

# 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

In April 2020, Ahpra and National Boards established a temporary pandemic response sub-register (the 2020 sub-register) that has been extended to 5 April 2022 to help fast track the return to the workforce of experienced and qualified health practitioners to assist with the COVID-19 pandemic. The 2020 sub-register health practitioners are restricted to COVID-19 related practice.

In September 2021, Ahpra and the National Boards established a new temporary sub-register (the 2021 sub-register) in response to the COVID-19 related healthcare needs. Nearly 29,000 health practitioners who recently stopped practising were returned to the register until 21 September 2022. The 2021 sub-register health practitioners can practise in the full scope of their registration (subject to any notations on the register). Medical practitioners from both sub-registers are included in these statistics. 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

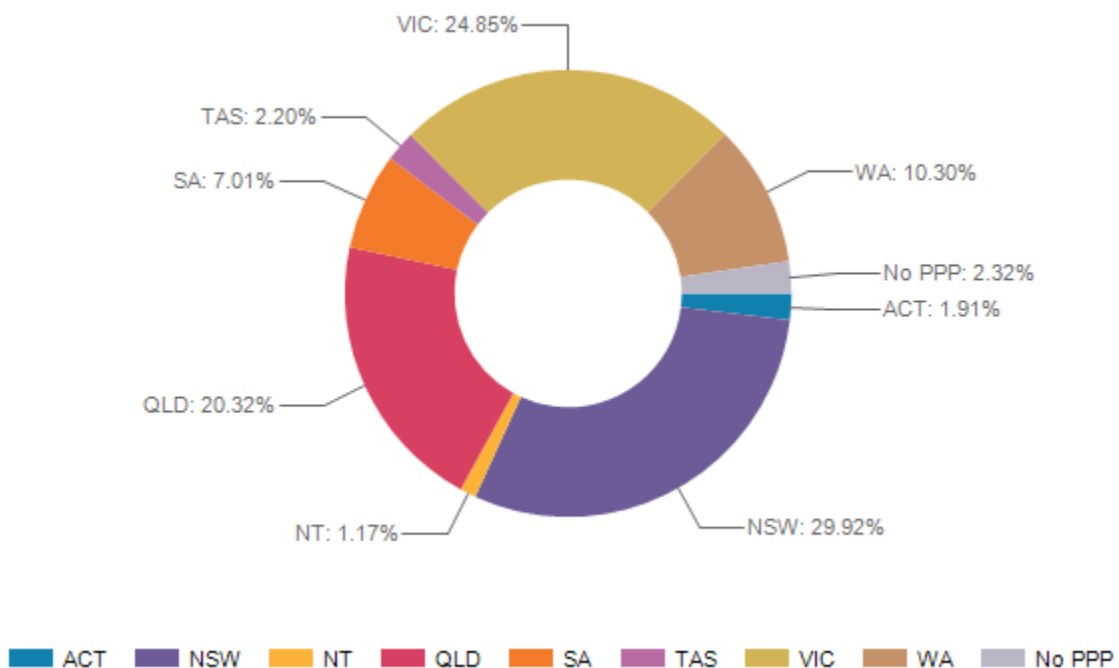
## Registration type

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

Registration types	Registration subtypes	ACT	NSW	NT	QLD	SA	TAS	VIC	WA	No PPP	Total
General		782	11,987	575	8,350	2,581	789	9,570	4,260	731	<b>39,625</b>
General (Teaching and Assessing)			8		13	2	5	6	2		<b>36</b>
General and Specialist		1,250	21,377	655	13,060	4,982	1,512	17,388	6,044	712	<b>66,980</b>
Specialist		226	2,373	123	2,747	678	270	2,454	1,704	474	<b>11,049</b>
Provisional		203	2,266	139	1,976	656	166	2,154	1,114	52	<b>8,726</b>
Limited	Area of need	1	40	18	50	10	5	148	34		<b>306</b>
	Postgraduate training or supervised practice	30	732	28	342	194	112	572	244	37	<b>2,291</b>
	Public interest										<b>0</b>
	Teaching or research	1	3		5	2	1	4	4		<b>20</b>
Non-practising		37	815	14	357	179	54	593	223	1,063	<b>3,335</b>
<b>Total</b>		<b>2,530</b>	<b>39,601</b>	<b>1,552</b>	<b>26,900</b>	<b>9,284</b>	<b>2,914</b>	<b>32,889</b>	<b>13,629</b>	<b>3,069</b>	<b>132,368*</b>

\* Total figure includes 3,940 medical practitioners on the 2020 and 2021 Pandemic response sub-registers. 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	86	5	33	15	5	31	16	2	197
Anaesthesia		94	1,697	46	1,219	418	143	1,385	628	128	5,758
Dermatology		6	222	1	113	50	6	163	55	5	621
Emergency medicine	Paediatric emergency medicine	1	7		13	2	1	5	2	1	32
	No sub-specialty	53	769	62	707	165	75	703	322	81	2,937
<b>Subtotal - Emergency medicine</b>		<b>54</b>	<b>776</b>	<b>62</b>	<b>720</b>	<b>167</b>	<b>76</b>	<b>708</b>	<b>324</b>	<b>82</b>	<b>2,969</b>
General practice		656	10,301	385	7,326	2,525	862	8,435	3,627	241	34,358
Intensive care medicine	Paediatric intensive care medicine		6		7	1	1	8	1		24
	No sub-specialty	24	309	12	237	76	21	254	95	38	1,066
<b>Subtotal - Intensive care medicine</b>		<b>24</b>	<b>315</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>244</b>	<b>77</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>262</b>	<b>96</b>	<b>38</b>	<b>1,090</b>
Medical administration		11	115	3	87	13	11	76	29	11	356
Obstetrics and gynaecology	Gynaecological oncology		17		11	3	1	12	5		49
	Maternal-fetal medicine	1	15	1	12	3		9	4	2	47
	Obstetrics and gynaecological ultrasound		11		4	2		41	3	1	62
	Reproductive endocrinology and infertility		25	1	4	6	2	13	2	1	54
	Urogynaecology		11		9	1		9	4		34
	No sub-specialty	38	577	22	406	147	49	528	199	43	2,009
<b>Subtotal - Obstetrics and gynaecology</b>		<b>39</b>	<b>656</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>446</b>	<b>162</b>	<b>52</b>	<b>612</b>	<b>217</b>	<b>47</b>	<b>2,255</b>
Occupational and environmental medicine		16	94	3	51	31	6	63	53	7	324
Ophthalmology		16	397	8	195	74	25	276	90	15	1,096

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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		23		7	2		18	3		53
	Community child health	2	48		19	1	3	25	10	1	109
	General paediatrics	34	752	33	444	146	45	573	233	34	2,294
	Neonatal and perinatal medicine	8	67	2	49	21	4	77	39	7	274
	Paediatric cardiology		18	1	12	3		16	9	2	61
	Paediatric clinical pharmacology		1		1			1		1	4
	Paediatric emergency medicine	1	22	2	33	12	1	22	14	4	111
	Paediatric endocrinology	1	23	1	13	4	1	8	7	1	59
	Paediatric gastroenterology and hepatology	1	9		6	2		13	7	1	39
	Paediatric haematology		6		6	1		6	4		23
	Paediatric immunology and allergy	1	14		9	10		14	4		52
	Paediatric infectious diseases		9	3	8	3		11	9	2	45
	Paediatric intensive care medicine		3		3			1			7
	Paediatric medical oncology	1	17		13	5		16	12	5	69
	Paediatric nephrology		10		2	2		5	2		21
	Paediatric neurology		22		11	2	1	15	4	2	57
	Paediatric nuclear medicine		1								1
	Paediatric palliative medicine		1		2			2	1		6
	Paediatric rehabilitation medicine		4		5	1			2		12
	Paediatric respiratory and sleep medicine	1	21		14	4		8	8		56
Paediatric rheumatology		3		4	2		5	4		18	
No sub-specialty	3	48	6	20	13	3	62	18	12	185	
<b>Subtotal - Paediatrics and child health</b>		<b>53</b>	<b>1,122</b>	<b>48</b>	<b>681</b>	<b>234</b>	<b>58</b>	<b>898</b>	<b>390</b>	<b>72</b>	<b>3,556</b>

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Speciality name	Field of speciality practice	ACT	NSW	NT	QLD	SA	TAS	VIC	WA	No PPP	Total
Pain medicine		5	117	1	69	38	13	84	40	2	369
Palliative medicine		9	150	6	75	30	15	103	42	3	433
Pathology	Anatomical pathology (including cytopathology)	23	357	4	196	71	27	218	114	10	1,020
	Chemical pathology	4	31		15	6	1	20	18	6	101
	Forensic pathology		15	1	16	5	3	14	8	4	66
	General pathology	1	38		17	4	6	17	4	1	88
	Haematology	14	205	3	109	45	15	170	55	13	629
	Immunology	7	53		15	10	2	21	20	2	130
	Microbiology	7	93	3	54	18	8	53	40	3	279
	No sub-specialty	3	21		12	3		9	10	3	61
<b>Subtotal - Pathology</b>		<b>59</b>	<b>813</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>434</b>	<b>162</b>	<b>62</b>	<b>522</b>	<b>269</b>	<b>42</b>	<b>2,374</b>
Physician	Cardiology	22	527	10	326	131	29	419	107	49	1,620
	Clinical genetics		34		9	10	1	21	4	2	81
	Clinical pharmacology		16		12	17		13	5	2	65
	Endocrinology	14	284	11	150	47	19	254	67	12	858
	Gastroenterology and hepatology	24	319	5	212	73	17	299	90	15	1,054
	General medicine	31	408	31	494	252	52	597	193	38	2,096
	Geriatric medicine	18	336	3	137	82	20	330	112	12	1,050
	Haematology	15	219	5	130	49	19	212	50	20	719
	Immunology and allergy	8	75		23	14	3	40	31	5	199
	Infectious diseases	12	136	18	86	37	12	212	53	12	578
	Medical oncology	14	272	5	133	61	19	287	58	20	869
	Nephrology	16	208	17	113	32	13	215	49	15	678
	Neurology	12	267	2	104	48	13	243	55	18	762
	Nuclear medicine	8	111	1	33	27	5	66	24	2	277
	Respiratory and sleep medicine	15	275	4	170	65	16	225	86	11	867
	Rheumatology	11	140	2	66	40	10	133	35	8	445
No sub-specialty	5	102	4	28	3	8	50	46	9	255	
<b>Subtotal - Physician</b>		<b>225</b>	<b>3,729</b>	<b>118</b>	<b>2,226</b>	<b>988</b>	<b>256</b>	<b>3,616</b>	<b>1,065</b>	<b>250</b>	<b>12,473</b>

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Speciality name	Field of speciality practice	ACT	NSW	NT	QLD	SA	TAS	VIC	WA	No PPP	Total
Psychiatry		84	1,246	31	894	324	85	1,214	406	67	4,351
Public health medicine		36	143	20	78	27	12	81	47	10	454
Radiation Oncology		13	164	1	89	21	9	111	27	9	444
Radiology	Diagnostic radiology	48	757	8	500	191	50	641	279	120	2,594
	Diagnostic ultrasound				1			3			4
	Nuclear medicine	6	49		57	12	3	72	13	1	213
	No sub-specialty	5	24		8	2	1	19	8	8	75
<b>Subtotal - Radiology</b>		<b>59</b>	<b>830</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>566</b>	<b>205</b>	<b>54</b>	<b>735</b>	<b>300</b>	<b>129</b>	<b>2,886</b>
Rehabilitation medicine		8	256	3	89	50	13	150	17	7	593
Sexual health medicine		5	62	1	20	9	3	27	8	1	136
Sport and exercise medicine		11	51	2	17	5	2	48	16		152
Surgery	Cardio-thoracic surgery	5	59		42	11	4	61	15	12	209
	General surgery	32	732	22	421	175	35	608	178	36	2,239
	Neurosurgery	9	94	1	54	19	7	77	21	6	288
	Oral and maxillofacial surgery	6	42	1	46	13	2	44	13	3	170
	Orthopaedic surgery	28	497	6	365	128	28	352	147	22	1,573
	Otolaryngology - head and neck surgery	8	177	3	109	46	9	137	51	9	549
	Paediatric surgery	6	36		18	8	3	26	9	2	108
	Plastic surgery	4	146	2	85	46	15	166	56	3	523
	Urology	8	154	1	103	38	14	136	45	4	503
	Vascular surgery	4	81	1	51	23	5	66	21	2	254
No sub-specialty	1	22	1	2				11	4	1	42
<b>Subtotal - Surgery</b>		<b>111</b>	<b>2,040</b>	<b>38</b>	<b>1,296</b>	<b>507</b>	<b>122</b>	<b>1,684</b>	<b>560</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>6,458</b>
<b>Total</b>		<b>1,598</b>	<b>25,382</b>	<b>837</b>	<b>16,968</b>	<b>6,132</b>	<b>1,912</b>	<b>21,284</b>	<b>8,322</b>	<b>1,268</b>	<b>83,703</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	6	168	2	106	35	13	236	39		605



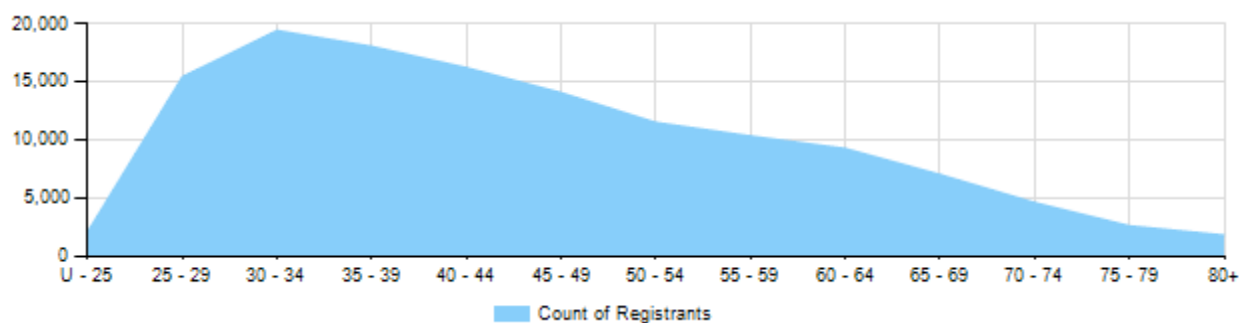
## Medical practitioners by age group

### Age by registration type

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

Age group	General	General (TA)	General and Specialist	Specialist	Provisional	Limited	Non-practising	Total
U - 25	131				1,945	1		2,077
25 - 29	10,135		217		4,889	93	113	15,447
30 - 34	13,344		3,967	129	1,120	557	324	19,441
35 - 39	6,585	2	9,125	758	454	872	267	18,063
40 - 44	3,119	3	10,239	1,851	190	603	223	16,228
45 - 49	1,663	1	9,433	2,395	76	271	225	14,064
50 - 54	1,164	2	7,794	2,151	35	124	229	11,499
55 - 59	1,016	3	7,226	1,755	14	58	253	10,325
60 - 64	912	6	6,886	1,099	3	26	324	9,256
65 - 69	604	8	5,440	560		11	385	7,008
70 - 74	398	7	3,581	253		1	351	4,591
75 - 79	268	3	1,955	72			289	2,587
80+	286	1	1,117	26			352	1,782
<b>Total</b>	<b>39,625</b>	<b>36</b>	<b>66,980</b>	<b>11,049</b>	<b>8,726</b>	<b>2,617</b>	<b>3,335</b>	<b>132,368</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		92	1	93
30 - 34	18	537	2	557
35 - 39	53	814	5	872
40 - 44	85	513	5	603
45 - 49	75	193	3	271
50 - 54	36	85	3	124
55 - 59	20	37	1	58
60 - 64	12	14		26
65 - 69	6	5		11
70 - 74	1			1
75 - 79				0
80+				0
<b>Total</b>	<b>306</b>	<b>2,291</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>2,617</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		417	5,990	319	4,003	1,355	378	4,878	2,250	330	<b>19,920</b>
	General TA			6		5	1	2	3	1		<b>18</b>
	General and Specialist		588	8,878	336	5,356	2,025	679	7,341	2,512	276	<b>27,991</b>
	Specialist		81	878	38	950	235	96	901	626	154	<b>3,959</b>
	Provisional		111	1,207	84	1,029	345	106	1,169	625	24	<b>4,700</b>
	Limited	Area of need	1	24	6	19	1	4	66	15		<b>136</b>
		Postgraduate training or supervised practice	11	366	12	152	92	57	279	135	15	<b>1,119</b>
		Teaching or research		2		3			2	4		<b>11</b>
	Non-practising		18	354	7	160	72	23	227	99	472	<b>1,432</b>
<b>Total Female</b>			<b>1,227</b>	<b>17,705</b>	<b>802</b>	<b>11,677</b>	<b>4,126</b>	<b>1,345</b>	<b>14,866</b>	<b>6,267</b>	<b>1,271</b>	<b>59,286</b>
Male	General		365	5,997	256	4,347	1,226	411	4,690	2,010	401	<b>19,703</b>
	General TA			2		8	1	3	3	1		<b>18</b>
	General and Specialist		662	12,499	319	7,704	2,957	833	10,046	3,531	436	<b>38,987</b>
	Specialist		145	1,495	85	1,797	443	174	1,553	1,078	320	<b>7,090</b>
	Provisional		92	1,059	55	947	311	59	984	488	28	<b>4,023</b>
	Limited	Area of need		16	12	31	9	1	82	19		<b>170</b>
		Postgraduate training or supervised practice	19	366	16	190	102	55	293	109	22	<b>1,172</b>
		Teaching or research	1	1		2	2	1	2			<b>9</b>
Non-practising		19	461	7	197	107	31	366	124	591	<b>1,903</b>	
<b>Total Male</b>			<b>1,303</b>	<b>21,896</b>	<b>750</b>	<b>15,223</b>	<b>5,158</b>	<b>1,568</b>	<b>18,019</b>	<b>7,360</b>	<b>1,798</b>	<b>73,075</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			2
	General and Specialist								1	1		2
	Provisional							1	1	1		3
<b>Total</b>			<b>2,530</b>	<b>39,601</b>	<b>1,552</b>	<b>26,900</b>	<b>9,284</b>	<b>2,914</b>	<b>32,889</b>	<b>13,629</b>	<b>3,069</b>	<b>132,368</b>

## Gender percentages

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

Gender	ACT	NSW	NT	QLD	SA	TAS	VIC	WA	No PPP	Total
Female	48.5%	44.7%	51.7%	43.4%	44.4%	46.2%	45.2%	46.0%	41.4%	<b>44.8%</b>
Male	51.5%	55.3%	48.3%	56.6%	55.6%	53.8%	54.8%	54.0%	58.6%	<b>55.2%</b>
Not stated or Intersex or Indeterminate						<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	26.4%	73.6%	
Anaesthesia	33.0%	67.0%	
Dermatology	49.8%	50.2%	
Emergency medicine	37.7%	62.3%	
General practice	47.6%	52.4%	<0.1%
Intensive care medicine	22.3%	77.7%	
Medical administration	34.8%	65.2%	
Obstetrics and gynaecology	52.5%	47.5%	
Occupational and environmental medicine	21.0%	79.0%	
Ophthalmology	23.7%	76.3%	
Paediatrics and child health	55.4%	44.6%	
Pain medicine	28.7%	71.3%	
Palliative medicine	60.3%	39.7%	
Pathology	46.3%	53.7%	
Physician	34.3%	65.7%	
Psychiatry	42.1%	57.9%	<0.1%
Public health medicine	45.6%	54.4%	
Radiation Oncology	43.9%	56.1%	
Radiology	28.3%	71.7%	
Rehabilitation medicine	50.4%	49.6%	
Sexual health medicine	57.4%	42.6%	
Sport and exercise medicine	24.3%	75.7%	
Surgery	13.8%	86.2%	
<b>Total</b>	<b>40.2%</b>	<b>59.7%</b>	<b>&lt;0.1%</b>