

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

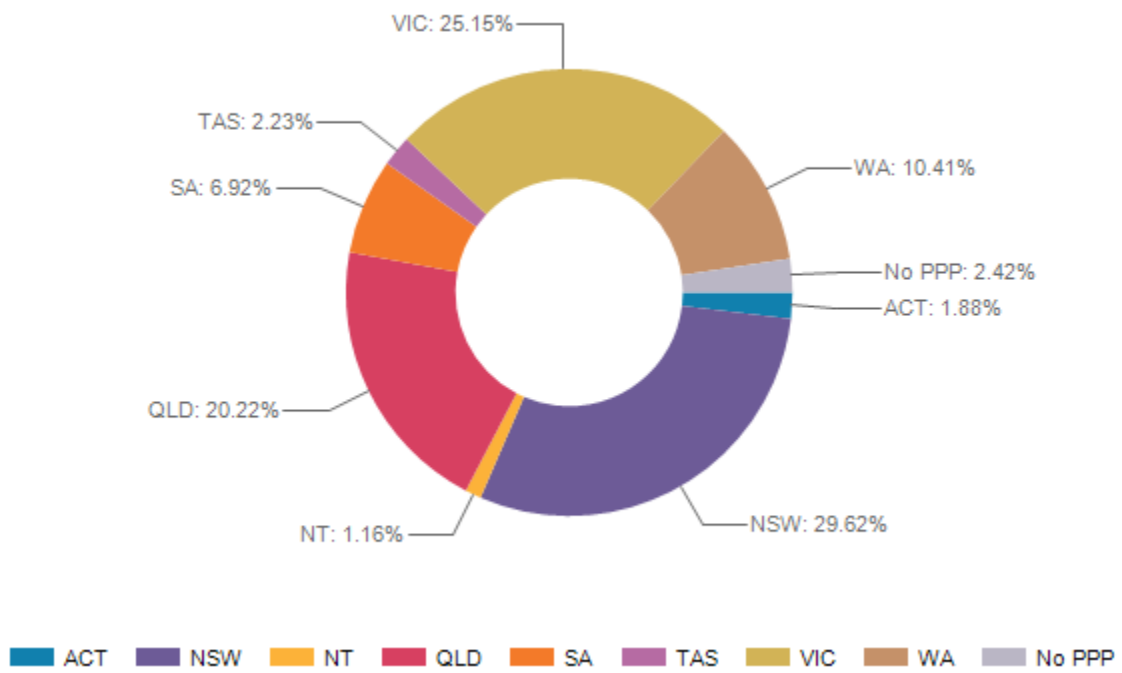
Registration type

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			733	11,798	571	8,181	2,560	777	9,666	4,103	722	39,111
General (Teaching and Assessing)				8		9	2	2	4	3		28
General and Specialist			1,263	21,267	633	13,196	4,907	1,486	17,477	6,102	719	67,050
Specialist			226	2,372	127	2,751	681	278	2,533	1,706	491	11,165
Provisional		Australian and/or New Zealand medical graduate	92	1,084	60	892	315	99	924	424	8	3,898
		IMGs – Competent Authority Pathway	30	270	19	368	78	21	516	550	39	1,891
		IMGs – Standard Pathway	8	71	17	88	19	7	113	35	2	360
Limited	Area of need		1	42	11	44	9	3	106	29	3	248
	Postgraduate training or supervised practice		44	820	50	425	251	160	802	364	44	2,960
	Public interest			1								1
	Teaching or research		1	4		3		1	5	4	3	21
Non-practising			72	1,081	30	543	243	84	815	320	1,141	4,329
Total			2,470	38,818	1,518	26,500	9,065	2,918	32,961	13,640	3,172	131,062*

* Total figure includes 199 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	4	31	15	3	194
Anaesthesia		97	1,672	42	1,229	400	141	1,382	631	131	5,725
Dermatology		5	226	1	117	50	6	166	57	6	634
Emergency medicine	Paediatric emergency medicine	2	8		15	4	1	6	2		38
	No sub-specialty	62	831	63	745	179	86	750	344	78	3,138
Subtotal - Emergency medicine		64	839	63	760	183	87	756	346	78	3,176
General practice		667	10,153	377	7,365	2,476	855	8,401	3,587	251	34,132
Intensive care medicine	Paediatric intensive care medicine		8		9	1	1	8	2		29
	No sub-specialty	28	316	14	240	74	20	261	103	36	1,092
Subtotal - Intensive care medicine		28	324	14	249	75	21	269	105	36	1,121
Medical administration		10	108	2	85	12	11	81	30	11	350
Obstetrics and gynaecology	Gynaecological oncology		17		13	3	2	11	6		52
	Maternal-fetal medicine	1	14	1	13	3		9	4	2	47
	Obstetrics and gynaecological ultrasound		11		4	2		34	3	1	55
	Reproductive endocrinology and infertility		23		4	6	2	13	2		50
	Urogynaecology		12		9	1		10	4		36
	No sub-specialty	38	564	20	397	141	46	523	196	42	1,967
Subtotal - Obstetrics and gynaecology		39	641	21	440	156	50	600	215	45	2,207
Occupational and environmental medicine		12	87	3	41	28	6	57	47	8	289
Ophthalmology		15	391	9	192	71	25	261	84	16	1,064

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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	49		22	3	3	26	10	2	117	
	General paediatrics	35	757	29	438	145	45	577	244	37	2,307	
	Neonatal and perinatal medicine	8	71	4	51	23	4	84	46	6	297	
	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	23	15	4	113	
	Paediatric endocrinology	2	22	1	15	4	1	8	7		60	
	Paediatric gastroenterology and hepatology	1	10		6	4		13	7	1	42	
	Paediatric haematology		7		7	1		8	4		27	
	Paediatric immunology and allergy	1	16		9	10		14	5		55	
	Paediatric infectious diseases		9	3	7	3		13	10	2	47	
	Paediatric intensive care medicine		4		1			1		1	7	
	Paediatric medical oncology	1	19		15	6		15	12	6	74	
	Paediatric nephrology		9	1	3	3		5	2	1	24	
	Paediatric neurology		22			11	3	1	16	5	2	60
	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			4		6	3		5	3		21	
No sub-specialty		2	46	5	19	13	4	62	16	10	177	
Subtotal - Paediatrics and child health		55	1,138	46	681	246	59	917	409	77	3,628	

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Speciality name	Field of speciality practice	ACT	NSW	NT	QLD	SA	TAS	VIC	WA	No PPP	Total
Pain medicine		6	123	1	75	33	12	90	43	3	386
Palliative medicine		6	152	5	77	31	13	107	41	5	437
Pathology	Anatomical pathology (including cytopathology)	21	343	2	195	63	25	201	108	12	970
	Chemical pathology	4	28	1	18	7	1	20	16	7	102
	Forensic pathology		15	1	17	5	3	15	7	2	65
	General pathology	1	33		18	2	4	12	3	1	74
	Haematology	12	203	4	106	45	16	178	59	14	637
	Immunology	5	51		12	8	1	22	21	2	122
	Microbiology	7	96	3	55	16	7	48	39	1	272
	No sub-specialty	3	19		11	4	1	10	8	4	60
Subtotal - Pathology		53	788	11	432	150	58	506	261	43	2,302
Physician	Cardiology	24	535	10	317	124	29	420	110	53	1,622
	Clinical genetics		36		11	8	1	23	3	2	84
	Clinical pharmacology		16		12	18		12	5	2	65
	Endocrinology	15	289	8	155	51	19	264	66	13	880
	Gastroenterology and hepatology	24	329	3	224	77	19	315	92	17	1,100
	General medicine	28	403	32	499	232	45	598	206	34	2,077
	Geriatric medicine	19	349	3	149	82	19	352	121	9	1,103
	Haematology	14	212	5	130	50	21	219	52	21	724
	Immunology and allergy	7	75	1	20	12	4	37	30	6	192
	Infectious diseases	14	141	21	97	35	12	220	52	13	605
	Medical oncology	14	283	5	130	59	20	306	66	21	904
	Nephrology	15	217	17	116	30	10	217	53	15	690
	Neurology	14	282	3	110	51	15	264	60	15	814
	Nuclear medicine	7	107	1	30	26	4	65	27	2	269
	Respiratory and sleep medicine	17	287	6	178	70	18	229	90	12	907
	Rheumatology	12	142	3	70	40	10	137	35	6	455
No sub-specialty	5	79	3	21	3	8	45	42	9	215	
Subtotal - Physician		229	3,782	121	2,269	968	254	3,723	1,110	250	12,706

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Speciality name	Field of speciality practice	ACT	NSW	NT	QLD	SA	TAS	VIC	WA	No PPP	Total
Psychiatry		76	1,255	35	924	324	81	1,242	423	71	4,431
Public health medicine		33	144	19	67	26	11	82	45	10	437
Radiation Oncology		14	161	2	96	20	9	112	27	12	453
Radiology	Diagnostic radiology	53	785	5	518	201	50	679	297	141	2,729
	Diagnostic ultrasound				1			3			4
	Nuclear medicine	6	50		58	12	3	64	13	1	207
	No sub-specialty	1	1								2
Subtotal - Radiology		60	836	5	577	213	53	746	310	142	2,942
Rehabilitation medicine		8	256	3	97	51	12	155	19	7	608
Sexual health medicine		4	64	1	17	8	3	23	10	1	131
Sport and exercise medicine		13	53	2	19	5	1	49	16		158
Surgery	Cardio-thoracic surgery	4	59		44	10	4	66	15	8	210
	General surgery	31	710	20	400	167	34	594	175	34	2,165
	Neurosurgery	7	94	1	59	19	8	77	21	6	292
	Oral and maxillofacial surgery	6	42	2	50	17	2	41	14	5	179
	Orthopaedic surgery	29	478	6	356	123	29	352	142	18	1,533
	Otolaryngology - head and neck surgery	8	169	3	112	45	6	130	51	8	532
	Paediatric surgery	5	37		18	7	3	24	10	2	106
	Plastic surgery	4	142	2	82	46	13	165	56	2	512
	Urology	9	148	1	103	34	12	138	45	6	496
	Vascular surgery	5	85	1	49	22	6	65	22	1	256
No sub-specialty	1	16	1					8	2	1	29
Subtotal - Surgery		109	1,980	37	1,273	490	117	1,660	553	91	6,310
Total		1,607	25,257	824	17,115	6,032	1,889	21,416	8,384	1,297	83,821

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	176	3	114	36	14	235	39	1	625

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
< 25	135				743		1	879
25 - 29	10,165		192		3,745	161	120	14,383
30 - 34	13,102		4,047	100	876	756	407	19,288
35 - 39	6,689	2	9,558	707	444	1,045	334	18,779
40 - 44	3,094		10,775	1,654	201	685	269	16,678
45 - 49	1,674		9,728	2,415	74	332	244	14,467
50 - 54	1,144	3	8,119	2,279	45	151	262	12,003
55 - 59	979	4	7,174	1,863	13	61	296	10,390
60 - 64	859	3	6,733	1,192	5	30	434	9,256
65 - 69	574	6	5,183	604	3	8	581	6,959
70 - 74	353	8	3,094	244		1	525	4,225
75 - 79	191	1	1,670	92			435	2,389
80+	152	1	777	15			421	1,366
Total	39,111	28	67,050	11,165	6,149	3,230	4,329	131,062

Table 3.2 Medical practitioners - by age group

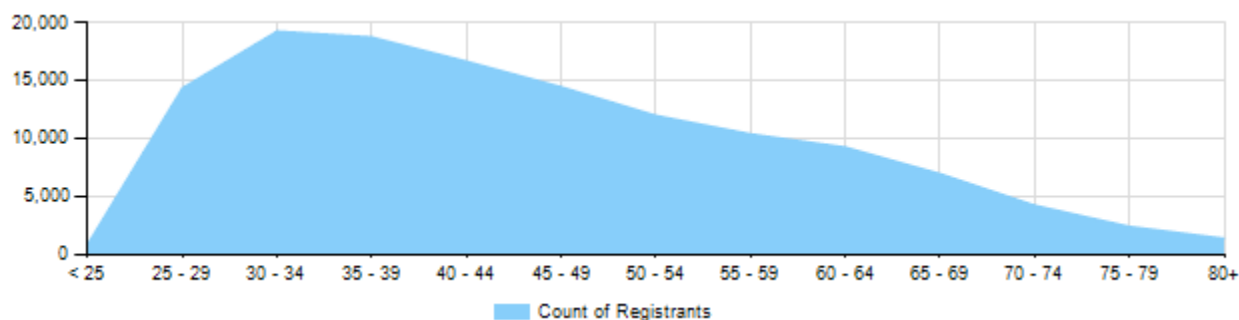


Table 3.3 Medical practitioners - limited registration by age group

Age group	Limited			Total	
	Area of need	Postgraduate training or supervised practice	Public interest		Teaching or research
< 25					0
25 - 29		161			161
30 - 34	11	740		5	756
35 - 39	47	994		4	1,045
40 - 44	70	612		3	685
45 - 49	53	276		3	332
50 - 54	33	115		3	151
55 - 59	18	41		2	61
60 - 64	10	18	1	1	30
65 - 69	5	3			8
70 - 74	1				1
75 - 79					0
80+					0
Total	248	2,960	1	21	3,230

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		388	5,939	338	3,975	1,333	374	5,015	2,220	314	19,896
	General TA			6		3	1		1	2		13
	General and Specialist		603	9,092	328	5,574	2,091	695	7,591	2,657	284	28,915
	Specialist		82	880	40	960	241	101	924	631	173	4,032
	Provisional		67	754	53	742	209	70	848	553	23	3,319
	Limited	Area of need	1	21	6	20		3	53	13	1	118
		Postgraduate training or supervised practice	19	447	24	196	121	80	413	193	21	1,514
		Public interest										0
		Teaching or research		3		2			2	4	2	13
	Non-practising		33	456	11	224	90	38	311	137	517	1,817
Total Female			1,193	17,598	800	11,696	4,086	1,361	15,158	6,410	1,335	59,637
Male	General		345	5,859	233	4,206	1,227	403	4,649	1,882	408	19,212
	General TA			2		6	1	2	3	1		15
	General and Specialist		660	12,174	304	7,622	2,816	791	9,885	3,444	435	38,131
	Specialist		144	1,492	87	1,791	440	177	1,609	1,075	318	7,133
	Provisional		63	670	43	606	203	55	705	456	26	2,827
	Limited	Area of need		21	5	24	9		53	16	2	130
		Postgraduate training or supervised practice	25	373	26	229	130	80	389	171	23	1,446
		Public interest		1								1
Teaching or research		1	1		1		1	3		1	8	
Non-practising		39	625	19	319	153	46	504	183	624	2,512	
Total Male			1,277	21,218	717	14,804	4,979	1,555	17,800	7,228	1,837	71,415

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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	1		4
	Provisional			1				2				3
Total			2,470	38,818	1,518	26,500	9,065	2,918	32,961	13,640	3,172	131,062

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%	45.3%	52.7%	44.1%	45.1%	46.6%	46.0%	47.0%	42.1%	45.5%
Male	51.7%	54.7%	47.2%	55.9%	54.9%	53.3%	54.0%	53.0%	57.9%	54.5%
Not stated or Intersex or Indeterminate		<0.1%	<0.1%			<0.1%	<0.1%	<0.1%		<0.1%

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	27.3%	72.7%	
Anaesthesia	33.9%	66.1%	
Dermatology	52.1%	47.9%	
Emergency medicine	38.6%	61.4%	
General practice	48.7%	51.3%	<0.1%
Intensive care medicine	23.5%	76.5%	
Medical administration	36.3%	63.7%	
Obstetrics and gynaecology	55.1%	44.9%	
Occupational and environmental medicine	22.8%	77.2%	
Ophthalmology	24.2%	75.8%	
Paediatrics and child health	57.5%	42.5%	
Pain medicine	29.3%	70.7%	
Palliative medicine	62.7%	37.3%	
Pathology	48.5%	51.5%	
Physician	36.0%	64.0%	
Psychiatry	42.7%	57.2%	<0.1%
Public health medicine	49.0%	51.0%	
Radiation Oncology	43.9%	56.1%	
Radiology	29.2%	70.8%	
Rehabilitation medicine	50.7%	49.3%	
Sexual health medicine	57.3%	42.7%	
Sport and exercise medicine	25.3%	74.7%	
Surgery	14.7%	85.3%	
Total	41.5%	58.5%	<0.1%