

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.

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 optometrists (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 optometrists are included in these statistics. Please see the [COVID-19](#) page on Ahpra's website for more info.

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

Principal place of practice

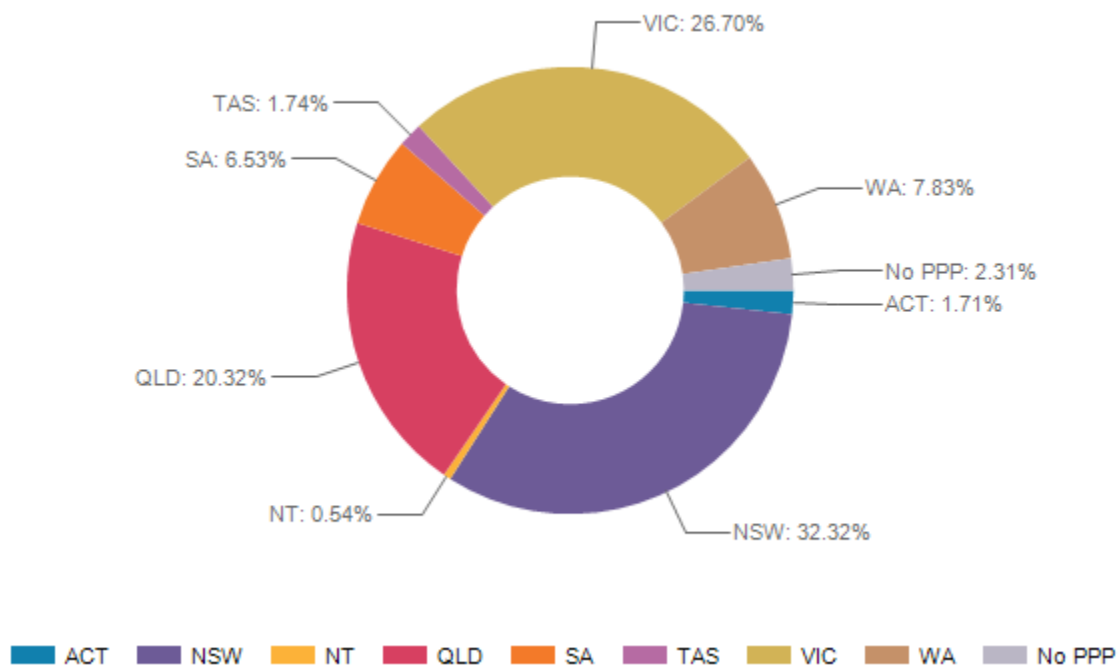
Registration type

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		106	2,051	35	1,289	417	112	1,681	498	70	6,259
Limited	Postgraduate training or supervised practice	2			2	1		6	4	3	18
Non-practising		3	49		29	6	1	48	7	77	220
Total		111	2,100	35	1,320	424	113	1,735	509	150	6,497*

* Total figure includes 35 optometrists on the Pandemic response sub-register. For more information go to the [COVID-19](#) page on the Ahpra website.

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	75	1,267	27	898	324	91	1,376	328	25	4,411
% of General Registrants who are Endorsed	70.8%	61.8%	77.1%	69.7%	77.7%	81.3%	81.9%	65.9%	35.7%	70.5%

Table 1.4 Endorsement by age group

Age group	Scheduled Medicines	% of general registrants who are endorsed
U - 25	373	99.2%
25 - 29	1,320	99.5%
30 - 34	847	95.6%
35 - 39	527	77.3%
40 - 44	388	61.7%
45 - 49	310	54.7%
50 - 54	254	44.2%
55 - 59	170	38.2%
60 - 64	150	33.3%
65 - 69	52	21.9%
70 - 74	17	28.3%
75 - 79	3	13.6%
80+		.0%
Total	4,411	70.5%

**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						
	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female	Male	Total
U - 25	270	106					270	106	376
25 - 29	931	395	4	1	6	1	941	397	1,338
30 - 34	585	301	5	1	22	7	612	309	921
35 - 39	457	225	4	2	17	7	478	234	712
40 - 44	389	240		1	14	10	403	251	654
45 - 49	321	246			17	11	338	257	595
50 - 54	288	287			20	11	308	298	606
55 - 59	188	257			11	10	199	267	466
60 - 64	119	331			7	16	126	347	473
65 - 69	46	191			5	12	51	203	254
70 - 74	14	46			1	8	15	54	69
75 - 79	1	21				5	1	26	27
80+		4				2	0	6	6
Total	3,609	2,650	13	5	120	100	3,742	2,755	6,497

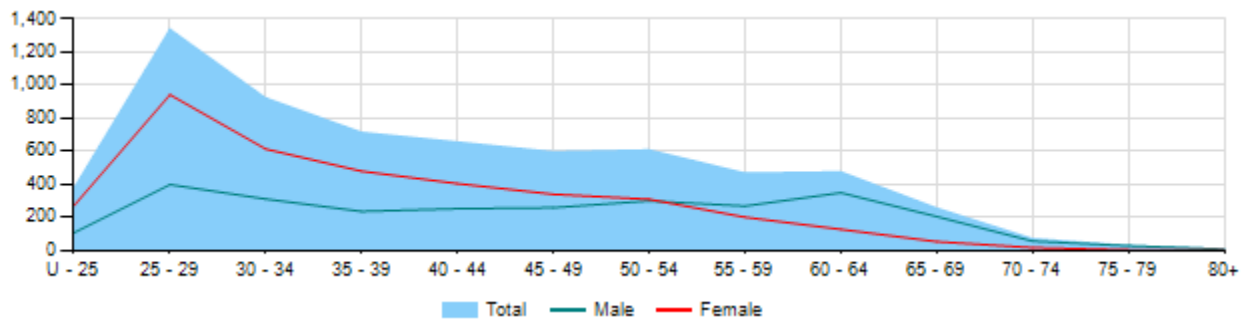
Table 2.2 Registrants age group, by principal place of practice and gender - General and Limited

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	3		103	39	1		72	34	34	8	3		36	19	16	6	2		376
25 - 29	25	6	273	118	7	1	187	71	96	38	20	7	261	119	61	35	5	1	1,331
30 - 34	6	7	168	104	3	2	107	51	37	13	6	1	230	102	29	21	4	1	892
35 - 39	10	4	135	62	3		98	48	16	19	7	3	148	74	38	12	6	5	688
40 - 44	8	3	165	73	2	2	66	53	26	9	3	2	78	72	35	25	6	2	630
45 - 49	9	6	95	58	2	2	75	61	15	20	8	7	85	68	28	24	4		567
50 - 54	3	7	109	78	1	1	63	67	8	18	4	6	70	65	23	40	7	5	575
55 - 59	2	2	66	67	1		46	69	4	6	6	6	46	72	13	32	4	3	445
60 - 64	1	4	61	138	1	5	17	56	4	22	3	14	22	56	9	28	1	8	450
65 - 69	1	1	23	84		1	4	34	5	16		3	8	35	2	15	3	2	237
70 - 74			8	18			1	7		2		2	5	10		5		2	60
75 - 79				4				4		2		1	1	4		4		2	22
80+				2										1		1			4
Total	68	40	1,206	845	21	14	736	555	245	173	60	52	990	697	254	248	42	31	6,277

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				2		1				1			2			7
30 - 34			4	1			2	1	1				8	1		1	7	3	29
35 - 39			3	3			2	2	1				4			1	7	1	24
40 - 44	1		2	3			1	3					6				4	4	24
45 - 49			2	5			1	2					5	2			9	2	28
50 - 54			6	1			1						5	2	1		7	8	31
55 - 59			2				3	1	1				2	4			3	5	21
60 - 64		1	2	4						2			1	1			4	8	23
65 - 69		1	3	1			1	3				1		2		3	1	1	17
70 - 74			1	2				2						2		1		1	9
75 - 79				1				2						2					5
80+				2															2
Total	1	2	26	23	0	0	13	16	4	2	0	1	31	17	1	6	44	33	220

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	62.2%	58.7%	60.0%	56.7%	58.7%	53.1%	58.8%	50.1%	57.3%	57.6%
Male	37.8%	41.3%	40.0%	43.3%	41.3%	46.9%	41.2%	49.9%	42.7%	42.4%