

# Medical Board of Australia

## Registrant data

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## Introduction

The role of the Medical Board of Australia (the Board) is to:

- register medical practitioners and medical students
- develop standards, codes and guidelines for the medical profession
- investigate notifications and complaints about medical practitioners
- where necessary, conduct panel hearings and refer serious matters to Tribunal hearings
- oversee the assessment of overseas trained practitioners who wish to practise in Australia, and
- approve 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 <http://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 quarterly.

### **Pandemic response sub-register**

Ahpra and the National Boards are supporting the COVID-19 response by helping provide access to a potential surge workforce when the healthcare system is experiencing changing demands due to outbreaks of COVID-19 variants.

Temporary Pandemic response sub-registers were first established in April 2020 to help fast track the return to the workforce of experienced and qualified health practitioners.

Medical practitioners on the temporary Pandemic response sub-register are registered to 21 September 2023. For more information see the [COVID-19 page](#) on Ahpra's website.

For more information on medical registration, please see the Board's website: <http://www.medicalboard.gov.au/Registration.aspx>

## Medical practitioners by state and territory

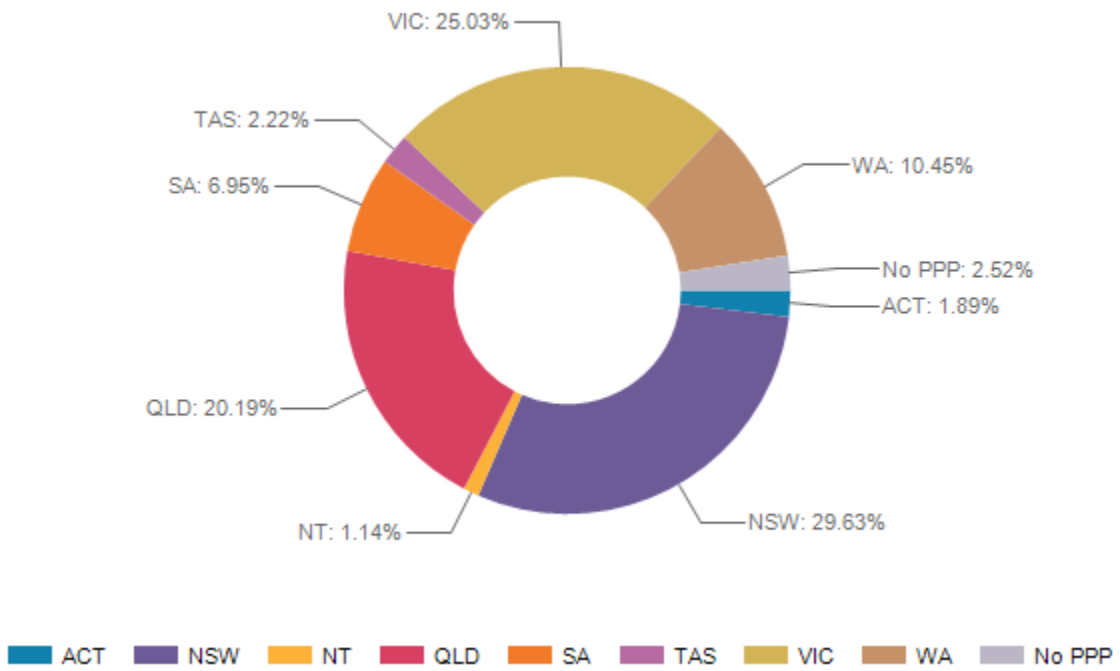
### Registration type

**Table 1.1 Medical practitioners - registration type by state or territory**

Registration types	Registration subtypes	Pathway	ACT	NSW	NT	QLD	SA	TAS	VIC	WA	No PPP	Total
General			743	12,001	577	8,279	2,589	796	9,790	4,209	785	<b>39,769</b>
General (Teaching and Assessing)				7		11	2	3	4	2		<b>29</b>
General (Teaching and Assessing) and Specialist						1						<b>1</b>
General and Specialist			1,285	21,389	629	13,262	4,985	1,499	17,526	6,149	730	<b>67,454</b>
Specialist			221	2,366	125	2,761	686	279	2,498	1,702	501	<b>11,139</b>
Provisional		Australian and/or New Zealand medical graduate	101	1,091	49	897	314	100	929	420	12	<b>3,913</b>
		IMGs – Competent Authority Pathway	38	291	26	455	101	14	567	630	38	<b>2,160</b>
		IMGs – Standard Pathway	7	76	14	90	21	7	112	37	2	<b>366</b>
Limited	Area of need		1	41	11	42	8	3	115	32	2	<b>255</b>
	Postgraduate training or supervised practice		41	835	47	405	233	141	775	336	46	<b>2,859</b>
	Public interest											<b>0</b>
	Teaching or research		1	4		3		1	7	5	2	<b>23</b>
Non-practising		67	1,191	30	564	277	95	871	333	1,219	<b>4,647</b>	
<b>Total</b>			<b>2,505</b>	<b>39,292</b>	<b>1,508</b>	<b>26,770</b>	<b>9,216</b>	<b>2,938</b>	<b>33,194</b>	<b>13,855</b>	<b>3,337</b>	<b>132,615*</b>

\* Total figure includes 201 medical practitioners on the Pandemic response sub-register. For more information go to the [COVID-19](#) page on the Ahpra website.

**Table 1.2 Medical practitioners - percentage by state or territory**



## Specialist registration

**Table 2.1 Medical practitioners - by area of specialist practice**

Speciality name	Field of speciality practice	ACT	NSW	NT	QLD	SA	TAS	VIC	WA	No PPP	Total
Addiction medicine		4	84	4	33	16	5	31	16	3	196
Anaesthesia		97	1,698	40	1,235	405	140	1,390	637	132	5,774
Dermatology		6	227	1	115	50	6	165	58	6	634
Emergency medicine	Paediatric emergency medicine	2	7		15	4	1	6	2	1	38
	No sub-specialty	61	811	64	734	176	85	741	337	78	3,087
<b>Subtotal - Emergency medicine</b>		<b>63</b>	<b>818</b>	<b>64</b>	<b>749</b>	<b>180</b>	<b>86</b>	<b>747</b>	<b>339</b>	<b>79</b>	<b>3,125</b>
General practice		680	10,248	374	7,425	2,529	863	8,478	3,628	256	34,481
Intensive care medicine	Paediatric intensive care medicine		9		9	1	1	8	2		30
	No sub-specialty	28	312	14	242	75	20	266	104	39	1,100
<b>Subtotal - Intensive care medicine</b>		<b>28</b>	<b>321</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>251</b>	<b>76</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>274</b>	<b>106</b>	<b>39</b>	<b>1,130</b>
Medical administration		10	109	2	87	12	11	81	31	11	354
Obstetrics and gynaecology	Gynaecological oncology		17		13	3	1	11	6		51
	Maternal-fetal medicine	1	14	1	13	3		9	4	2	47
	Obstetrics and gynaecological ultrasound		11		4	2		37	3	1	58
	Reproductive endocrinology and infertility		23		4	6	2	13	2		50
	Urogynaecology		12		9	1		10	4		36
	No sub-specialty	38	571	21	406	144	45	533	199	41	1,998
<b>Subtotal - Obstetrics and gynaecology</b>		<b>39</b>	<b>648</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>449</b>	<b>159</b>	<b>48</b>	<b>613</b>	<b>218</b>	<b>44</b>	<b>2,240</b>
Occupational and environmental medicine		14	91	3	42	29	6	57	49	7	298
Ophthalmology		15	391	8	195	73	25	265	87	16	1,075

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Speciality name	Field of speciality practice	ACT	NSW	NT	QLD	SA	TAS	VIC	WA	No PPP	Total
Paediatrics and child health	Clinical genetics		22		7	4		17	4		54
	Community child health	2	48		20	2	3	25	10	2	112
	General paediatrics	33	752	29	439	149	44	579	244	39	2,308
	Neonatal and perinatal medicine	7	70	3	50	23	4	81	44	7	289
	Paediatric cardiology	1	17	1	13	2		16	8	3	61
	Paediatric clinical pharmacology		1		1			1		1	4
	Paediatric emergency medicine	1	23	2	32	12	1	22	15	4	112
	Paediatric endocrinology	2	23	1	15	4	1	8	7		61
	Paediatric gastroenterology and hepatology	1	10		6	4		14	7	1	43
	Paediatric haematology		7		7	1		7	4		26
	Paediatric immunology and allergy	1	16		9	10		14	5		55
	Paediatric infectious diseases		9	3	7	3		12	10	2	46
	Paediatric intensive care medicine		4		2			1		1	8
	Paediatric medical oncology	1	19		15	6		15	13	7	76
	Paediatric nephrology		9	1	3	3		5	2	1	24
	Paediatric neurology		20		11	3	1	16	5	2	58
	Paediatric nuclear medicine		1								1
	Paediatric palliative medicine		1		1			2	1	1	6
	Paediatric rehabilitation medicine		5		4	1		2	2		14
	Paediatric respiratory and sleep medicine	1	23		13	6		9	8		60
Paediatric rheumatology		3		5	3		5	3		19	
No sub-specialty	2	47	5	19	13	4	62	16	12	180	
<b>Subtotal - Paediatrics and child health</b>		<b>52</b>	<b>1,130</b>	<b>45</b>	<b>679</b>	<b>249</b>	<b>58</b>	<b>913</b>	<b>408</b>	<b>83</b>	<b>3,617</b>

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Speciality name	Field of speciality practice	ACT	NSW	NT	QLD	SA	TAS	VIC	WA	No PPP	Total
Pain medicine		6	122	1	74	33	12	88	44	3	<b>383</b>
Palliative medicine		7	153	5	76	31	13	104	41	5	<b>435</b>
Pathology	Anatomical pathology (including cytopathology)	22	346	2	201	68	27	203	110	13	<b>992</b>
	Chemical pathology	4	27	1	18	7	1	19	17	5	<b>99</b>
	Forensic pathology		15	1	17	5	3	14	7	3	<b>65</b>
	General pathology	1	35		18	2	5	12	4	1	<b>78</b>
	Haematology	13	206	4	111	45	17	181	58	14	<b>649</b>
	Immunology	7	53		12	9	1	21	20	2	<b>125</b>
	Microbiology	7	96	3	56	16	8	49	39	3	<b>277</b>
	No sub-specialty	3	19		12	4	1	9	9	4	<b>61</b>
<b>Subtotal - Pathology</b>		<b>57</b>	<b>797</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>445</b>	<b>156</b>	<b>63</b>	<b>508</b>	<b>264</b>	<b>45</b>	<b>2,346</b>
Physician	Cardiology	24	541	10	319	126	31	416	109	53	<b>1,629</b>
	Clinical genetics		35		11	8	1	23	3	2	<b>83</b>
	Clinical pharmacology		16		11	19		12	5	2	<b>65</b>
	Endocrinology	14	288	8	152	50	19	262	65	12	<b>870</b>
	Gastroenterology and hepatology	24	326	3	222	76	20	303	93	16	<b>1,083</b>
	General medicine	28	405	29	494	238	46	585	202	36	<b>2,063</b>
	Geriatric medicine	19	345	3	143	84	19	341	115	9	<b>1,078</b>
	Haematology	15	213	5	129	52	22	217	53	22	<b>728</b>
	Immunology and allergy	8	74	1	21	12	4	37	29	6	<b>192</b>
	Infectious diseases	13	138	21	96	35	12	216	52	13	<b>596</b>
	Medical oncology	15	282	5	131	58	21	303	63	21	<b>899</b>
	Nephrology	16	216	17	115	29	10	217	51	16	<b>687</b>
	Neurology	13	277	3	109	51	15	257	58	15	<b>798</b>
	Nuclear medicine	7	108	1	32	27	4	65	26	2	<b>272</b>
	Respiratory and sleep medicine	17	280	4	172	68	18	224	90	12	<b>885</b>
	Rheumatology	12	142	3	71	40	10	137	35	6	<b>456</b>
No sub-specialty	5	84	3	22	3	8	46	43	9	<b>223</b>	
<b>Subtotal - Physician</b>		<b>230</b>	<b>3,770</b>	<b>116</b>	<b>2,250</b>	<b>976</b>	<b>260</b>	<b>3,661</b>	<b>1,092</b>	<b>252</b>	<b>12,607</b>

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Speciality name	Field of speciality practice	ACT	NSW	NT	QLD	SA	TAS	VIC	WA	No PPP	Total
Psychiatry		75	1,266	35	929	323	80	1,242	418	71	4,439
Public health medicine		34	144	19	69	26	11	82	47	10	442
Radiation Oncology		14	163	1	95	20	9	112	27	11	452
Radiology	Diagnostic radiology	51	766	6	517	201	49	661	287	134	2,672
	Diagnostic ultrasound				1			3			4
	Nuclear medicine	6	49		58	13	3	65	14	1	209
	No sub-specialty	5	22		8	2	1	19	8	8	73
<b>Subtotal - Radiology</b>		<b>62</b>	<b>837</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>584</b>	<b>216</b>	<b>53</b>	<b>748</b>	<b>309</b>	<b>143</b>	<b>2,958</b>
Rehabilitation medicine		8	255	3	95	52	12	152	18	7	602
Sexual health medicine		4	65	1	18	9	3	23	10	1	134
Sport and exercise medicine		13	54	2	18	5	1	49	16		158
Surgery	Cardio-thoracic surgery	4	61		44	10	4	65	17	9	214
	General surgery	32	716	20	405	170	33	599	179	36	2,190
	Neurosurgery	8	93	1	60	19	7	77	20	6	291
	Oral and maxillofacial surgery	6	41	2	50	16	2	41	13	5	176
	Orthopaedic surgery	29	486	6	362	128	29	354	149	20	1,563
	Otolaryngology - head and neck surgery	8	175	3	117	45	8	129	53	8	546
	Paediatric surgery	5	38		17	7	4	23	10	2	106
	Plastic surgery	4	139	2	83	46	14	165	57	2	512
	Urology	9	153	1	103	35	12	140	45	5	503
	Vascular surgery	5	81	1	49	23	6	66	22	1	254
No sub-specialty	1	19	1					8	3	1	33
<b>Subtotal - Surgery</b>		<b>111</b>	<b>2,002</b>	<b>37</b>	<b>1,290</b>	<b>499</b>	<b>119</b>	<b>1,667</b>	<b>568</b>	<b>95</b>	<b>6,388</b>
<b>Total</b>		<b>1,629</b>	<b>25,393</b>	<b>814</b>	<b>17,203</b>	<b>6,124</b>	<b>1,905</b>	<b>21,450</b>	<b>8,431</b>	<b>1,319</b>	<b>84,268</b>

## Endorsements by type

**Table 2.2 Medical practitioners - endorsements by state or territory**

Endorsement	ACT	NSW	NT	QLD	SA	TAS	VIC	WA	No PPP	Total
Acupuncture	7	165	3	108	33	14	229	38	1	598

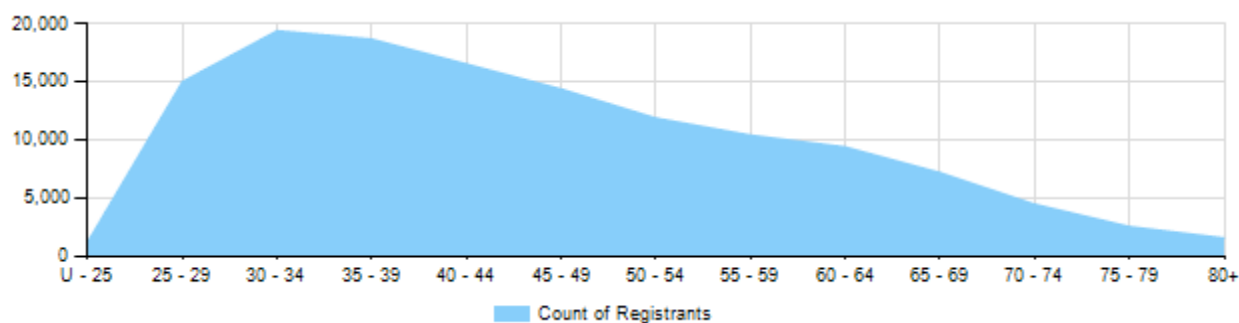
## Medical practitioners by age group

### Age by registration type

**Table 3.1 Medical practitioners - registration type by age group**

Age group	General	General (TA)	General and Specialist	General (TA) and Specialist	Specialist	Provisional	Limited	Non-practising	Total
U - 25	245					955	1		<b>1,201</b>
25 - 29	10,687		230		1	3,822	152	132	<b>15,024</b>
30 - 34	13,100		4,114		109	883	740	471	<b>19,417</b>
35 - 39	6,624	2	9,546		708	435	1,024	354	<b>18,693</b>
40 - 44	3,148	1	10,589		1,677	201	655	274	<b>16,545</b>
45 - 49	1,651		9,648		2,426	83	322	258	<b>14,388</b>
50 - 54	1,145	2	8,043		2,249	40	147	253	<b>11,879</b>
55 - 59	986	4	7,202		1,834	12	62	302	<b>10,402</b>
60 - 64	867	5	6,832		1,185	6	25	461	<b>9,381</b>
65 - 69	582	5	5,357	1	594	2	8	619	<b>7,168</b>
70 - 74	357	7	3,265		255		1	570	<b>4,455</b>
75 - 79	212	3	1,776		83			452	<b>2,526</b>
80+	165		852		18			501	<b>1,536</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>39,769</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>67,454</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>11,139</b>	<b>6,439</b>	<b>3,137</b>	<b>4,647</b>	<b>132,615</b>

**Table 3.2 Medical practitioners - by age group**



**Table 3.3 Medical practitioners - limited registration by age group**

Age group	Limited			Total
	Area of need	Postgraduate training or supervised practice	Teaching or research	
U - 25		1		1
25 - 29		152		152
30 - 34	13	722	5	740
35 - 39	49	970	5	1,024
40 - 44	70	582	3	655
45 - 49	56	263	3	322
50 - 54	33	110	4	147
55 - 59	19	41	2	62
60 - 64	9	15	1	25
65 - 69	5	3		8
70 - 74	1			1
75 - 79				0
80+				0
<b>Total</b>	<b>255</b>	<b>2,859</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>3,137</b>

## Medical practitioners by gender

### Gender by registration type

**Table 4.1 Medical practitioners - 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		390	6,019	343	4,023	1,341	383	5,079	2,265	353	<b>20,196</b>	
	General TA			5		4	1		1	2		<b>13</b>	
	General TA and Specialist					1						<b>1</b>	
	General and Specialist		607	9,063	326	5,543	2,094	696	7,556	2,639	286	<b>28,810</b>	
	Specialist		80	870	39	963	242	98	909	629	172	<b>4,002</b>	
	Provisional		80	777	50	797	224	71	872	600	27	<b>3,498</b>	
	Limited	Area of need	1	22	6	19			3	59	15		<b>125</b>
		Postgraduate training or supervised practice	18	443	21	185	114	73	396	179	23		<b>1,452</b>
		Teaching or research		3		2				3	5	1	<b>14</b>
	Non-practising		34	491	12	229	113	40	324	143	554		<b>1,940</b>
<b>Total Female</b>			<b>1,210</b>	<b>17,693</b>	<b>797</b>	<b>11,766</b>	<b>4,129</b>	<b>1,364</b>	<b>15,199</b>	<b>6,477</b>	<b>1,416</b>	<b>60,051</b>	
Male	General		353	5,982	234	4,256	1,248	413	4,709	1,943	432	<b>19,570</b>	
	General TA			2		7	1	3	3			<b>16</b>	
	General and Specialist		678	12,325	303	7,719	2,891	803	9,969	3,509	444	<b>38,641</b>	
	Specialist		141	1,496	86	1,798	444	181	1,589	1,073	329	<b>7,137</b>	
	Provisional		66	680	39	645	212	49	735	487	25	<b>2,938</b>	
	Limited	Area of need		19	5	23	8			56	17	2	<b>130</b>
		Postgraduate training or supervised practice	23	392	26	220	119	68	379	157	23		<b>1,407</b>
		Teaching or research	1	1		1			1	4		1	<b>9</b>
Non-practising		33	700	18	335	164	55	547	190	665		<b>2,707</b>	
<b>Total Male</b>			<b>1,295</b>	<b>21,597</b>	<b>711</b>	<b>15,004</b>	<b>5,087</b>	<b>1,573</b>	<b>17,991</b>	<b>7,376</b>	<b>1,921</b>	<b>72,555</b>	

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Gender	Registration types	Registration subtypes	ACT	NSW	NT	QLD	SA	TAS	VIC	WA	No PPP	Total
Not stated or Intersex or Indeterminate	General								2	1		3
	General and Specialist			1					1	1		3
	Provisional			1				1	1			3
<b>Total</b>			<b>2,505</b>	<b>39,292</b>	<b>1,508</b>	<b>26,770</b>	<b>9,216</b>	<b>2,938</b>	<b>33,194</b>	<b>13,855</b>	<b>3,337</b>	<b>132,615</b>

## Gender percentages

**Table 4.2 Medical practitioners - percentage by gender**

Gender	ACT	NSW	NT	QLD	SA	TAS	VIC	WA	No PPP	Total
Female	48.3%	45.0%	52.9%	44.0%	44.8%	46.4%	45.8%	46.7%	42.4%	<b>45.3%</b>
Male	51.7%	55.0%	47.1%	56.0%	55.2%	53.5%	54.2%	53.2%	57.6%	<b>54.7%</b>
Not stated or Intersex or Indeterminate		<0.1%				<0.1%	<0.1%	<0.1%		<b>&lt;0.1%</b>

## Specialist registration by gender

**Table 4.3 Medical practitioners - by area of specialist practice by gender**

Speciality	Female	Male	Not stated or Intersex or Indeterminate
Addiction medicine	27.0%	73.0%	
Anaesthesia	33.6%	66.4%	
Dermatology	51.3%	48.7%	
Emergency medicine	38.3%	61.7%	
General practice	48.3%	51.7%	<0.1%
Intensive care medicine	23.4%	76.6%	
Medical administration	35.9%	64.1%	
Obstetrics and gynaecology	54.1%	45.9%	
Occupational and environmental medicine	22.5%	77.5%	
Ophthalmology	24.1%	75.9%	
Paediatrics and child health	56.8%	43.2%	
Pain medicine	29.5%	70.5%	
Palliative medicine	61.8%	38.2%	
Pathology	47.8%	52.2%	
Physician	35.6%	64.4%	
Psychiatry	42.4%	57.6%	<0.1%
Public health medicine	47.7%	52.3%	
Radiation Oncology	44.0%	56.0%	
Radiology	29.1%	70.9%	
Rehabilitation medicine	50.8%	49.2%	
Sexual health medicine	57.5%	42.5%	
Sport and exercise medicine	24.7%	75.3%	
Surgery	14.3%	85.7%	
<b>Total</b>	<b>41.1%</b>	<b>58.9%</b>	<b>&lt;0.1%</b>