

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, 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 information.

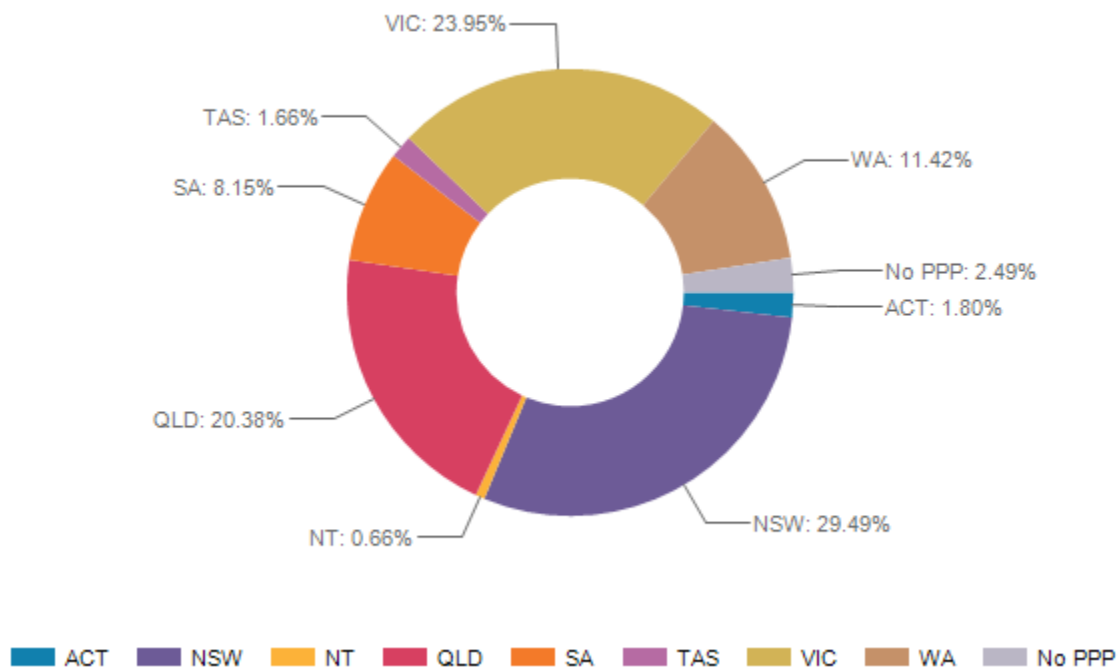
Registration type

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		407	6,884	161	4,762	1,885	394	5,587	2,682	351	23,113
General and Non-practising			1		1						2
General and Specialist		45	521	6	355	155	26	444	199	44	1,795
Specialist		1	14		11	4	1	14	8	15	68
Limited	Postgraduate training or supervised practice		2		1	4		4	3		14
	Teaching or research		4		13	2		3	4		26
Non-practising		14	235	5	152	66	10	171	71	236	960
Total		467	7,661	172	5,295	2,116	431	6,223	2,967	646	25,978*

* Total figure includes 29 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	40	369	11	170	338	19	225	267	20	1,459
Dental Hygienist and Dental Prosthetist		1		1						2
Dental Hygienist and Dental Prosthetist and Dental Therapist							1			1
Dental Hygienist and Dental Therapist	6	59	4	116	56	3	107	53	4	408
Dental Hygienist and Dental Therapist and Dentist				1						1
Dental Hygienist and Dental Therapist and Oral Health Therapist		27		9	4	2	24	8		74
Dental Hygienist and Dentist		2		3			1			6
Dental Hygienist and Oral Health Therapist	1	20		5	3		5	6		40
Dental Prosthetist	12	404	4	326	66	44	350	80	4	1,290
Dental Prosthetist and Dental Therapist							1			1
Dental Prosthetist and Dentist							3			3
Dental Prosthetist and Oral Health Therapist		1	1							2
Dental Therapist	11	147	8	122	60	36	118	228	5	735
Dental Therapist and Dentist				1			1			2
Dental Therapist and Oral Health Therapist								6		6
Dentist	359	5,908	123	4,014	1,314	297	4,718	2,036	591	19,360
Dentist and Oral Health Therapist		5		2			3			10
Oral Health Therapist	38	718	21	525	275	30	666	283	22	2,578
Total	467	7,661	172	5,295	2,116	431	6,223	2,967	646	25,978

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	39	349	11	161	328	19	217	258	12	1,394
	Dental Hygienist and Dental Prosthetist				1						1
	Dental Hygienist and Dental Prosthetist and Dental Therapist							1			1
	Dental Hygienist and Dental Therapist	5	56	4	110	53	3	98	51	2	382
	Dental Hygienist and Dental Therapist and Dentist				1						1
	Dental Hygienist and Dental Therapist and Oral Health Therapist		27		9	4	2	24	8		74
	Dental Hygienist and Dentist		2		2			1			5
	Dental Hygienist and Oral Health Therapist	1	20		5	3		5	6		40
	Dental Prosthetist	12	390	4	310	65	43	342	78	2	1,246
	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	130	7	119	59	35	111	218	2	691
	Dental Therapist and Dentist				1			1			2
	Dental Therapist and Oral Health Therapist								6		6
	Dentist	303	5,194	114	3,534	1,106	262	4,126	1,777	316	16,732
	Dentist and Oral Health Therapist		4		2			3			9
	Oral Health Therapist	37	711	20	507	267	30	654	280	17	2,523
Sub Total - General		407	6,884	161	4,762	1,885	394	5,587	2,682	351	23,113

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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										0
	Dental Hygienist and Dental Therapist and Oral Health Therapist										0
	Dental Hygienist and Dentist				1						1
	Dentist and Oral Health Therapist		1								1
Sub Total - General and Non-practising		0	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	2
General and Specialist	Dentist	45	521	6	355	155	26	444	199	44	1,795
Specialist	Dentist	1	14		11	4	1	14	8	15	68
Limited	Dental Hygienist										0
	Dentist		6		14	6		6	7		39
	Oral Health Therapist							1			1
Sub Total - Limited		0	6	0	14	6	0	7	7	0	40
Non-practising	Dental Hygienist	1	20		9	10		8	9	8	65
	Dental Hygienist and Dental Prosthetist		1								1
	Dental Hygienist and Dental Therapist	1	3		6	3		9	2	2	26
	Dental Prosthetist		14		16	1	1	8	2	2	44
	Dental Therapist	1	17	1	3	1	1	7	10	3	44
	Dentist	10	173	3	100	43	8	128	45	216	726
	Oral Health Therapist	1	7	1	18	8		11	3	5	54
Sub Total - Non-practising		14	235	5	152	66	10	171	71	236	960
Total		467	7,661	172	5,295	2,116	431	6,223	2,967	646	25,978

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		9			1	5		16
Endodontics	6	53	1	39	13	4	48	18	5	187
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	62	2	57	18	5	58	20	6	235
Oral medicine	1	10		7			14	11	2	45
Oral surgery		41		8			7	1	4	61
Orthodontics	16	189	2	124	55	10	155	68	20	639
Paediatric dentistry	2	46		25	16	1	45	23	5	163
Periodontics	8	67	1	52	17	4	63	32	7	251
Prosthodontics	4	69		44	27		54	24	9	231
Public health dentistry (Community dentistry)		5		1	1		8	1		16
Special needs dentistry		5		4	6		8	1	1	25
Total	46	557	7	376	159	27	465	211	60	1,908

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	5	46		20	3	2	4	10	2	92

Age group

Table 6.1 Dental practitioners - by age group

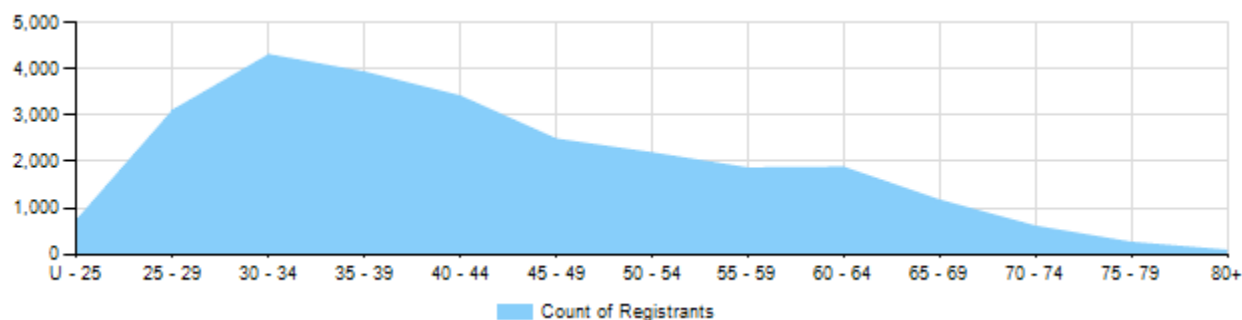


Table 6.2 Dental practitioners - registration type by age group

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	742						3	745
25 - 29	3,063	1			1		45	3,110
30 - 34	4,038		125	8	5		129	4,305
35 - 39	3,598	1	209	11	2	1	108	3,930
40 - 44	2,950		340	22	5	8	86	3,411
45 - 49	2,177		223	12		6	63	2,481
50 - 54	1,895		206	9	1	6	67	2,184
55 - 59	1,576		181	5		3	90	1,855
60 - 64	1,542		213			1	116	1,872
65 - 69	890		161				110	1,161
70 - 74	429		79	1		1	88	598
75 - 79	172		43				34	249
80+	41		15				21	77
Total	23,113	2	1,795	68	14	26	960	25,978

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		264	3,645	96	2,603	1,198	205	3,172	1,687	184	13,054	
	General and Non-practising			1		1						2	
	General and Specialist		11	144	2	89	51	7	153	69	11	537	
	Specialist		1	6		4	1		10	2	5	29	
	Limited	Postgraduate training or supervised practice		2				2		2	2		8
		Teaching or research				4	1		2	2			9
	Non-practising		10	123	3	84	36	1	94	42	113		506
Total Female			286	3,921	101	2,785	1,289	213	3,433	1,804	313	14,145	
Male	General		143	3,238	65	2,159	687	189	2,415	995	167	10,058	
	General and Specialist		34	377	4	266	104	19	291	130	33	1,258	
	Specialist			8		7	3	1	4	6	10	39	
	Limited	Postgraduate training or supervised practice				1	2		2	1			6
		Teaching or research		4		9	1		1	2			17
Non-practising		4	112	2	68	30	9	77	29	123		454	
Total Male			181	3,739	71	2,510	827	218	2,790	1,163	333	11,832	
Not stated or Intersex or Indeterminate	General			1								1	
Total			467	7,661	172	5,295	2,116	431	6,223	2,967	646	25,978	

Table 7.2 Dental practitioners - percentage by gender

Gender	ACT	NSW	NT	QLD	SA	TAS	VIC	WA	No PPP	Total
Female	61.2%	51.2%	58.7%	52.6%	60.9%	49.4%	55.2%	60.8%	48.5%	54.4%
Male	38.8%	48.8%	41.3%	47.4%	39.1%	50.6%	44.8%	39.2%	51.5%	45.5%
Not stated or Intersex or Indeterminate		<0.1%								<0.1%