

# Dental Board of Australia

## Registrant data

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**Dental Board**  
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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](http://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](http://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.

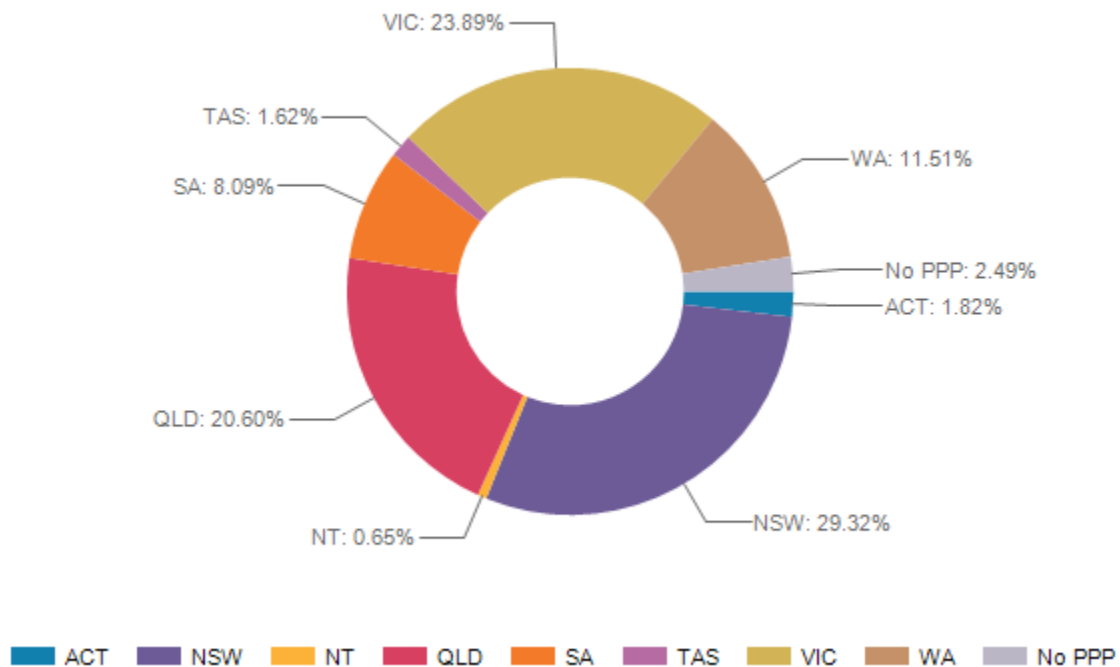
## Registration type

**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		425	7,057	164	4,961	1,918	395	5,725	2,783	349	23,777
General and Non-practising			1		2						3
General and Specialist		46	517	5	359	158	27	444	197	43	1,796
Specialist		1	14		11	4	1	15	8	14	68
Limited	Postgraduate training or supervised practice		1			4		4	4		13
	Teaching or research		4		15	2		3	5		29
Non-practising		16	275	6	180	86	13	221	91	262	1,150
<b>Total</b>		<b>488</b>	<b>7,869</b>	<b>175</b>	<b>5,528</b>	<b>2,172</b>	<b>436</b>	<b>6,412</b>	<b>3,088</b>	<b>668</b>	<b>26,836*</b>

\* 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	366	11	186	343	18	224	270	18	1,476
Dental Hygienist and Dental Prosthetist		1		1						2
Dental Hygienist and Dental Prosthetist and Dental Therapist							1			1
Dental Hygienist and Dental Therapist	6	58	4	116	57	3	104	54	4	406
Dental Hygienist and Dental Therapist and Dentist				1						1
Dental Hygienist and Dental Therapist and Oral Health Therapist		28		9	8	2	26	8		81
Dental Hygienist and Dentist		2		3			1	1		7
Dental Hygienist and Oral Health Therapist	1	22		5	3		5	6		42
Dental Prosthetist	11	406	4	327	68	44	355	80	4	1,299
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	145	9	125	59	36	118	227	6	735
Dental Therapist and Dentist				1			1			2
Dental Therapist and Oral Health Therapist								6		6
Dentist	376	6,031	124	4,199	1,344	301	4,845	2,134	618	19,972
Dentist and Oral Health Therapist		5		4			4			13
Oral Health Therapist	44	804	22	551	290	32	724	302	18	2,787
<b>Total</b>	<b>488</b>	<b>7,869</b>	<b>175</b>	<b>5,528</b>	<b>2,172</b>	<b>436</b>	<b>6,412</b>	<b>3,088</b>	<b>668</b>	<b>26,836</b>

## 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	38	344	10	175	330	18	217	261	9	1,402
	Dental Hygienist and Dental Prosthetist				1						1
	Dental Hygienist and Dental Prosthetist and Dental Therapist							1			1
	Dental Hygienist and Dental Therapist	5	54	4	107	54	3	96	52	2	377
	Dental Hygienist and Dental Therapist and Dentist				1						1
	Dental Hygienist and Dental Therapist and Oral Health Therapist		28		9	8	2	26	8		81
	Dental Hygienist and Dentist		2		2			1	1		6
	Dental Hygienist and Oral Health Therapist	1	22		5	3		5	6		42
	Dental Prosthetist	11	385	4	308	67	43	341	78	2	1,239
	Dental Prosthetist and Dental Therapist							1			1
	Dental Prosthetist and Dentist							3			3
	Dental Prosthetist and Oral Health Therapist		1	1							2
	Dental Therapist	9	126	8	122	58	35	111	215	3	687
	Dental Therapist and Dentist				1			1			2
	Dental Therapist and Oral Health Therapist								6		6
	Dentist	319	5,300	116	3,694	1,120	262	4,216	1,861	319	17,207
	Dentist and Oral Health Therapist		4		4			4			12
	Oral Health Therapist	42	791	21	532	278	32	702	295	14	2,707
	<b>Sub Total - General</b>		<b>425</b>	<b>7,057</b>	<b>164</b>	<b>4,961</b>	<b>1,918</b>	<b>395</b>	<b>5,725</b>	<b>2,783</b>	<b>349</b>

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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				1						1
	Dental Hygienist and Dental Therapist and Oral Health Therapist										0
	Dental Hygienist and Dentist				1						1
	Dentist and Oral Health Therapist		1								1
<b>Sub Total - General and Non-practising</b>		<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>3</b>
General and Specialist	Dentist	46	517	5	359	158	27	444	197	43	1,796
Specialist	Dentist	1	14		11	4	1	15	8	14	68
Limited	Dental Hygienist										0
	Dentist		5		15	6		6	9		41
	Oral Health Therapist							1			1
<b>Sub Total - Limited</b>		<b>0</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>42</b>
Non-practising	Dental Hygienist	2	22	1	11	13		7	9	9	74
	Dental Hygienist and Dental Prosthetist		1								1
	Dental Hygienist and Dental Therapist	1	4		8	3		8	2	2	28
	Dental Prosthetist		21		19	1	1	14	2	2	60
	Dental Therapist	1	19	1	3	1	1	7	12	3	48
	Dentist	10	195	3	120	56	11	164	59	242	860
	Oral Health Therapist	2	13	1	19	12		21	7	4	79
<b>Sub Total - Non-practising</b>		<b>16</b>	<b>275</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>180</b>	<b>86</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>221</b>	<b>91</b>	<b>262</b>	<b>1,150</b>
<b>Total</b>		<b>488</b>	<b>7,869</b>	<b>175</b>	<b>5,528</b>	<b>2,172</b>	<b>436</b>	<b>6,412</b>	<b>3,088</b>	<b>668</b>	<b>26,836</b>

## 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	7	51		42	15	4	49	17	6	191
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	58	19	5	55	21	6	235
Oral medicine	1	10		7			14	11	2	45
Oral surgery		40		8		1	7	1	3	60
Orthodontics	16	189	2	121	54	9	155	68	20	634
Paediatric dentistry	2	45		27	16	1	44	22	6	163
Periodontics	8	67	1	54	17	5	65	32	5	254
Prosthodontics	4	69		43	28		56	23	8	231
Public health dentistry (Community dentistry)		5		1	1		8	1		16
Special needs dentistry		5		4	6		8	1	1	25
<b>Total</b>	<b>47</b>	<b>553</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>380</b>	<b>162</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>466</b>	<b>209</b>	<b>58</b>	<b>1,909</b>

## Endorsements

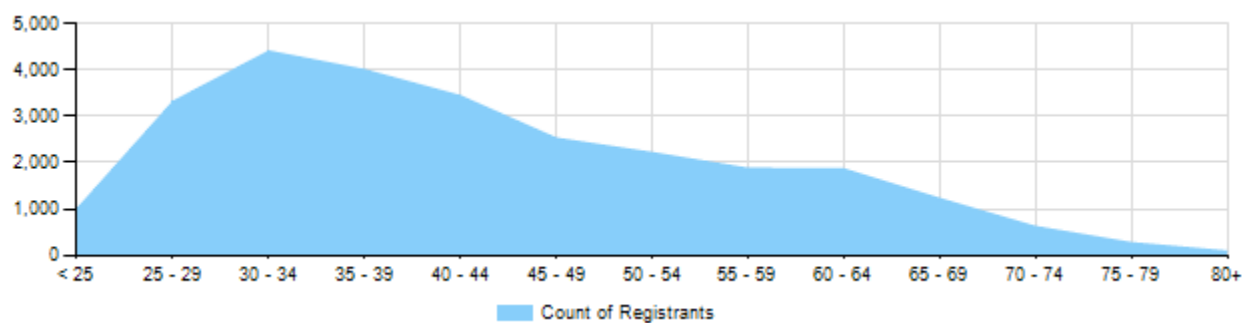
**Table 5.1 Dental practitioners - endorsement by state or territory**

Endorsement	ACT	NSW	NT	QLD	SA	TAS	VIC	WA	No PPP	Total
Area of Practice - Conscious sedation	5	44		20	2	2	4	10	2	89



## 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		
< 25	998						6	<b>1,004</b>
25 - 29	3,254	1	3				64	<b>3,322</b>
30 - 34	4,110		122	8	4	1	164	<b>4,409</b>
35 - 39	3,661	2	207	9	3	1	121	<b>4,004</b>
40 - 44	2,971		337	24	5	7	98	<b>3,442</b>
45 - 49	2,195		232	12		8	77	<b>2,524</b>
50 - 54	1,919		206	8	1	7	72	<b>2,213</b>
55 - 59	1,568		189	6		3	105	<b>1,871</b>
60 - 64	1,523		202			1	136	<b>1,862</b>
65 - 69	933		160				129	<b>1,222</b>
70 - 74	423		83	1		1	106	<b>614</b>
75 - 79	177		40				48	<b>265</b>
80+	45		15				24	<b>84</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>23,777</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>1,796</b>	<b>68</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>1,150</b>	<b>26,836</b>

## 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		277	3,763	96	2,733	1,216	207	3,295	1,758	180	<b>13,525</b>
	General and Non-practising			1		2						<b>3</b>
	General and Specialist		11	141	1	92	53	7	154	68	11	<b>538</b>
	Specialist		1	6		4	1		10	2	5	<b>29</b>
	Limited	Postgraduate training or supervised practice		1			2		2	2		<b>7</b>
		Teaching or research				4	1		2	2		<b>9</b>
	Non-practising		13	143	4	99	51	3	113	52	135	<b>613</b>
<b>Total Female</b>			<b>302</b>	<b>4,055</b>	<b>101</b>	<b>2,934</b>	<b>1,324</b>	<b>217</b>	<b>3,576</b>	<b>1,884</b>	<b>331</b>	<b>14,724</b>
Male	General		148	3,293	68	2,228	702	188	2,430	1,025	169	<b>10,251</b>
	General and Specialist		35	376	4	267	105	20	290	129	32	<b>1,258</b>
	Specialist			8		7	3	1	5	6	9	<b>39</b>
	Limited	Postgraduate training or supervised practice					2		2	2		<b>6</b>
		Teaching or research		4		11	1		1	3		<b>20</b>
Non-practising		3	132	2	81	35	10	108	39	127	<b>537</b>	
<b>Total Male</b>			<b>186</b>	<b>3,813</b>	<b>74</b>	<b>2,594</b>	<b>848</b>	<b>219</b>	<b>2,836</b>	<b>1,204</b>	<b>337</b>	<b>12,111</b>
Not stated or Intersex or Indeterminate	General			1								<b>1</b>
<b>Total</b>			<b>488</b>	<b>7,869</b>	<b>175</b>	<b>5,528</b>	<b>2,172</b>	<b>436</b>	<b>6,412</b>	<b>3,088</b>	<b>668</b>	<b>26,836</b>

**Table 7.2 Dental practitioners - percentage by gender**

Gender	ACT	NSW	NT	QLD	SA	TAS	VIC	WA	No PPP	Total
Female	61.9%	51.5%	57.7%	53.1%	61.0%	49.8%	55.8%	61.0%	49.6%	<b>54.9%</b>
Male	38.1%	48.5%	42.3%	46.9%	39.0%	50.2%	44.2%	39.0%	50.4%	<b>45.1%</b>
Not stated or Intersex or Indeterminate		<0.1%								<b>&lt;0.1%</b>