

Optometry Board of Australia

Registrant data

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Introduction

The role of the Optometry Board of Australia (the Board) include:

- registering optometrists and students
- developing standards, codes and guidelines for the optometry 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 [About Ahpra](#) at 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 regularly.

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 optometrists (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 optometrists are included in these statistics. Please see the [COVID-19](#) page on Ahpra's website for more information.

For more information on optometry registration, please see the Board's website: www.optometryboard.gov.au/Registration.aspx

Principal place of practice

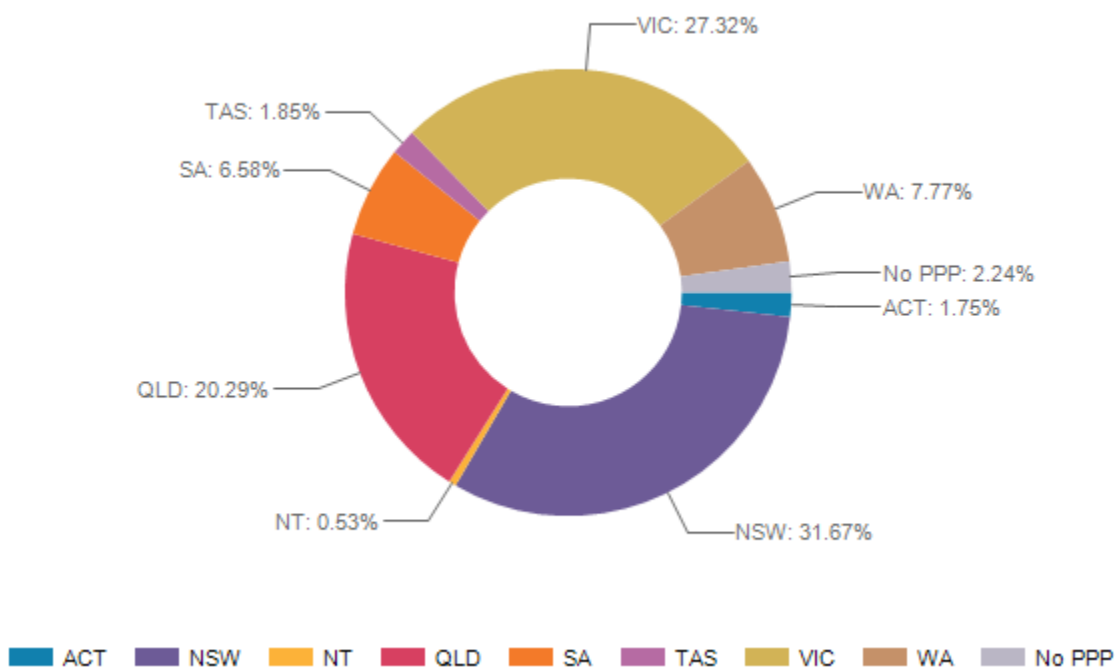
Registration type

Table 1.1 Registration type by principal place of practice

Registration types	Registration subtypes	ACT	NSW	NT	QLD	SA	TAS	VIC	WA	No PPP	Total
General		115	2,083	36	1,335	438	123	1,790	511	64	6,495
Limited	Postgraduate training or supervised practice		2		2		1	5	4	3	17
Non-practising		4	67		42	9	2	62	13	85	284
Total		119	2,152	36	1,379	447	126	1,857	528	152	6,796*

* Total figure includes 3 optometrists on the Pandemic response sub-register. For more information go to the [COVID-19](#) page on the Ahpra website.

Table 1.2 Principal place of practice percentages



Endorsements

Table 1.3 Endorsements

Endorsement	ACT	NSW	NT	QLD	SA	TAS	VIC	WA	No PPP	Total
Scheduled Medicines	87	1,324	31	971	355	104	1,504	350	22	4,748
% of General Registrants who are Endorsed	75.7%	63.6%	86.1%	72.7%	81.1%	84.6%	84.0%	68.5%	34.4%	73.1%

Table 1.4 Endorsement by age group

Age group	Scheduled Medicines	% of general registrants who are endorsed
< 25	423	99.8%
25 - 29	1,373	99.9%
30 - 34	949	97.7%
35 - 39	571	81.3%
40 - 44	408	64.7%
45 - 49	333	58.6%
50 - 54	261	46.4%
55 - 59	182	39.0%
60 - 64	165	37.6%
65 - 69	62	24.0%
70 - 74	18	24.0%
75 - 79	3	15.8%
80+		.0%
Total	4,748	73.1%

**Only Optometrists holding general registration are eligible to hold the scheduled medicines endorsement.*

Age group

Registration type

Table 2.1 Registrants by age group

Age group	General		Limited		Non-practising		Total		
			Postgraduate training or supervised practice						
	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female	Male	Total
< 25	295	129					295	129	424
25 - 29	963	412	3	1	8	2	974	415	1,389
30 - 34	642	329	3	2	28	7	673	338	1,011
35 - 39	475	227	4	1	19	9	498	237	735
40 - 44	397	234	1	1	18	9	416	244	660
45 - 49	311	257	1		26	11	338	268	606
50 - 54	295	267			23	12	318	279	597
55 - 59	204	263			17	15	221	278	499
60 - 64	121	318			12	20	133	338	471
65 - 69	50	208			7	22	57	230	287
70 - 74	20	55			2	6	22	61	83
75 - 79	2	17				8	2	25	27
80+		4				3	0	7	7
Total	3,775	2,720	12	5	160	124	3,947	2,849	6,796

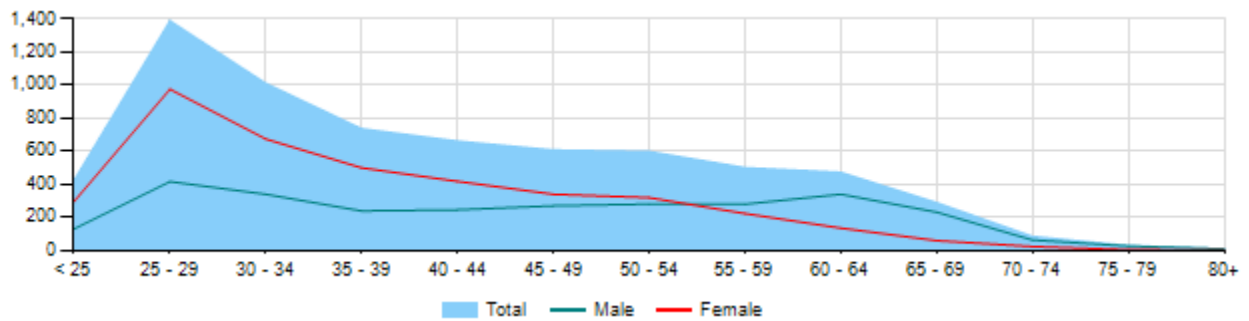
Table 2.2 Registrants age group, by principal place of practice and gender - General and Limited

Age group	ACT		NSW		NT		QLD		SA		TAS		VIC		WA		No PPP		Total
	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	
< 25	3		83	48	3		82	35	36	14	9	3	62	18	17	11			424
25 - 29	28	7	282	113	6	1	200	68	99	35	20	7	272	147	54	34	5	1	1,379
30 - 34	8	8	176	115	3	2	111	59	48	17	9	2	253	101	34	26	3	1	976
35 - 39	8	5	145	61	4		102	52	16	17	6	2	155	77	38	11	5	3	707
40 - 44	11	3	151	73	2	1	69	49	25	10	4	2	90	70	38	25	8	2	633
45 - 49	6	4	106	61	2	3	67	63	16	18	7	7	76	74	31	25	1	2	569
50 - 54	6	8	106	75	1	1	62	68	8	19	6	5	73	56	27	33	6	2	562
55 - 59	2	3	76	73			51	63	4	7	6	6	48	69	12	37	5	5	467
60 - 64		2	60	118	2	5	21	62	2	22	3	13	25	63	7	26	1	7	439
65 - 69	1	2	25	99			4	38	6	16		3	7	33	4	13	3	4	258
70 - 74			11	21			2	7		2		3	7	13		8		1	75
75 - 79			1	5				2				1	1	3		4		2	19
80+				1						1				2					4
Total	73	42	1,222	863	23	13	771	566	260	178	70	54	1,069	726	262	253	37	30	6,512

Table 2.3 Registrants age group, by principal place of practice and gender - Non-Practising

Age group	ACT		NSW		NT		QLD		SA		TAS		VIC		WA		No PPP		Total
	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	
< 25																			0
25 - 29			2				2	1	1				1				3		10
30 - 34			6				4	2	2				9	1		1	7	3	35
35 - 39			2	4			3	3					4			1	10	1	28
40 - 44			6	2			2	2					5				5	5	27
45 - 49	2		2	4			4	2					10	3			8	2	37
50 - 54			9	2			2						6	3			6	7	35
55 - 59			4	1			2	3	1				3	6	2	1	5	4	32
60 - 64		1	4	5				1	2	2			1			1	5	10	32
65 - 69		1	3	4			1	4		1		2	2	4		5	1	1	29
70 - 74			2	1				2					1					2	8
75 - 79				2				2					3		1				8
80+				2											1				3
Total	2	2	40	27	0	0	20	22	6	3	0	2	40	22	2	11	50	35	284

Table 2.4 Registrants by age group



Gender

Percentage

Table 3.1 Registrants by gender percentages

Gender	ACT	NSW	NT	QLD	SA	TAS	VIC	WA	No PPP	Total
Female	63.0%	58.6%	63.9%	57.4%	59.5%	55.6%	59.7%	50.0%	57.2%	58.1%
Male	37.0%	41.4%	36.1%	42.6%	40.5%	44.4%	40.3%	50.0%	42.8%	41.9%