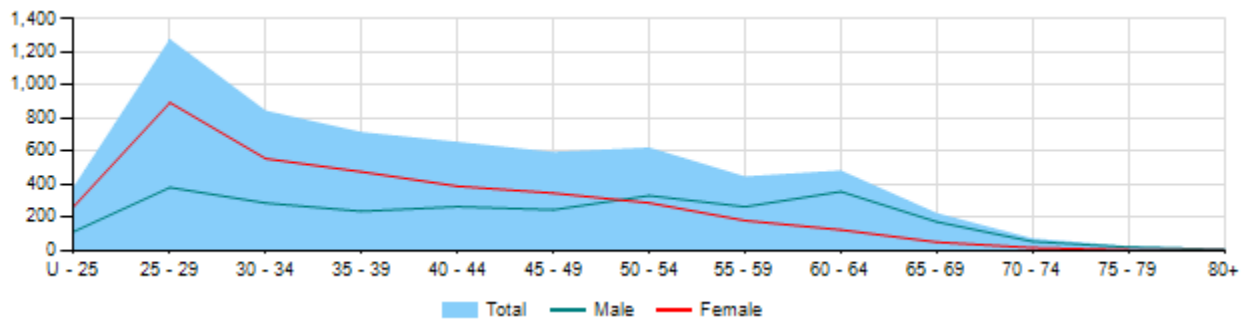
Table 2.2 Registrants age group, by principal place of practice and gender - General and Limited

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	7	3	103	43	2	1	81	26	32	16	7	3	29	15	5	6			379
25 - 29	20	5	268	121	5	2	162	69	95	27	16	5	266	115	53	33	4		1,266
30 - 34	4	9	161	77	3	2	99	54	23	15	5	1	209	100	31	21	5	1	820
35 - 39	8	3	152	66	1		91	46	29	12	6	4	133	77	34	17	6	7	692
40 - 44	11	5	145	70	2	2	70	59	17	13	3	4	89	73	32	23	6	4	628
45 - 49	9	5	103	64	3	2	71	57	14	19	7	7	85	57	29	24	6	2	564
50 - 54	2	7	109	88		1	56	77	8	19	5	5	61	74	19	43	8	6	588
55 - 59	1	2	60	66	1	2	43	64	3	10	4	7	47	66	10	27	4	6	423
60 - 64		5	61	155	1	3	14	52	4	23	4	15	20	52	10	29	6	6	460
65 - 69	1	1	23	64			5	29	4	14		4	8	33	2	12	1	3	204
70 - 74			6	13				7		1		1	6	12		6		3	55
75 - 79			1	2				1		1		1		4		4		2	16
80+				2															2
Total	63	45	1,192	831	18	15	692	541	229	170	57	57	953	678	225	245	46	40	6,097

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				2	1	6
30 - 34			1	2			1	1					5				7	2	19
35 - 39			4				2	2					2			1	6		17
40 - 44			4	4			1	2					4	2	1		2	2	22
45 - 49	1		2	2			2						5	2			8	3	25
50 - 54			6				3	1					2	3	1		6	6	28
55 - 59			1	2				1	1					3			4	6	18
60 - 64		1		4			1	1	1					1		1	1	6	17
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
Total	1	2	22	18	0	0	11	16	2	0	0	1	19	18	2	4	38	29	183

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	57.7%	58.8%	54.5%	55.8%	57.6%	49.6%	58.3%	47.7%	54.9%	56.8%
Male	42.3%	41.2%	45.5%	44.2%	42.4%	50.4%	41.7%	52.3%	45.1%	43.2%