

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

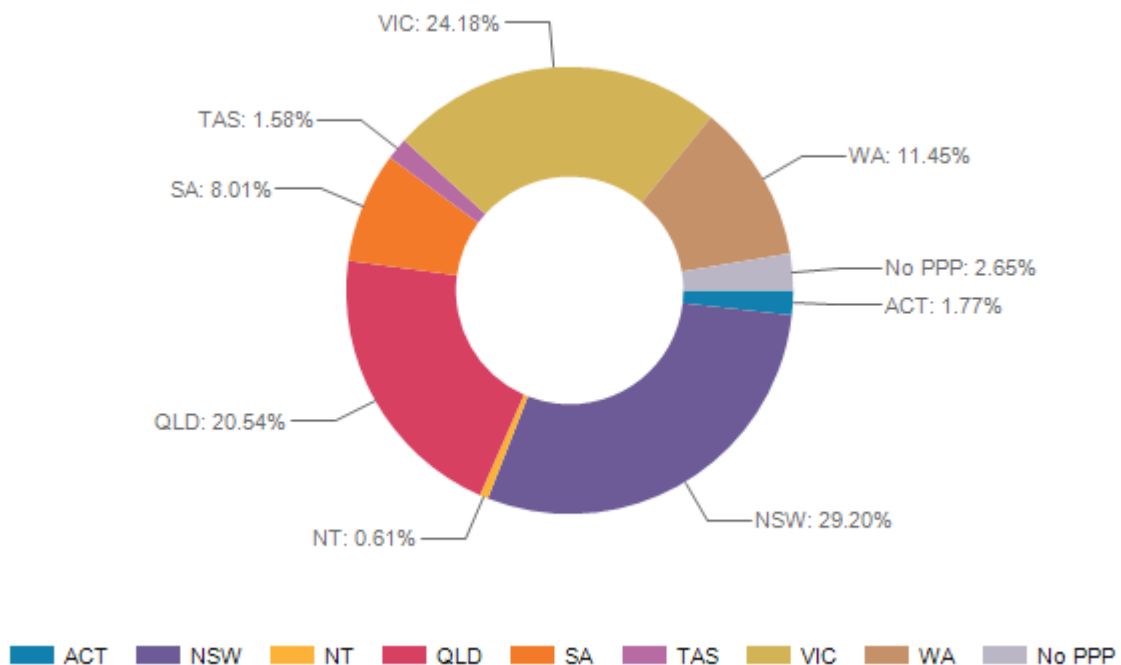
The Board has analysed its registration data and produced a number of statistical breakdowns about registrants to share with the profession and community. The Board shares these breakdowns regularly. For more information on dental registration, please see the Board's website: www.dentalboard.gov.au/Registration.aspx

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		424	7,234	154	5,107	1,967	398	5,997	2,837	405	24,523
General and Non-practising					1			1			2
General and Specialist		46	536	6	374	156	27	453	209	44	1,851
Specialist		1	16		9	4	1	14	10	12	67
Limited	Postgraduate training or supervised practice					2		5	3		10
	Public interest		1								1
	Teaching or research		5		15	5		1	6		32
Non-practising		19	284	10	175	82	12	217	102	271	1,172
Total		490	8,076	170	5,681	2,216	438	6,688	3,167	732	27,658

Table 1.2 Dental practitioners - percentage by principal place of practice



Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander practitioners

Table 1.3 Dental practitioners who identify as Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander by principal place of practice

PPP	ACT	NSW	NT	QLD	SA	TAS	VIC	WA	No PPP	Total
Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander practitioners	3	42	2	54	16	4	14	18	2	155
Percentage of all practitioners	0.6 %	0.5 %	1.2 %	1.0 %	0.7 %	0.9 %	0.2 %	0.6 %	0.3 %	0.6 %

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	39	361	12	210	341	17	222	263	21	1,486
Dental Hygienist and Dental Prosthetist				1						1
Dental Hygienist and Dental Prosthetist and Dental Therapist							1			1
Dental Hygienist and Dental Therapist	6	54	4	102	47	4	90	49	1	357
Dental Hygienist and Dental Therapist and Dentist				1						1
Dental Hygienist and Dental Therapist and Dentist and Oral Health Therapist					1					1
Dental Hygienist and Dental Therapist and Oral Health Therapist		31		17	13	2	35	12		110
Dental Hygienist and Dentist		2		3			1			6
Dental Hygienist and Oral Health Therapist		22		4	4	1	6	9		46
Dental Prosthetist	11	407	4	336	66	44	360	78	4	1,310
Dental Prosthetist and Dental Therapist							1			1
Dental Prosthetist and Dentist							3			3
Dental Prosthetist and Oral Health Therapist		1	1	1						3
Dental Therapist	7	131	10	112	52	34	111	210	5	672
Dental Therapist and Dentist				1			1			2
Dental Therapist and Oral Health Therapist		1			1			6		8
Dentist	379	6,171	118	4,318	1,372	301	5,043	2,211	664	20,577
Dentist and Oral Health Therapist		5		8	2		6			21
Oral Health Therapist	48	890	21	567	317	35	808	329	37	3,052
Total	490	8,076	170	5,681	2,216	438	6,688	3,167	732	27,658

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	36	341	11	198	329	17	214	253	13	1,412
	Dental Hygienist and Dental Prosthetist				1						1
	Dental Hygienist and Dental Prosthetist and Dental Therapist							1			1
	Dental Hygienist and Dental Therapist	6	47	4	92	43	4	87	48	1	332
	Dental Hygienist and Dental Therapist and Dentist				1						1
	Dental Hygienist and Dental Therapist and Dentist and Oral Health Therapist					1					1
	Dental Hygienist and Dental Therapist and Oral Health Therapist		31		17	13	2	35	12		110
	Dental Hygienist and Dentist		2		2			1			5
	Dental Hygienist and Oral Health Therapist		22		4	4	1	6	9		46
	Dental Prosthetist	11	383	4	320	65	43	347	76	2	1,251
	Dental Prosthetist and Dental Therapist							1			1
	Dental Prosthetist and Dentist							3			3
	Dental Prosthetist and Oral Health Therapist		1	1	1						3
	Dental Therapist	7	115	9	109	52	33	100	199	3	627
	Dental Therapist and Dentist				1			1			2
	Dental Therapist and Oral Health Therapist		1				1		6		8
	Dentist	318	5,410	106	3,804	1,151	264	4,406	1,917	355	17,731
	Dentist and Oral Health Therapist		5		8	2		6			21
	Oral Health Therapist	46	876	19	549	306	34	789	317	31	2,967
	Sub Total - General		424	7,234	154	5,107	1,967	398	5,997	2,837	405

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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 Dentist				1						1
	Dentist and Oral Health Therapist										0
Sub Total - General and Non-practising		0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	2
General and Specialist	Dentist	46	536	6	374	156	27	453	209	44	1,851
Specialist	Dentist	1	16		9	4	1	14	10	12	67
Limited	Dentist		6		15	7		6	8		42
	Oral Health Therapist								1		1
Sub Total - Limited		0	6	0	15	7	0	6	9	0	43
Non-practising	Dental Hygienist	3	20	1	12	12		8	10	8	74
	Dental Hygienist and Dental Prosthetist										0
	Dental Hygienist and Dental Therapist		7		10	4		2	1		24
	Dental Prosthetist		24		16	1	1	13	2	2	59
	Dental Therapist		16	1	3		1	11	11	2	45
	Dentist	14	203	6	116	54	9	164	67	253	886
	Oral Health Therapist	2	14	2	18	11	1	19	11	6	84
Sub Total - Non-practising		19	284	10	175	82	12	217	102	271	1,172
Total		490	8,076	170	5,681	2,216	438	6,688	3,167	732	27,658

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		2		7			1	6	1	17
Endodontics	7	55		47	15	4	50	19	5	202
Forensic odontology	2	5	1	2	2	1	1	4	1	19
Oral and maxillofacial pathology		4		2	4	1	2	3	1	17
Oral and maxillofacial surgery	6	61	2	61	19	4	59	21	8	241
Oral medicine	1	10		5			14	10	2	42
Oral surgery		44		8		1	7	2	4	66
Orthodontics	14	193	3	124	55	9	156	71	17	642
Paediatric dentistry	4	46		29	16	1	47	25	4	172
Periodontics	8	71	1	57	17	5	66	34	5	264
Prosthodontics	5	67		42	27	1	56	25	8	231
Public health dentistry (Community dentistry)		7		1	1	1	8	1		19
Special needs dentistry		7		6	5		8	1	1	28
Total	47	572	7	391	161	28	475	222	57	1,960

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		18	2	2	4	12	1	88

Age group

Table 6.1 Dental practitioners - by age group

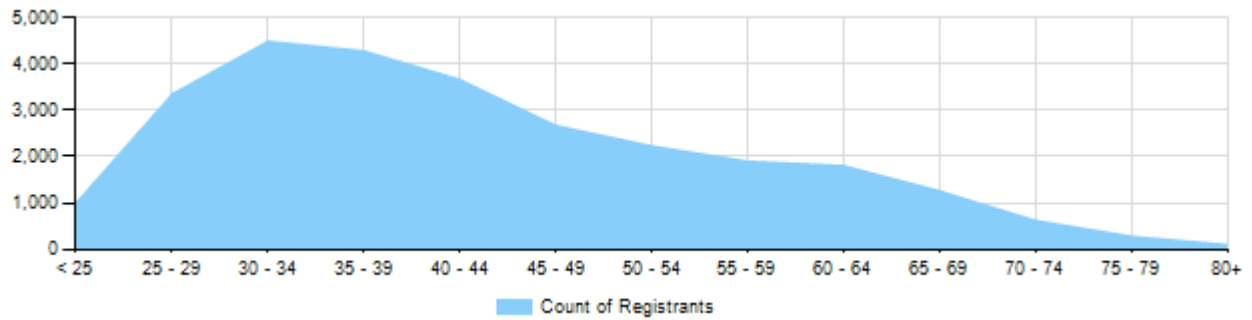


Table 6.2 Dental practitioners - registration type by age group

Age group	General	General and Non-practising	General and Specialist	Specialist	Limited			Non-practising	Total
					Postgraduate training or supervised practice	Public interest	Teaching or research		
< 25	998							7	1,005
25 - 29	3,272		9		1			73	3,355
30 - 34	4,216		125	4	3	1	3	142	4,494
35 - 39	3,896	1	229	11	3		4	140	4,284
40 - 44	3,202	1	328	23	2		7	105	3,668
45 - 49	2,303		269	13	1		5	80	2,671
50 - 54	1,935		205	7			7	76	2,230
55 - 59	1,607		183	8			4	97	1,899
60 - 64	1,456		210				1	136	1,803
65 - 69	980		152	1				125	1,258
70 - 74	407		91				1	120	619
75 - 79	195		33					48	276
80+	56		17					23	96
Total	24,523	2	1,851	67	10	1	32	1,172	27,658

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		281	3,908	100	2,850	1,269	210	3,525	1,798	231	14,172	
	General and Non-practising					1			1			2	
	General and Specialist		13	155	1	105	52	8	160	79	12	585	
	Specialist		1	7		3	1		9	4	5	30	
	Limited	Postgraduate training or supervised practice						1		2	1		4
		Public interest			1								1
		Teaching or research					4	2		1	1		8
Non-practising			13	147	5	94	49	4	110	58	139	619	
Total Female			308	4,218	106	3,057	1,374	222	3,808	1,941	387	15,421	
Male	General		143	3,325	54	2,257	698	188	2,472	1,039	174	10,350	
	General and Specialist		33	381	5	269	104	19	293	130	32	1,266	
	Specialist			9		6	3	1	5	6	7	37	
	Limited	Postgraduate training or supervised practice						1		3	2		6
		Teaching or research			5		11	2		5			23
Non-practising			6	137	5	81	33	8	107	44	132	553	
Total Male			182	3,857	64	2,624	841	216	2,880	1,226	345	12,235	
Not stated or Intersex or Indeterminate	General			1								1	
	Limited	Teaching or research					1					1	
Total			490	8,076	170	5,681	2,216	438	6,688	3,167	732	27,658	

Table 7.2 Dental practitioners - percentage by gender

Gender	ACT	NSW	NT	QLD	SA	TAS	VIC	WA	No PPP	Total
Female	62.9%	52.2%	62.4%	53.8%	62.0%	50.7%	56.9%	61.3%	52.9%	55.8%
Male	37.1%	47.8%	37.6%	46.2%	38.0%	49.3%	43.1%	38.7%	47.1%	44.2%
Not stated or Intersex or Indeterminate		<0.1%			<0.1%					<0.1%