

# 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](http://www.ahpra.gov.au/Publications)

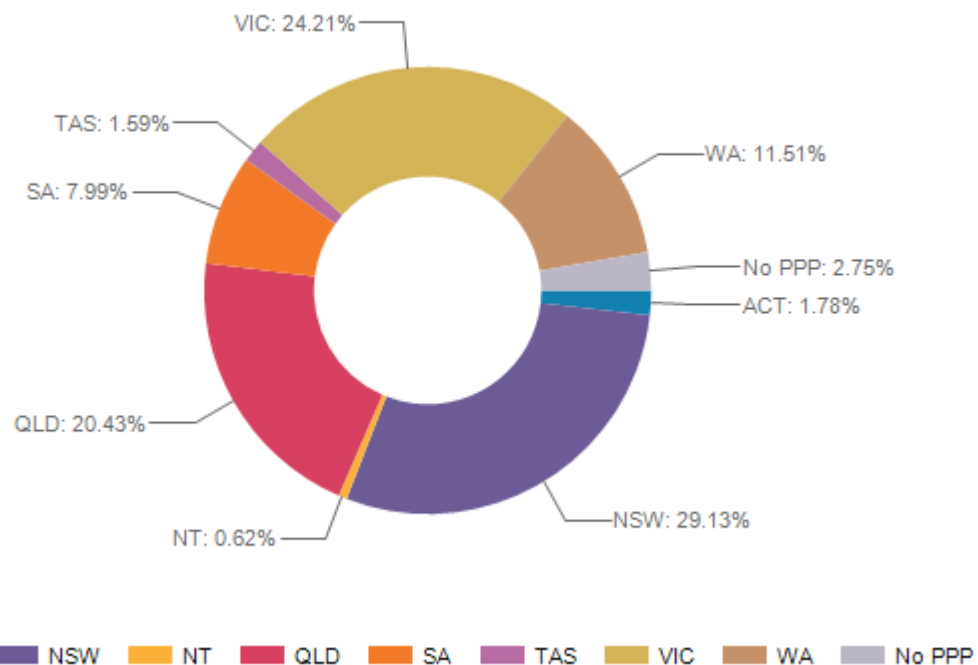
The Board has analysed its registration data and produced a number of statistical breakdowns about registrants to share with the profession and community. The Board shares these breakdowns regularly. For more information on dental registration, please see the Board's website: [www.dentalboard.gov.au/Registration.aspx](http://www.dentalboard.gov.au/Registration.a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

## 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	7,188	154	5,076	1,958	394	5,975	2,843	443	24,455
General and Non-practising					1			1			2
General and Specialist		47	541	6	374	155	29	452	207	45	1,856
Specialist		1	17		10	4	1	14	10	12	69
Limited	Postgraduate training or supervised practice	1	1			2		5	3		12
	Public interest		1								1
	Teaching or research		5		14	5		2	7		33
Non-practising		14	234	9	126	67	11	189	86	255	991
<b>Total</b>		<b>487</b>	<b>7,987</b>	<b>169</b>	<b>5,601</b>	<b>2,191</b>	<b>435</b>	<b>6,638</b>	<b>3,156</b>	<b>755</b>	<b>27,419</b>

Table 1.2 Dental practitioners - percentage by principal place of practice



## Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander practitioners

Table 1.3 Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander practitioners by principal place of practice

PPP	ACT	NSW	NT	QLD	SA	TAS	VIC	WA	No PPP	Total
Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander practitioners	3	42	3	53	13	4	14	18	2	152
Percentage of all practitioners	0.6 %	0.5 %	1.8 %	0.9 %	0.6 %	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	346	12	205	355	17	220	262	20	1,476
Dental Hygienist and Dental Prosthetist				1						1
Dental Hygienist and Dental Prosthetist and Dental Therapist							1			1
Dental Hygienist and Dental Therapist	6	50	4	93	45	4	88	50	2	342
Dental Hygienist and Dental Therapist and Dentist				1						1
Dental Hygienist and Dental Therapist and Dentist and Oral Health Therapist										
Dental Hygienist and Dental Therapist and Oral Health Therapist		28		15	8	1	31	12	1	96
Dental Hygienist and Dentist		2		3			1			6
Dental Hygienist and Oral Health Therapist		22		5	3	1	7	9		47
Dental Prosthetist	10	399	5	344	64	42	346	75	7	1,292
Dental Prosthetist and Dental Therapist							1			1
Dental Prosthetist and Dentist							3			3
Dental Prosthetist and Oral Health Therapist		2	1	1						4
Dental Therapist	7	122	10	102	50	32	107	201	6	637
Dental Therapist and Dentist				1			1			2
Dental Therapist and Oral Health Therapist		1			1			6		8
Dentist	378	6,104	118	4,264	1,355	302	5,013	2,199	685	20,418
Dentist and Oral Health Therapist		4		5	1		3			13
Oral Health Therapist	47	907	19	561	309	36	816	342	34	3,071
<b>Total</b>	<b>487</b>	<b>7,987</b>	<b>169</b>	<b>5,601</b>	<b>2,191</b>	<b>435</b>	<b>6,638</b>	<b>3,156</b>	<b>755</b>	<b>27,419</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	36	334	11	198	344	17	214	254	14	1,422
	Dental Hygienist and Dental Prosthetist				1						1
	Dental Hygienist and Dental Prosthetist and Dental Therapist							1			1
	Dental Hygienist and Dental Therapist	6	44	4	87	41	4	85	49	2	322
	Dental Hygienist and Dental Therapist and Dentist				1						1
	Dental Hygienist and Dental Therapist and Dentist and Oral Health Therapist										0
	Dental Hygienist and Dental Therapist and Oral Health Therapist		28		15	8	1	31	12	1	96
	Dental Hygienist and Dentist		2		2			1			5
	Dental Hygienist and Oral Health Therapist		22		5	3	1	7	9		47
	Dental Prosthetist	10	382	5	334	64	41	335	73	5	1,249
	Dental Prosthetist and Dental Therapist							1			1
	Dental Prosthetist and Dentist							3			3
	Dental Prosthetist and Oral Health Therapist		2	1	1						4
	Dental Therapist	7	108	9	100	50	31	96	194	4	599
	Dental Therapist and Dentist				1			1			2
	Dental Therapist and Oral Health Therapist		1				1		6		8
	Dentist	318	5,367	106	3,778	1,144	264	4,396	1,914	388	17,675
	Dentist and Oral Health Therapist		4		5	1		3			13
	Oral Health Therapist	47	894	18	548	302	35	801	332	29	3,006
	<b>Sub Total - General</b>		<b>424</b>	<b>7,188</b>	<b>154</b>	<b>5,076</b>	<b>1,958</b>	<b>394</b>	<b>5,975</b>	<b>2,843</b>	<b>443</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 Dentist				1						1
<b>Sub Total - General and Non-practising</b>		<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>2</b>
General and Specialist	Dentist	47	541	6	374	155	29	452	207	45	1,856
Specialist	Dentist	1	17		10	4	1	14	10	12	69
Limited	Dentist	1	7		14	7		7	9		45
	Oral Health Therapist								1		1
<b>Sub Total - Limited</b>		<b>1</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>46</b>
Non-practising	Dental Hygienist	3	12	1	7	11		6	8	6	54
	Dental Hygienist and Dental Therapist		6		6	4		2	1		19
	Dental Prosthetist		17		10		1	11	2	2	43
	Dental Therapist		14	1	2		1	11	7	2	38
	Dentist	11	172	6	88	45	8	144	59	240	773
	Oral Health Therapist		13	1	13	7	1	15	9	5	64
<b>Sub Total - Non-practising</b>		<b>14</b>	<b>234</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>126</b>	<b>67</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>189</b>	<b>86</b>	<b>255</b>	<b>991</b>
<b>Total</b>		<b>487</b>	<b>7,987</b>	<b>169</b>	<b>5,601</b>	<b>2,191</b>	<b>435</b>	<b>6,638</b>	<b>3,156</b>	<b>755</b>	<b>27,419</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		2		7			1	6	1	17
Endodontics	7	55		45	15	5	48	19	6	200
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	63	20	5	60	22	8	247
Oral medicine	1	11		5			14	11	2	44
Oral surgery		42		8		1	7	2	5	65
Orthodontics	14	193	3	126	52	8	151	69	16	632
Paediatric dentistry	4	47		29	16	1	49	25	4	175
Periodontics	8	74	1	57	19	6	67	33	5	270
Prosthodontics	6	69		41	27	1	56	24	8	232
Public health dentistry (Community dentistry)		7		1	1	1	8	1		19
Special needs dentistry		7		6	4		10	1	1	29
<b>Total</b>	<b>48</b>	<b>577</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>392</b>	<b>160</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>474</b>	<b>220</b>	<b>58</b>	<b>1,966</b>

## Endorsements

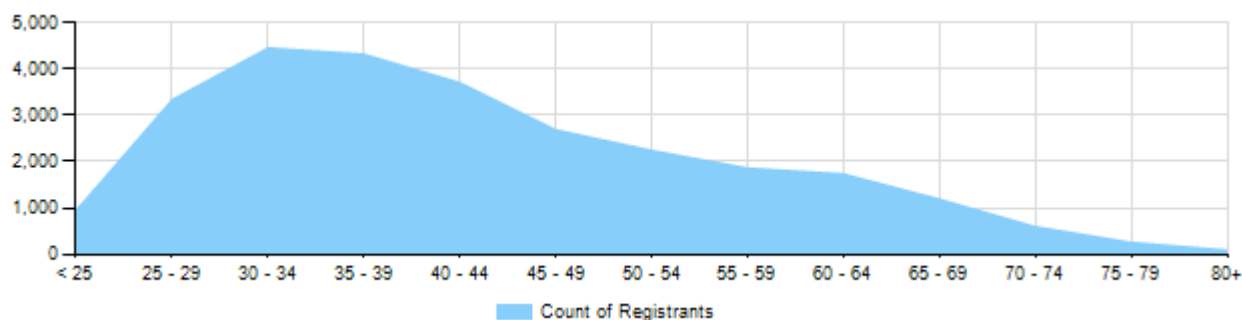
**Table 5.1 Dental practitioners - endorsement by state or territory**

Endorsement	ACT	NSW	NT	QLD	SA	TAS	VIC	WA	No PPP	Total
Area of Practice - Conscious sedation	5	46		19	3	2	4	14	1	94



## 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	947							4	<b>951</b>
25 - 29	3,265		12	1	2			62	<b>3,342</b>
30 - 34	4,209		126	4	3	1	4	112	<b>4,459</b>
35 - 39	3,927	1	249	11	4		3	127	<b>4,322</b>
40 - 44	3,256	1	323	21	1		8	97	<b>3,707</b>
45 - 49	2,323		273	15	2		5	70	<b>2,688</b>
50 - 54	1,955		203	8			7	68	<b>2,241</b>
55 - 59	1,589		179	8			4	79	<b>1,859</b>
60 - 64	1,416		210				1	108	<b>1,735</b>
65 - 69	939		147	1				99	<b>1,186</b>
70 - 74	406		84				1	102	<b>593</b>
75 - 79	173		33					44	<b>250</b>
80+	50		17					19	<b>86</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>24,455</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>1,856</b>	<b>69</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>33</b>	<b>991</b>	<b>27,419</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		282	3,908	99	2,850	1,270	208	3,534	1,816	254	<b>14,221</b>	
	General and Non-practising					1			1			<b>2</b>	
	General and Specialist		14	161	1	104	51	9	162	80	13	<b>595</b>	
	Specialist		1	8		4	1		9	3	5	<b>31</b>	
	Limited	Postgraduate training or supervised practice						1		2	1		<b>4</b>
		Public interest			1								<b>1</b>
		Teaching or research					4	2		1	1		<b>8</b>
Non-practising			10	123	4	66	41	3	93	47	128	<b>515</b>	
<b>Total Female</b>			<b>307</b>	<b>4,201</b>	<b>104</b>	<b>3,029</b>	<b>1,366</b>	<b>220</b>	<b>3,802</b>	<b>1,948</b>	<b>400</b>	<b>15,377</b>	
Male	General		142	3,279	55	2,226	688	186	2,441	1,027	189	<b>10,233</b>	
	General and Specialist		33	380	5	270	104	20	290	127	32	<b>1,261</b>	
	Specialist			9		6	3	1	5	7	7	<b>38</b>	
	Limited	Postgraduate training or supervised practice		1	1			1		3	2		<b>8</b>
		Teaching or research			5		10	2		1	6		<b>24</b>
Non-practising			4	111	5	60	26	8	96	39	127	<b>476</b>	
<b>Total Male</b>			<b>180</b>	<b>3,785</b>	<b>65</b>	<b>2,572</b>	<b>824</b>	<b>215</b>	<b>2,836</b>	<b>1,208</b>	<b>355</b>	<b>12,040</b>	
Not stated or Intersex or Indeterminate	General			1								<b>1</b>	
	Limited	Teaching or research					1					<b>1</b>	
<b>Total</b>			<b>487</b>	<b>7,987</b>	<b>169</b>	<b>5,601</b>	<b>2,191</b>	<b>435</b>	<b>6,638</b>	<b>3,156</b>	<b>755</b>	<b>27,419</b>	

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

Gender	ACT	NSW	NT	QLD	SA	TAS	VIC	WA	No PPP	Total
Female	63.0%	52.6%	61.5%	54.1%	62.3%	50.6%	57.3%	61.7%	53.0%	<b>56.1%</b>
Male	37.0%	47.4%	38.5%	45.9%	37.6%	49.4%	42.7%	38.3%	47.0%	<b>43.9%</b>
Not stated or Intersex or Indeterminate		<0.1%			<0.1%					<b>&lt;0.1%</b>