

Pharmacy Board of Australia

Registrant data

Reporting period: 01 October 2021 to 31 December 2021



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Introduction

The role of the Pharmacy Board of Australia (the Board) includes:

- registering pharmacists and students
- developing standards, codes and guidelines for the pharmacy profession
- handling notifications, complaints, investigations and disciplinary hearings
- overseeing the assessment of overseas trained pharmacists 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.

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 during the COVID-19 pandemic. In early April 2021, the Commonwealth Health Minister requested that pharmacists (as well as nurses, midwives and medical practitioners 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. In September 2021, Ahpra and National Boards established a new sub-register (the 2021 sub-register), enabling pharmacists (and 11 other professions) to return to practice, to the full scope of their registration, for up to 12 months. These pharmacists are included in these statistics. Please see the COVID-19 page on Ahpra's website for more info.

For more information on pharmacy registration, please see the Board's website: www.pharmacyboard.gov.au/Registration.aspx

Principal place of practice

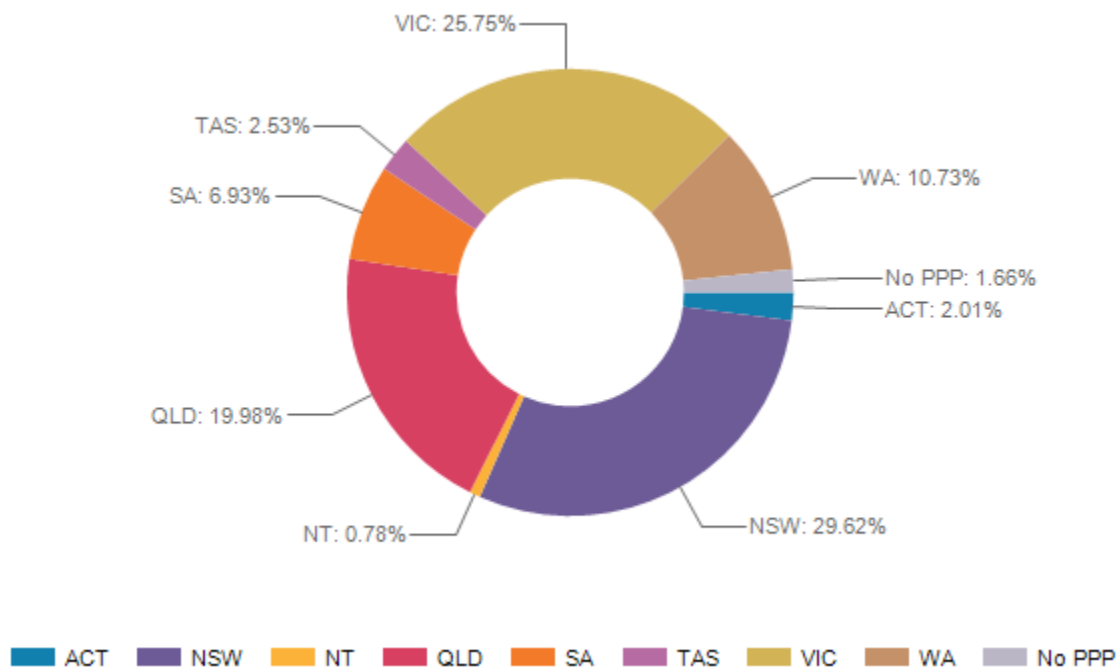
Registration type

Table 1.1 Registration type and subtype by principal place of practice

Registration types	Registration subtypes	ACT	NSW	NT	QLD	SA	TAS	VIC	WA	No PPP	Total
General		671	9,964	261	6,766	2,371	833	8,613	3,625	218	33,322
Provisional		37	406	17	261	80	57	356	166	10	1,390
Limited	Postgraduate training or supervised practice		1	1	1				1	1	5
Non-practising		15	276	2	154	40	18	285	66	367	1,223
Total		723	10,647	281	7,182	2,491	908	9,254	3,858	596	35,940*

*1,950 eligible pharmacists that are part of the short-term pandemic response sub-register are included in the above table.

Table 1.2 Registration type by principal place of practice percentages



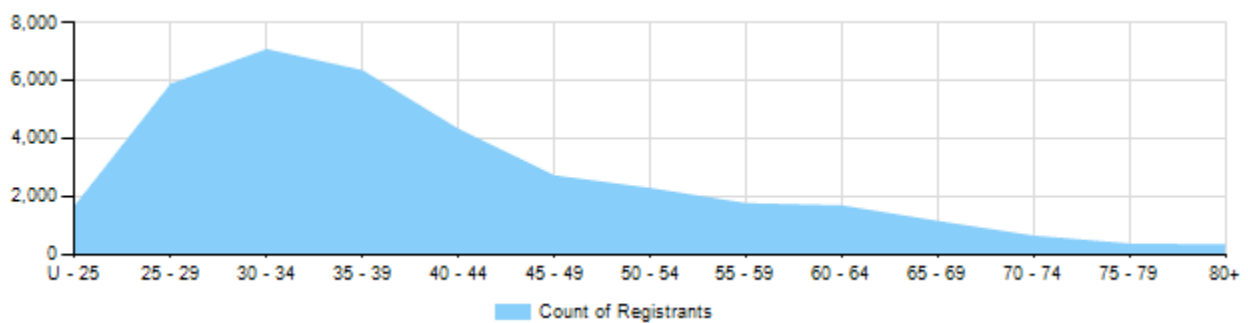
Age group

Registration type and subtype

Table 2.1 Registration by age group

Age group	General	Provisional	Limited	Non-practising	Total
			Postgraduate training or supervised practice		
U - 25	1,110	550			1,660
25 - 29	5,375	397	1	95	5,868
30 - 34	6,704	213	3	145	7,065
35 - 39	5,999	140	1	192	6,332
40 - 44	4,080	54		171	4,305
45 - 49	2,566	21		109	2,696
50 - 54	2,129	10		119	2,258
55 - 59	1,636	4		95	1,735
60 - 64	1,575	1		79	1,655
65 - 69	1,051			67	1,118
70 - 74	565			45	610
75 - 79	290			47	337
80+	242			59	301
Total	33,322	1,390	5	1,223	35,940

Table 2.2 Registration by age group



Gender

Registration type

Table 3.1 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		454	6,168	164	4,278	1,471	514	5,440	2,352	142	20,983
	Provisional		23	271	12	171	58	31	215	115	5	901
	Limited	Postgraduate training or supervised practice			1					1	1	3
	Non-practising		12	179	2	94	21	12	165	36	255	776
Total Female			489	6,618	179	4,543	1,550	557	5,820	2,504	403	22,663
Male	General		217	3,796	97	2,488	900	319	3,173	1,273	76	12,339
	Provisional		14	135	5	89	22	26	141	51	5	488
	Limited	Postgraduate training or supervised practice		1		1						2
	Non-practising		3	97		60	19	6	120	30	112	447
Total Male			234	4,029	102	2,638	941	351	3,434	1,354	193	13,276
Not stated or Intersex or Indeterminate	Provisional					1						1
Total			723	10,647	281	7,182	2,491	908	9,254	3,858	596	35,940

Percentage

Table 3.2 Registrants by gender percentages

Gender	ACT	NSW	NT	QLD	SA	TAS	VIC	WA	No PPP	Total
Female	67.6%	62.2%	63.7%	63.3%	62.2%	61.3%	62.9%	64.9%	67.6%	63.1%
Male	32.4%	37.8%	36.3%	36.7%	37.8%	38.7%	37.1%	35.1%	32.4%	36.9%
Not stated or Intersex or Indeterminate				<0.1%						<0.1%