

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

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

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 dental practitioners (as well as nurses, midwives and pharmacists and Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander health practitioners) be added to the sub-register for up to 12 months to help with the COVID-19 response. These dental practitioners are included in these statistics. Please see the [COVID-19](#) page on Ahpra's website for more info.

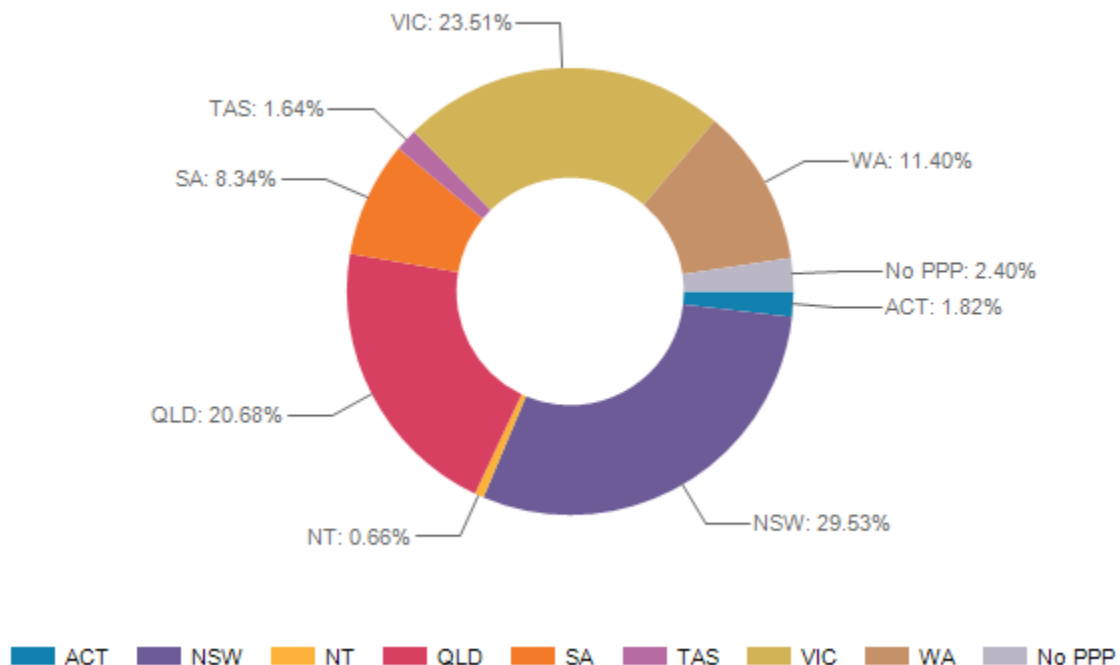
Registration type

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		412	6,883	163	4,820	1,932	395	5,461	2,667	318	23,051
General and Non-practising		1			3			2			6
General and Specialist		46	528	5	357	155	25	453	203	42	1,814
Specialist		1	14		11	4	1	15	8	12	66
Limited	Postgraduate training or supervised practice		2		4	5		2	1	1	15
	Teaching or research		6		11	3		2	5		27
Non-practising		13	222	4	156	63	5	160	71	250	944
Total		473	7,655	172	5,362	2,162	426	6,095	2,955	623	25,923*

* Total figure includes 354 dental practitioners on the Pandemic response sub-register. For more information go to the [COVID-19](#) page on the Ahpra website.

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	41	381	10	174	344	20	233	273	22	1,498
Dental Hygienist and Dental Prosthetist		2		1						3
Dental Hygienist and Dental Prosthetist and Dental Therapist							1			1
Dental Hygienist and Dental Therapist	6	59	4	122	57	3	113	55	4	423
Dental Hygienist and Dental Therapist and Dentist				3						3
Dental Hygienist and Dental Therapist and Oral Health Therapist		16		13	5	1	16	2		53
Dental Hygienist and Dentist		2		3			3			8
Dental Hygienist and Oral Health Therapist	1	21		5	4		4	6		41
Dental Prosthetist	14	420	4	324	68	47	358	82	5	1,322
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	166	10	140	69	38	132	243	5	815
Dental Therapist and Dentist				1			1			2
Dental Therapist and Oral Health Therapist								6		6
Dentist	358	5,901	122	4,053	1,341	290	4,610	2,027	566	19,268
Dentist and Oral Health Therapist		4		2			2			8
Oral Health Therapist	41	682	21	521	274	27	618	261	21	2,466
Total	473	7,655	172	5,362	2,162	426	6,095	2,955	623	25,923

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	40	360	10	165	333	20	227	265	11	1,431
	Dental Hygienist and Dental Prosthetist		1		1						2
	Dental Hygienist and Dental Prosthetist and Dental Therapist							1			1
	Dental Hygienist and Dental Therapist	5	55	4	115	57	3	104	53	2	398
	Dental Hygienist and Dental Therapist and Dentist				3						3
	Dental Hygienist and Dental Therapist and Oral Health Therapist		16		13	5	1	15	2		52
	Dental Hygienist and Dentist		2		2			3			7
	Dental Hygienist and Oral Health Therapist	1	21		5	4		4	6		41
	Dental Prosthetist	14	406	4	309	67	47	350	81	2	1,280
	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	149	9	136	68	37	124	233	1	767
	Dental Therapist and Dentist				1			1			2
	Dental Therapist and Oral Health Therapist								6		6
	Dentist	301	5,191	114	3,565	1,133	260	4,017	1,764	287	16,632
	Dentist and Oral Health Therapist		4		2			2			8
	Oral Health Therapist	41	677	21	503	265	27	609	257	15	2,415
	Sub Total - General		412	6,883	163	4,820	1,932	395	5,461	2,667	318

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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	1			2			1			4
	Dental Hygienist and Dental Therapist and Oral Health Therapist							1			1
	Dental Hygienist and Dentist				1						1
	Dentist and Oral Health Therapist										0
Sub Total - General and Non-practising		1	0	0	3	0	0	2	0	0	6
General and Specialist	Dentist	46	528	5	357	155	25	453	203	42	1,814
Specialist	Dentist	1	14		11	4	1	15	8	12	66
Limited	Dental Hygienist		1								1
	Dentist		7		15	8		3	6	1	40
	Oral Health Therapist							1			1
Sub Total - Limited		0	8	0	15	8	0	4	6	1	42
Non-practising	Dental Hygienist	1	20		9	11		6	8	11	66
	Dental Hygienist and Dental Prosthetist		1								1
	Dental Hygienist and Dental Therapist		4		5			8	2	2	21
	Dental Prosthetist		14		15	1		8	1	3	42
	Dental Therapist	2	17	1	4	1	1	8	10	4	48
	Dentist	10	161	3	105	41	4	122	46	224	716
	Oral Health Therapist		5		18	9		8	4	6	50
Sub Total - Non-practising		13	222	4	156	63	5	160	71	250	944
Total		473	7,655	172	5,362	2,162	426	6,095	2,955	623	25,923

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		8			1	5		15
Endodontics	7	53	1	39	14	4	48	18	5	189
Forensic odontology	2	5	1	2	2	2	2	4		20
Oral and Maxillofacial Pathology		4		4	4	1	2	3	1	19
Oral and maxillofacial surgery	7	64	1	54	17	5	63	22	5	238
Oral medicine	1	10		7			15	11	2	46
Oral pathology										
Oral surgery		40		8			7	1	3	59
Orthodontics	14	193	2	128	57	9	159	68	18	648
Paediatric dentistry	2	46		25	16	1	45	23	5	163
Periodontics	9	67	1	53	17	4	63	33	7	254
Prosthodontics	5	71		45	25		54	24	8	232
Public health dentistry (Community dentistry)		5		1	1		8	1		16
Special needs dentistry		5		4	6		8	2	1	26
Total	47	564	6	378	159	26	475	215	55	1,925

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	47		19	2	2	4	10	2	92

Age group

Table 6.1 Dental practitioners - by age group

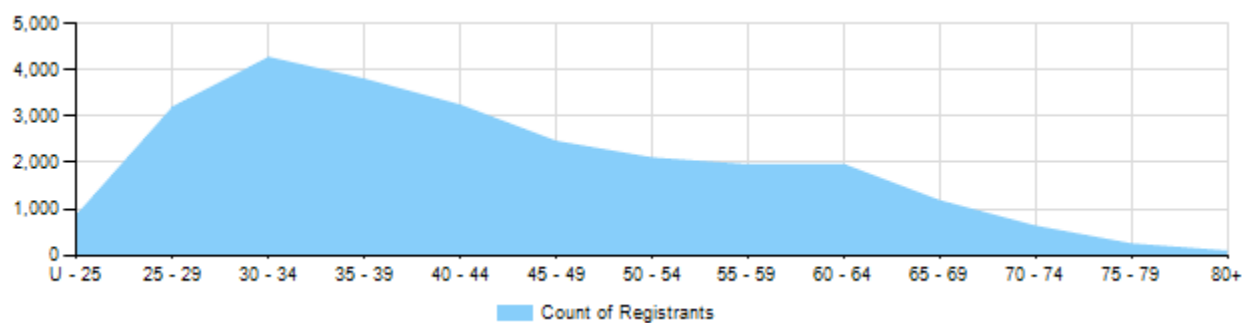


Table 6.2 Dental practitioners - registration type by age group

Age group	General	General and Non-practising	General and Specialist	Specialist	Limited		Non-practising	Total
					Postgraduate training or supervised practice	Teaching or research		
U - 25	870						3	873
25 - 29	3,131	1	7		2		58	3,199
30 - 34	3,997	1	127	9	5		130	4,269
35 - 39	3,452	2	220	11	4	3	105	3,797
40 - 44	2,788	1	333	23	4	7	80	3,236
45 - 49	2,141		227	7		8	69	2,452
50 - 54	1,822		185	9		5	74	2,095
55 - 59	1,668	1	191	4		3	78	1,945
60 - 64	1,603		227				122	1,952
65 - 69	913		158				100	1,171
70 - 74	458		82	2		1	77	620
75 - 79	162		40				33	235
80+	46		17	1			15	79
Total	23,051	6	1,814	66	15	27	944	25,923

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		268	3,578	93	2,610	1,217	201	3,062	1,659	163	12,851
	General and Non-practising		1			3			1			5
	General and Specialist		11	144	2	89	51	7	153	70	11	538
	Specialist		1	6		4	1		11	2	3	28
	Limited	Postgraduate training or supervised practice		2		2	3		1	1		9
		Teaching or research		1		4	2		1	2		10
	Non-practising		9	119	2	84	31	1	87	41	121	495
Total Female			290	3,850	97	2,796	1,305	209	3,316	1,775	298	13,936
Male	General		144	3,305	70	2,210	715	194	2,399	1,008	155	10,200
	General and Non-practising								1			1
	General and Specialist		35	384	3	268	104	18	300	133	31	1,276
	Specialist			8		7	3	1	4	6	9	38
	Limited	Postgraduate training or supervised practice				2	2		1		1	6
		Teaching or research		5		7	1		1	3		17
	Non-practising		4	103	2	72	32	4	73	30	129	449
Total Male			183	3,805	75	2,566	857	217	2,779	1,180	325	11,987
Total			473	7,655	172	5,362	2,162	426	6,095	2,955	623	25,923

Table 7.2 Dental practitioners - percentage by gender

Gender	ACT	NSW	NT	QLD	SA	TAS	VIC	WA	No PPP	Total
Female	61.3%	50.3%	56.4%	52.1%	60.4%	49.1%	54.4%	60.1%	47.8%	53.8%
Male	38.7%	49.7%	43.6%	47.9%	39.6%	50.9%	45.6%	39.9%	52.2%	46.2%