

Nursing and Midwifery Board of Australia

Registrant data

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Introduction

This report contains registration information about nurses and midwives registered with the Nursing and Midwifery Board of Australia (NMBA).

The functions of the NMBA are defined under the [National Law](#), and include:

- Registering nurses, midwives and students of nursing and midwifery
- Determining national registration requirements
- Developing professional codes, standards, guidelines and position statements to guide the practice of nurses and midwives
- Managing notifications, investigations and panel hearings
- Overseeing the assessment of internationally qualified nurses and midwives who wish to register in Australia
- Approving national accreditation standards and accredited programs of study leading to registration and endorsement
- Delegating to state and territory boards and committees of the NMBA, and Ahpra staff, the power to determine individual applications for registration and notification of a nurse's or midwife's health, performance and/or conduct, and a student's health or criminal history

**Co-regulatory models apply in New South Wales (NSW) and Queensland (QLD). In NSW, notifications are managed separately by the Nursing and Midwifery Council of NSW; the NSW Board of the NMBA only manages registration matters. In QLD, notifications are received by the Office of the Health Ombudsman (OHO), who determines which notifications should be managed by the NMBA.*

The NMBA's functions are supported by the [Australian Health Practitioner Regulation Agency](#) (Ahpra). For information about legislation governing the NMBA and Ahpra, see [Ahpra's Legislation & Publications](#) at www.ahpra.gov.au/Legislation-and-Publications.aspx

Ahpra has analysed the NMBA's registration data and produced a number of statistical tables¹ about registrants to share with the professions and community. This report is updated on a quarterly basis.

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 nurses and midwives (as well as and pharmacists, 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. These nurses and midwives are included in these statistics. Please see the [COVID-19](#) page on Ahpra's website for more info.

For more information on nursing and midwifery registration, please see the NMBA's website: www.nursingmidwiferyboard.gov.au/Registration-and-Endorsement.aspx

¹ Note that the data for dual registration in the tables and diagrams includes where a nurse or a midwife may be non-practising in one category, for example enrolled nurse (non-practising) & registered nurse (practising) or nurse (non-practising) & midwife (practising).

Principal place of practice

Registration type

Table 1.1 Registration type by principal place of practice*

Profession	Registration types	Divisions	ACT	NSW	NT	QLD	SA	TAS	VIC	WA	No PPP	Total	
Nurse	General	Enrolled Nurse (EN)	976	15,302	453	15,713	8,678	1,842	22,508	6,566	99	72,137	
		Registered Nurse (RN)	6,124	97,230	4,157	72,677	26,487	8,753	87,182	35,096	11,927	349,633	
		EN & RN	172	1,958	116	2,279	1,131	131	4,053	1,028	39	10,907	
	Total General Nurse			7,272	114,490	4,726	90,669	36,296	10,726	113,743	42,690	12,065	432,677
	Non-practising	Enrolled Nurse (EN)	25	466	15	412	232	38	511	148	24	1,871	
		Registered Nurse (RN)	110	2,141	33	1,198	523	173	1,250	543	1,039	7,010	
		EN & RN		8	1	17	7		21	5	4	63	
	Total Non-practising Nurse			135	2,615	49	1,627	762	211	1,782	696	1,067	8,944
	Provisional	Enrolled Nurse (EN)	2	19	1	16	19		26	9		92	
		Registered Nurse (RN)	3	44	3	45	12	4	51	15	1	178	
		EN & RN										0	
	Total Provisional Nurse			5	63	4	61	31	4	77	24	1	270
	Total Nurse			7,412	117,168	4,779	92,357	37,089	10,941	115,602	43,410	13,133	441,891

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Profession	Registration types	Divisions	ACT	NSW	NT	QLD	SA	TAS	VIC	WA	No PPP	Total	
Nurse and Midwife	General	EN & Midwife	1	20	3	33	14		36	5		112	
		RN & Midwife	459	7,348	474	5,671	1,734	648	7,769	2,867	224	27,194	
		EN & RN & Midwife	2	21	2	7	4	2	44	15		97	
	Total General Nurse and Midwife		462	7,389	479	5,711	1,752	650	7,849	2,887	224	27,403	
	Non-practising	EN & Midwife								1			1
		RN & Midwife	24	268	8	111	57	12	136	44	28		688
		EN & RN & Midwife											0
	Total Non-practising Nurse and Midwife		24	268	8	111	57	12	137	44	28	689	
	Provisional	RN & Midwife							1	1		2	
	Total Provisional Nurse and Midwife		0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	2
Non-practising and Provisional	RN & Midwife									1		1	
Total Non-practising and Provisional Nurse and Midwife		0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	
Total Nurse and Midwife			486	7,657	487	5,822	1,809	662	7,987	2,933	252	28,095	
Midwife	General		237	1,731	117	1,668	844	70	1,638	511	187	7,003	
	Non-practising		5	34	1	26	17	1	34	12	24	154	
	Provisional			1			1		2			4	
Total Midwife			242	1,766	118	1,694	862	71	1,674	523	211	7,161	
Total			8,140	126,591	5,384	99,873	39,760	11,674	125,263	46,866	13,596	477,147	

* The Nursing and Midwifery Board introduced Provisional Registration for Nurses and Midwives in September 2015.

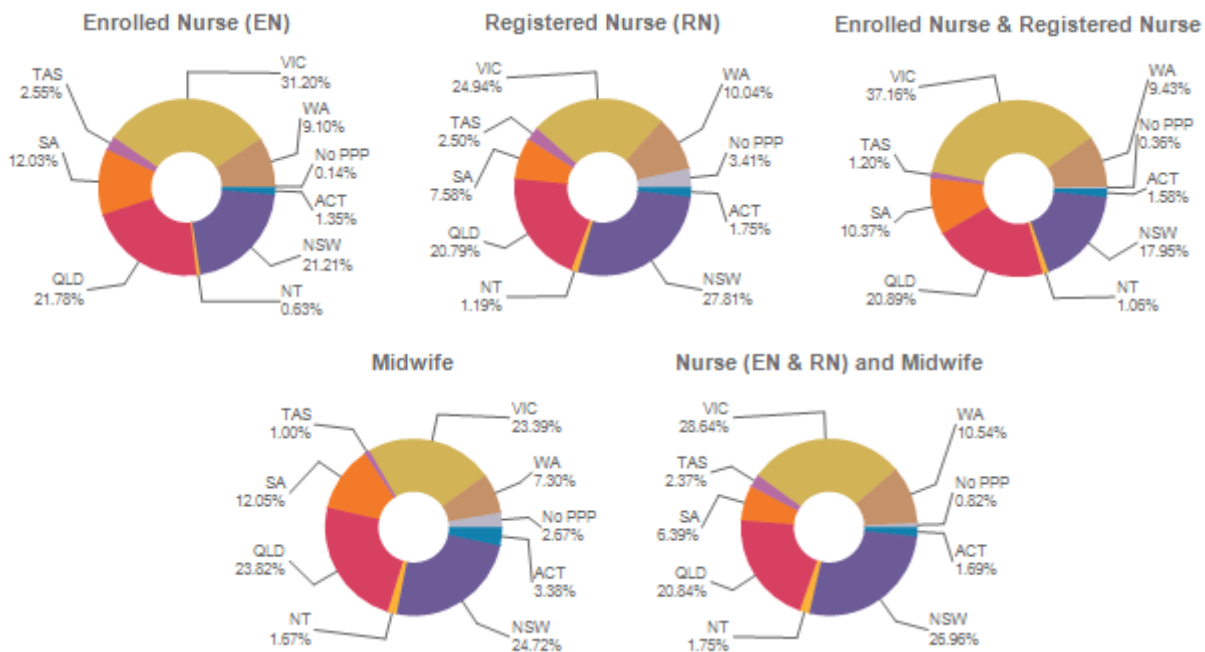
General registration

Table 2.1 Totals for practitioners with general registration as Nurse and/or Midwife

Division	ACT	NSW	NT	QLD	SA	TAS	VIC	WA	No PPP	Total
Enrolled Nurse (EN)	976	15,302	453	15,713	8,678	1,842	22,508	6,566	99	72,137
Registered Nurse (RN)	6,124	97,230	4,157	72,677	26,487	8,753	87,182	35,096	11,927	349,633
EN & RN	172	1,958	116	2,279	1,131	131	4,053	1,028	39	10,907
Midwife	237	1,731	117	1,668	844	70	1,638	511	187	7,003
Nurse (EN & RN) and Midwife*	462	7,389	479	5,711	1,752	650	7,849	2,887	224	27,403

* Practitioners with a Nurse and Midwife registration may hold registration as an EN and Midwife, RN and Midwife, or EN and RN and Midwife.

Table 2.2 Percentage of general registration by principal place of practice



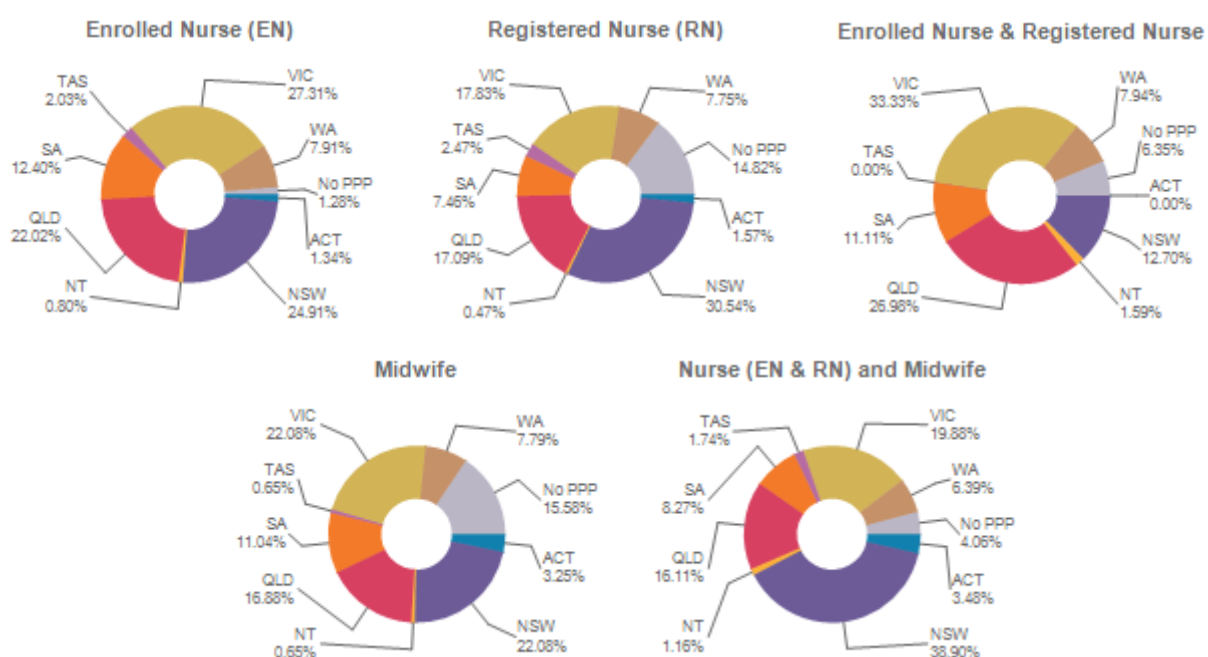
Non-practising registration

Table 3.1 Totals for practitioners with non-practising registration as Nurse and/or Midwife

Division	ACT	NSW	NT	QLD	SA	TAS	VIC	WA	No PPP	Total
Enrolled Nurse (EN)	25	466	15	412	232	38	511	148	24	1,871
Registered Nurse (RN)	110	2,141	33	1,198	523	173	1,250	543	1,039	7,010
EN & RN		8	1	17	7		21	5	4	63
Midwife	5	34	1	26	17	1	34	12	24	154
Nurse (EN & RN) and Midwife*	24	268	8	111	57	12	137	44	28	689

* Practitioners with a Nurse and Midwife registration may hold registration as an EN and Midwife, RN and Midwife, or EN and RN and Midwife.

Table 3.2 Percentage of non-practising registration by principal place of practice



Provisional registration

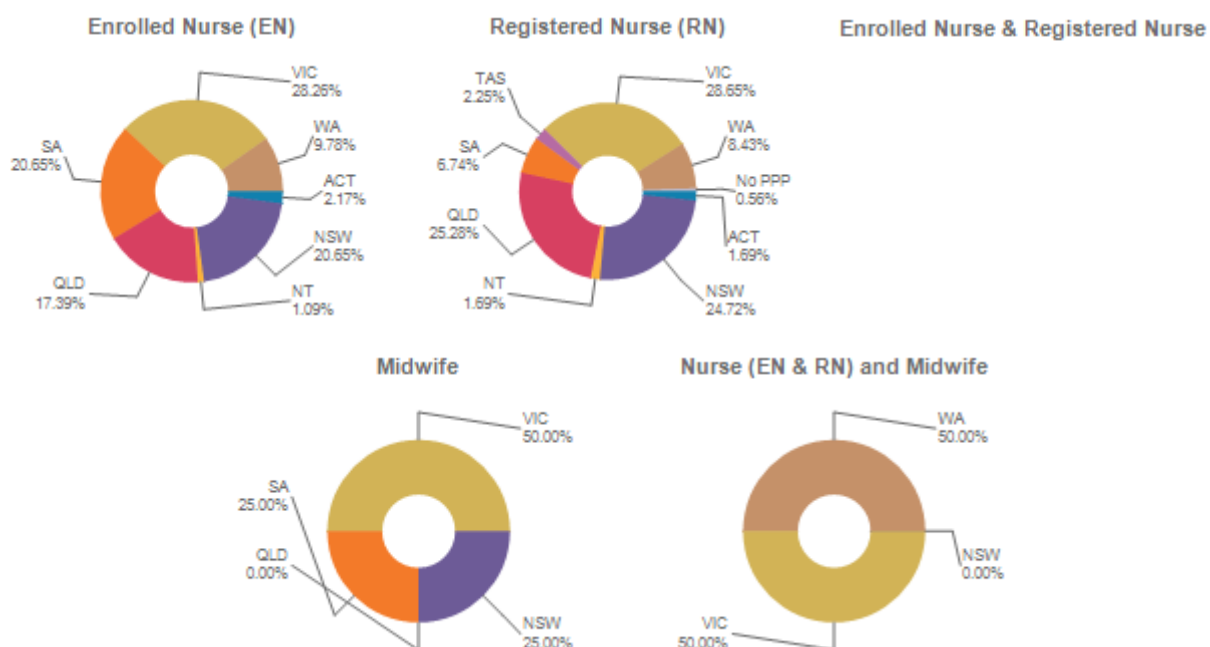
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Table 4.1 Totals for practitioners with provisional registration as Nurse and/or Midwife

Division	ACT	NSW	NT	QLD	SA	TAS	VIC	WA	No PPP	Total
Enrolled Nurse (EN)	2	19	1	16	19		26	9		92
Registered Nurse (RN)	3	44	3	45	12	4	51	15	1	178
EN & RN										0
Midwife		1			1		2			4
Nurse (EN & RN) and Midwife*							1	1		2

* Practitioners with a Nurse and Midwife registration may hold registration as an EN and Midwife, RN and Midwife, or EN and RN and Midwife.

Table 4.2 Percentage of provisional registration by principal place of practice



Endorsements by type

The NMBA endorsements for registered nurses are:

- Nurse Practitioner
- Registered Nurse - scheduled medicines (rural and isolated practice)

The NMBA endorsements for midwives are:

- Midwife – scheduled medicines
- Midwife Practitioner – refer [Position-Statement Midwife Practitioners \(7 April 2011\)](#)

Table 5.1 Registered Nurse and Midwife - Endorsements by principal place of practice

Profession	Endorsement	ACT	NSW	NT	QLD	SA	TAS	VIC	WA	No PPP	Total
Nurse	Nurse Practitioner	59	561	30	635	186	51	581	293	29	2,425
	Scheduled Medicines - Rural and isolated practice	5	47	29	855	13	16	289	33	12	1,299
Midwife	Midwife practitioner		1								1
	Scheduled Medicines*	16	134	10	286	75	18	150	152	19	860
Total		80	743	69	1,776	274	85	1,020	478	60	4,585

* The above numbers under 'Midwife - Scheduled Medicines' reflect those midwives who have met the NMBA Registration standard for endorsement for scheduled medicines for midwives.

Notations

Registered nurses with a sole qualification in mental health nursing or paediatric nursing or disability nursing - rather than a qualification in general nursing - are identified on the national register with a notation, which states: Solely qualified in the area of Disability Nursing / Mental Health Nursing / Paediatric Nursing.

Table 6.1 Registered Nurse notations

Notation	ACT	NSW	NT	QLD	SA	TAS	VIC	WA	No PPP	Total
Disability Nursing		65	2	18	4		24	27	17	157
Mental Health nursing	8	343	26	252	200	28	408	972	209	2,446
Paediatric Nursing	3	165	3	158	19	2	95	164	86	695
Total	11	573	31	428	223	30	527	1,163	312	3,298

Midwife notations

Note: All midwives who held the Eligible Midwife notation either now hold the Midwife Scheduled Medicines endorsement or have determined they no longer require the Eligible Midwife notation.

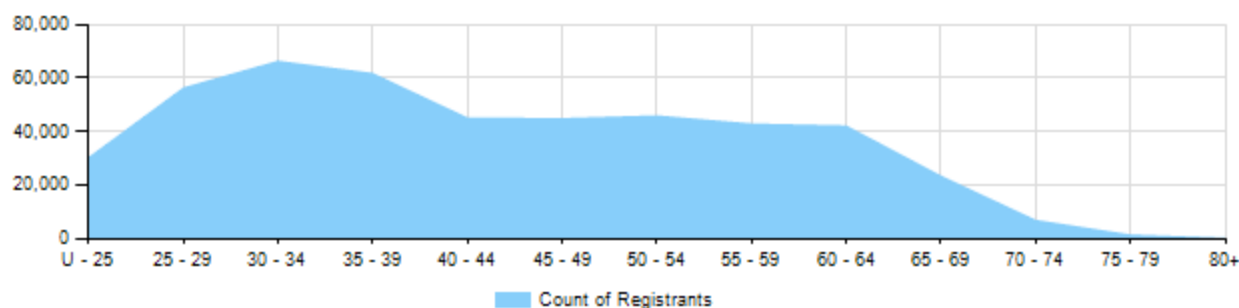
Age group

General registration

Table 7.1 General registration by age group

Age group	Nurse			Nurse and Midwife				Total	% age bracket
	EN	RN	EN & RN	EN	RN	EN & RN	Midwife		
U - 25	7,846	20,280	891	1	673	1	621	30,313	6.5%
25 - 29	8,328	42,654	2,021	18	2,107	16	1,119	56,263	12.0%
30 - 34	7,578	52,906	2,051	23	2,378	29	1,237	66,202	14.2%
35 - 39	6,879	49,687	1,774	15	2,223	16	1,053	61,647	13.2%
40 - 44	5,687	35,373	1,229	16	1,899	11	866	45,081	9.7%
45 - 49	6,007	34,776	1,001	15	2,268	7	734	44,808	9.6%
50 - 54	7,370	34,147	820	17	2,897	6	600	45,857	9.8%
55 - 59	8,278	29,512	612	5	4,071	7	356	42,841	9.2%
60 - 64	8,530	28,096	362	1	4,865	2	240	42,096	9.0%
65 - 69	4,369	15,985	115	1	2,796	2	130	23,398	5.0%
70 - 74	1,060	4,940	27		823		40	6,890	1.5%
75 - 79	185	1,084	4		165		5	1,443	0.3%
80+	20	193			29		2	244	<0.1%
Total	72,137	349,633	10,907	112	27,194	97	7,003	467,083	100.0%

Table 7.2 General registration by age group

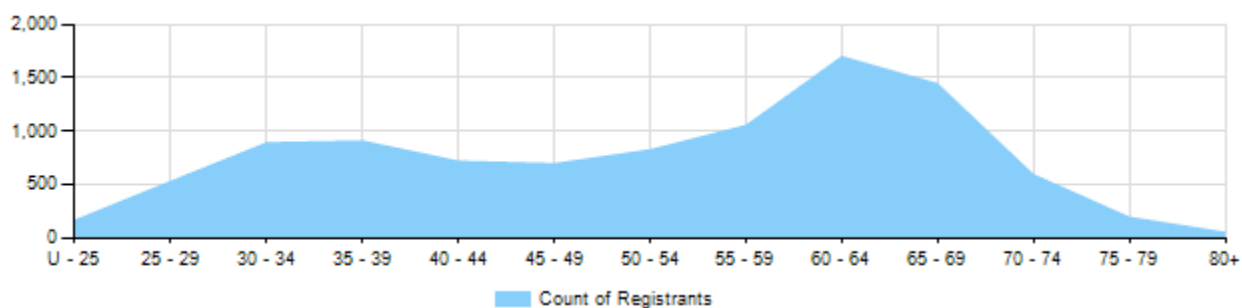


Non-practising registration

Table 8.1 Non-practising registration by age group

Age group	Nurse			Nurse and Midwife			Midwife	Total	% age bracket
	EN	RN	EN & RN	EN	RN	EN & RN			
U - 25	94	72					3	169	1.7%
25 - 29	134	375	4		11		9	533	5.4%
30 - 34	168	668	12		20		24	892	9.1%
35 - 39	150	684	11	1	35		28	909	9.3%
40 - 44	129	551	1		14		25	720	7.4%
45 - 49	123	526	5		30		13	697	7.1%
50 - 54	180	590	3		45		8	826	8.4%
55 - 59	272	687	9		69		17	1,054	10.8%
60 - 64	349	1,160	11		164		14	1,698	17.3%
65 - 69	205	1,050	7		170		11	1,443	14.7%
70 - 74	54	456			84		1	595	6.1%
75 - 79	11	150			34		1	196	2.0%
80+	2	41			12			55	0.6%
Total	1,871	7,010	63	1	688	0	154	9,787	100.0%

Table 8.2 Non-practising registration by age group



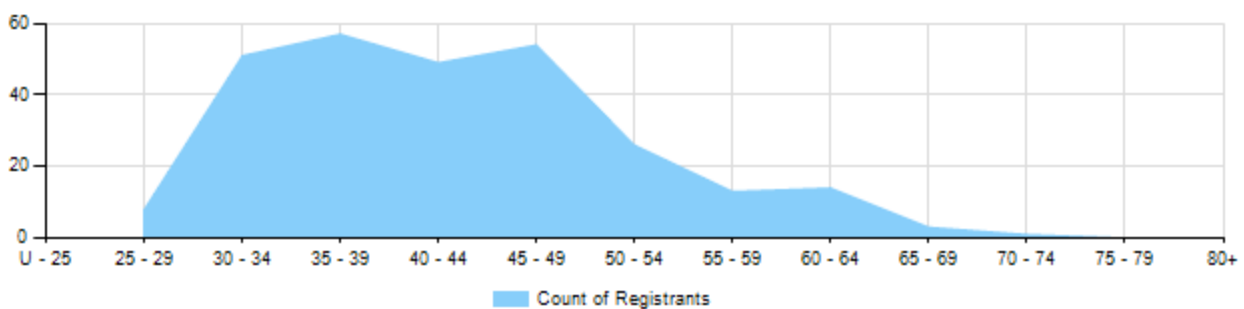
Provisional registration

Provisional registration is a registration type used by the NMBA for registered nurses, enrolled nurses and/or midwives who want to return to the register after an absence from practice. Provisional registration enables a registered nurse, enrolled nurse and/or midwife to complete a period of supervised practice or a NMBA-approved re-entry to practice program to be eligible for general registration.

Table 9.1 Provisional registration by age group

Age group	Nurse			Nurse and Midwife		Total	% age bracket
	EN	RN	EN & RN	RN	Midwife		
U - 25						0	0.0%
25 - 29	8					8	2.9%
30 - 34	15	34			2	51	18.5%
35 - 39	24	31		1	1	57	20.7%
40 - 44	16	33				49	17.8%
45 - 49	13	40			1	54	19.6%
50 - 54	5	20		1		26	9.4%
55 - 59	6	7				13	4.7%
60 - 64	4	10				14	5.1%
65 - 69	1	2				3	1.1%
70 - 74		1				1	0.4%
75 - 79						0	0.0%
80+						0	0.0%
Total	92	178	0	2	4	276	100.0%

Table 9.2 Provisional registration by age group



Gender

General registration

Table 10.1 General registration by gender

Profession	Gender	Divisions	ACT	NSW	NT	QLD	SA	TAS	VIC	WA	No PPP	Total	
Nurse	Female	Enrolled Nurse (EN)	858	13,445	377	14,093	7,678	1,648	20,267	5,969	88	64,423	
		Registered Nurse (RN)	5,288	83,855	3,517	63,652	23,179	7,636	76,730	31,551	10,082	305,490	
		EN & RN	136	1,669	101	1,975	937	120	3,455	922	35	9,350	
	Total Female General Nurse			6,282	98,969	3,995	79,720	31,794	9,404	100,452	38,442	10,205	379,263
	Male	Enrolled Nurse (EN)	118	1,856	76	1,620	1,000	194	2,241	595	11	7,711	
		Registered Nurse (RN)	835	13,369	640	9,019	3,307	1,115	10,442	3,543	1,841	44,111	
		EN & RN	36	289	15	304	194	11	598	106	4	1,557	
	Total Male General Nurse			989	15,514	731	10,943	4,501	1,320	13,281	4,244	1,856	53,379
	Not stated or Intersex or Indeterminate	Enrolled Nurse (EN)		1						2		3	
		Registered Nurse (RN)	1	6		6	1	2	10	2	4	32	
	Total Not stated or Intersex or Indeterminate General Nurse			1	7	0	6	1	2	10	4	4	35
Total General Nurse			7,272	114,490	4,726	90,669	36,296	10,726	113,743	42,690	12,065	432,677	
Nurse and Midwife	Female	EN & Midwife	1	20	2	32	14		36	5		110	
		RN & Midwife	449	7,192	445	5,587	1,707	634	7,692	2,832	220	26,758	
		EN & RN & Midwife	2	19	2	7	4	2	44	15		95	
	Total Female General Nurse and Midwife			452	7,231	449	5,626	1,725	636	7,772	2,852	220	26,963
	Male	EN & Midwife			1	1							2
		RN & Midwife	10	156	29	84	27	14	76	35	4	435	
		EN & RN & Midwife		2									2
Total Male General Nurse and Midwife			10	158	30	85	27	14	76	35	4	439	
Not stated or Intersex or Indeterminate	RN & Midwife							1			1		
Total General Nurse and Midwife			462	7,389	479	5,711	1,752	650	7,849	2,887	224	27,403	

Table 10.1 (continued from page 14)

Profession	Gender	Divisions	ACT	NSW	NT	QLD	SA	TAS	VIC	WA	No PPP	Total
Midwife	Female		237	1,726	116	1,665	841	68	1,632	511	186	6,982
	Male			5	1	3	3	2	6		1	21
Total General Midwife			237	1,731	117	1,668	844	70	1,638	511	187	7,003
Total			7,971	123,610	5,322	98,048	38,892	11,446	123,230	46,088	12,476	467,083

* Practitioners with a Nurse and Midwife registration may hold registration as an EN and Midwife, RN and Midwife, or EN and RN and Midwife.

Table 10.2 Total general registration by gender

Gender	ACT	NSW	NT	QLD	SA	TAS	VIC	WA	No PPP	Total
Female	6,971	107,926	4,560	87,011	34,360	10,108	109,856	41,805	10,611	413,208
Male	999	15,677	762	11,031	4,531	1,336	13,363	4,279	1,861	53,839
Not stated or Intersex or Indeterminate	1	7		6	1	2	11	4	4	36

Table 10.3 Total general registration by gender percentages

Gender	ACT	NSW	NT	QLD	SA	TAS	VIC	WA	No PPP	Total
Female	87.5%	87.3%	85.7%	88.7%	88.3%	88.3%	89.1%	90.7%	85.1%	88.5%
Male	12.5%	12.7%	14.3%	11.3%	11.7%	11.7%	10.8%	9.3%	14.9%	11.5%
Not stated or Intersex or Indeterminate	<0.1%	<0.1%		<0.1%	<0.1%	<0.1%	<0.1%	<0.1%	<0.1%	<0.1%

Non-practising registration

Table 11.1 Non-practising registration by gender

Profession	Gender	Divisions	ACT	NSW	NT	QLD	SA	TAS	VIC	WA	No PPP	Total	
Nurse	Female	Enrolled Nurse (EN)	25	423	15	380	222	37	477	139	22	1,740	
		Registered Nurse (RN)	95	1,892	30	1,097	459	149	1,114	496	855	6,187	
		EN & RN		7	1	15	7		17	5	4	56	
	Total Female Non-practising Nurse			120	2,322	46	1,492	688	186	1,608	640	881	7,983
	Male	Enrolled Nurse (EN)		43		32	10	1	34	9	2	131	
		Registered Nurse (RN)	15	249	3	101	64	24	136	47	184	823	
		EN & RN		1		2			4			7	
	Total Male Non-practising Nurse			15	293	3	135	74	25	174	56	186	961
	Total Non-practising Nurse			135	2,615	49	1,627	762	211	1,782	696	1,067	8,944
	Nurse and Midwife	Female	EN & Midwife							1			1
RN & Midwife			24	261	8	109	56	12	136	41	28	675	
Total Female Non-practising Nurse and Midwife			24	261	8	109	56	12	137	41	28	676	
Male		RN & Midwife		7		2	1			3		13	
Total Non-practising Nurse and Midwife			24	268	8	111	57	12	137	44	28	689	
Midwife	Female		5	34	1	26	16	1	34	12	24	153	
	Male						1					1	
Total Non-practising Midwife			5	34	1	26	17	1	34	12	24	154	
Total			164	2,917	58	1,764	836	224	1,953	752	1,119	9,787	

Table 11.2 Total non-practising registration by gender

Gender	ACT	NSW	NT	QLD	SA	TAS	VIC	WA	No PPP	Total
Female	149	2,617	55	1,627	760	199	1,779	693	933	8,812
Male	15	300	3	137	76	25	174	59	186	975

Table 11.3 Total non-practising registration by gender percentages

Gender	ACT	NSW	NT	QLD	SA	TAS	VIC	WA	No PPP	Total
Female	90.9%	89.7%	94.8%	92.2%	90.9%	88.8%	91.1%	92.2%	83.4%	90.0%
Male	9.1%	10.3%	5.2%	7.8%	9.1%	11.2%	8.9%	7.8%	16.6%	10.0%

Provisional Registration

Provisional registration is a registration type used by the NMBA for registered nurses, enrolled nurses and/or midwives who want to return to the register after an absence from practice. Provisional registration enables a registered nurse, enrolled nurse and/or midwife to complete a period of supervised practice or a NMBA-approved re-entry to practice program to be eligible for general registration.

Table 12.1 Provisional registration by gender

Profession	Gender	Divisions	ACT	NSW	NT	QLD	SA	TAS	VIC	WA	No PPP	Total
Nurse	Female	Enrolled Nurse (EN)	2	17	1	14	16		24	8		82
		Registered Nurse (RN)	3	42	3	40	11	3	45	14	1	162
	Total Female Provisional Nurse		5	59	4	54	27	3	69	22	1	244
	Male	Enrolled Nurse (EN)		2		2	3		2	1		10
		Registered Nurse (RN)		2		5	1	1	6	1		16
	Total Male Provisional Nurse		0	4	0	7	4	1	8	2	0	26
Total Provisional Nurse			5	63	4	61	31	4	77	24	1	270
Nurse and Midwife	Female	RN & Midwife							1	1		2
Total Provisional Nurse and Midwife			0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	2
Midwife	Female			1			1		2			4
Total Provisional Midwife			0	1	0	0	1	0	2	0	0	4
Total			5	64	4	61	32	4	80	25	1	276

Table 12.2 Total provisional registration by gender

Gender	ACT	NSW	NT	QLD	SA	TAS	VIC	WA	No PPP	Total
Female	5	60	4	54	28	3	72	23	1	250
Male		4		7	4	1	8	2		26

Table 12.3 Total provisional registration by gender percentages

Gender	ACT	NSW	NT	QLD	SA	TAS	VIC	WA	No PPP	Total
Female	100.0%	93.8%	100.0%	88.5%	87.5%	75.0%	90.0%	92.0%	100.0%	90.6%
Male		6.3%		11.5%	12.5%	25.0%	10.0%	8.0%		9.4%