

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

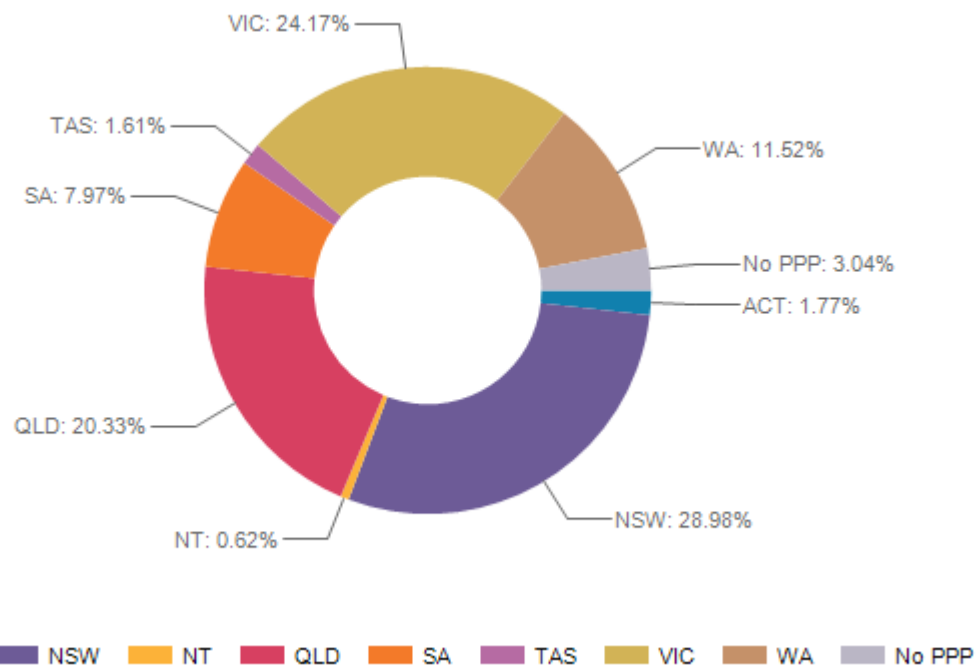
The Board has analysed its registration data and produced a number of statistical breakdowns about registrants to share with the profession and community. The Board shares these breakdowns regularly. For more information on dental registration, please see the Board's website: www.dentalboard.gov.au/Registration.aspx

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		428	7,235	156	5,099	1,977	403	6,027	2,871	526	24,722
General and Non-practising					1			1			2
General and Specialist		47	540	6	375	154	31	456	210	46	1,865
Specialist		1	18		11	4	1	14	10	12	71
Limited	Postgraduate training or supervised practice	1	1					6	6	1	15
	Public interest		1								1
	Teaching or research		7		18	6		3	9		43
Non-practising		14	231	9	131	68	10	192	86	257	998
Total		491	8,033	171	5,635	2,209	445	6,699	3,192	842	27,717

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 %	0.2 %	0.5 %

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	346	12	206	358	17	218	262	21	1,480
Dental Hygienist and Dental Prosthetist				1						1
Dental Hygienist and Dental Prosthetist and Dental Therapist							1			1
Dental Hygienist and Dental Therapist	6	51	4	91	46	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		29		17	9	1	33	13	4	106
Dental Hygienist and Dentist		3		3			1			7
Dental Hygienist and Oral Health Therapist		22		4	3	1	7	9		46
Dental Prosthetist	11	400	5	345	64	42	350	76	5	1,298
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	123	10	102	51	32	107	201	7	640
Dental Therapist and Dentist				1			1			2
Dental Therapist and Oral Health Therapist		1			1			6		8
Dentist	379	6,134	121	4,297	1,365	312	5,040	2,228	765	20,641
Dentist and Oral Health Therapist		4		5	1		3	1		14
Oral Health Therapist	48	918	18	561	311	36	846	346	38	3,122
Total	491	8,033	171	5,635	2,209	445	6,699	3,192	842	27,717

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	37	333	11	199	347	17	212	254	15	1,425
	Dental Hygienist and Dental Prosthetist				1						1
	Dental Hygienist and Dental Prosthetist and Dental Therapist							1			1
	Dental Hygienist and Dental Therapist	6	45	4	85	42	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		29		17	9	1	33	13	4	106
	Dental Hygienist and Dentist		3		2			1			6
	Dental Hygienist and Oral Health Therapist		22		4	3	1	7	9		46
	Dental Prosthetist	11	383	5	335	64	42	339	74	3	1,256
	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	110	9	100	51	31	96	194	5	603
	Dental Therapist and Dentist				1			1			2
	Dental Therapist and Oral Health Therapist		1				1		6		8
	Dentist	319	5,399	109	3,800	1,155	272	4,412	1,935	465	17,866
	Dentist and Oral Health Therapist		4		5	1		3	1		14
	Oral Health Therapist	48	904	17	548	304	35	833	336	32	3,057
	Sub Total - General		428	7,235	156	5,099	1,977	403	6,027	2,871	526

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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
Sub Total - General and Non-practising		0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	2
General and Specialist	Dentist	47	540	6	375	154	31	456	210	46	1,865
Specialist	Dentist	1	18		11	4	1	14	10	12	71
Limited	Dentist	1	9		18	6		9	14	1	58
	Oral Health Therapist								1		1
Sub Total - Limited		1	9	0	18	6	0	9	15	1	59
Non-practising	Dental Hygienist	3	13	1	7	11		6	8	6	55
	Dental Hygienist and Dental Therapist		6		6	4		2	1		19
	Dental Prosthetist		17		10			11	2	2	42
	Dental Therapist		13	1	2		1	11	7	2	37
	Dentist	11	168	6	93	46	8	149	59	241	781
	Oral Health Therapist		14	1	13	7	1	13	9	6	64
Sub Total - Non-practising		14	231	9	131	68	10	192	86	257	998
Total		491	8,033	171	5,635	2,209	445	6,699	3,192	842	27,717

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	56		45	15	5	49	20	5	202
Forensic odontology	2	5	1	2	2	1	1	5		19
Oral and maxillofacial pathology		4		2	4	1	2	3	1	17
Oral and maxillofacial surgery	6	61	2	62	20	5	60	22	8	246
Oral medicine	1	10		5			14	12	2	44
Oral surgery		42		8		1	7	2	7	67
Orthodontics	14	192	3	127	51	8	153	70	17	635
Paediatric dentistry	4	48		30	16	1	49	24	4	176
Periodontics	8	74	1	57	19	7	68	33	5	272
Prosthodontics	6	69		41	27	1	56	24	8	232
Public health dentistry (Community dentistry)		7		2	2	1	8	1		21
Special needs dentistry		7		6	3	1	10	1	1	29
Total	48	577	7	394	159	32	478	223	59	1,977

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

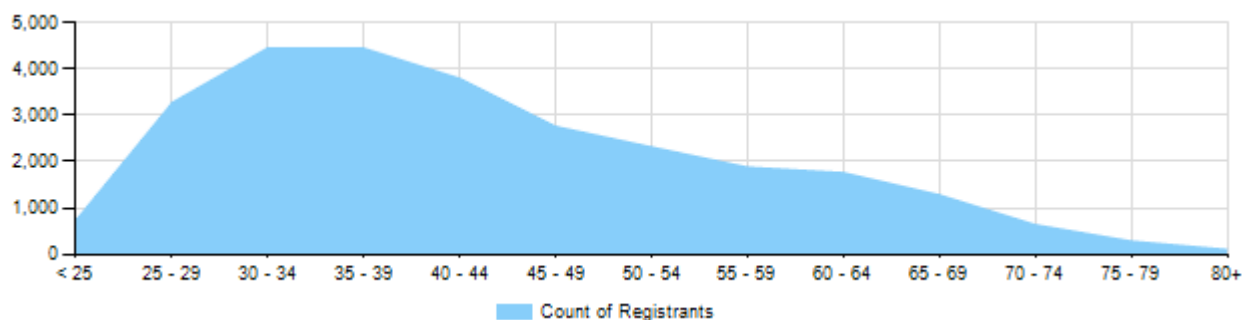


Table 6.2 Dental practitioners - registration type by age group

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	735							4	739
25 - 29	3,211		7	1	3			55	3,277
30 - 34	4,228		111	3	5		3	110	4,460
35 - 39	4,060	1	240	13	3		8	126	4,451
40 - 44	3,331	1	328	15	3		14	105	3,797
45 - 49	2,386		278	20			4	69	2,757
50 - 54	2,025		213	9	1		5	61	2,314
55 - 59	1,599		180	8			7	83	1,877
60 - 64	1,450		204	1		1	1	102	1,759
65 - 69	1,007		161	1				110	1,279
70 - 74	443		89				1	99	632
75 - 79	191		35					52	278
80+	56		19					22	97
Total	24,722	2	1,865	71	15	1	43	998	27,717

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		284	3,954	100	2,861	1,285	214	3,584	1,836	299	14,417	
	General and Non-practising					1			1			2	
	General and Specialist		14	161	1	105	50	10	165	80	14	600	
	Specialist		1	8		5	1		9	3	5	32	
	Limited	Postgraduate training or supervised practice								2	4		6
		Teaching or research		2		6	3		1	2			14
	Non-practising		10	121	4	68	42	3	94	46	130		518
Total Female			309	4,246	105	3,046	1,381	227	3,856	1,971	448	15,589	
Male	General		144	3,280	56	2,238	692	189	2,443	1,035	227	10,304	
	General and Specialist		33	379	5	270	104	21	291	130	32	1,265	
	Specialist			10		6	3	1	5	7	7	39	
	Limited	Postgraduate training or supervised practice	1	1						4	2	1	9
		Public interest		1									1
		Teaching or research		5		12	2		2	7			28
	Non-practising		4	110	5	63	26	7	98	40	127		480
Total Male			182	3,786	66	2,589	827	218	2,843	1,221	394	12,126	
Not stated or Intersex or Indeterminate	General			1								1	
	Limited	Teaching or research					1					1	
Total			491	8,033	171	5,635	2,209	445	6,699	3,192	842	27,717	

Table 7.2 Dental practitioners - percentage by gender

Gender	ACT	NSW	NT	QLD	SA	TAS	VIC	WA	No PPP	Total
Female	62.9%	52.9%	61.4%	54.1%	62.5%	51.0%	57.6%	61.7%	53.2%	56.2%
Male	37.1%	47.1%	38.6%	45.9%	37.4%	49.0%	42.4%	38.3%	46.8%	43.7%
Not stated or Intersex or Indeterminate		<0.1%			<0.1%					<0.1%