

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.

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

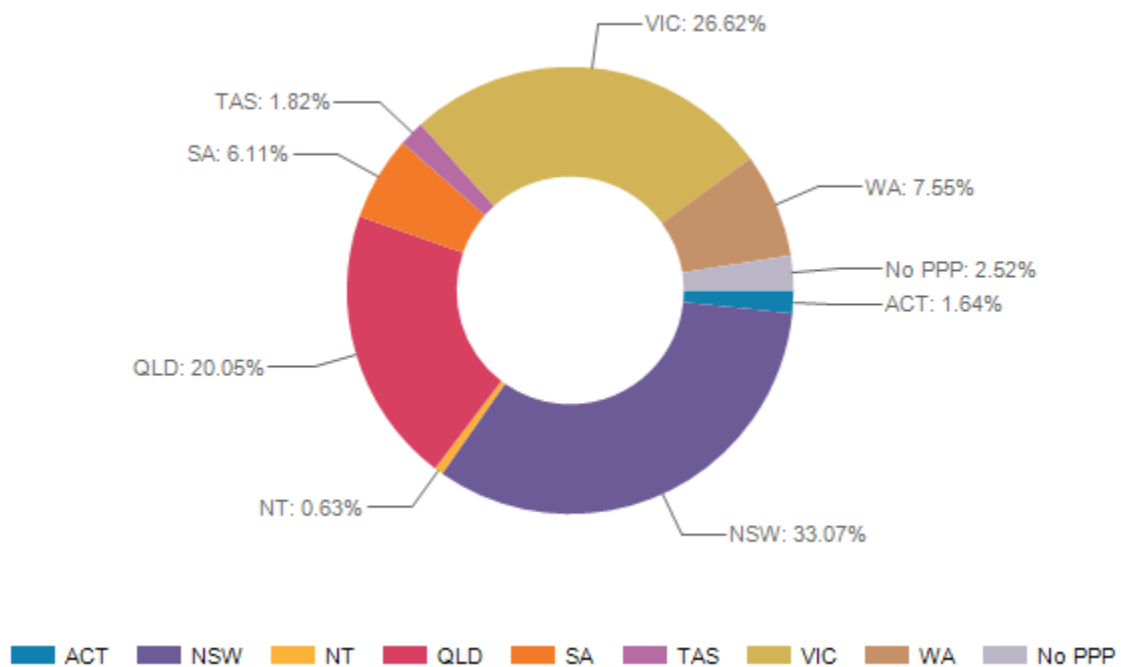
Principal place of practice

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 | | 95 | 1,948 | 38 | 1,178 | 366 | 109 | 1,571 | 446 | 89 | 5,840 |
| Limited | Postgraduate training or supervised practice | 2 | 4 | | 4 | 1 | | 4 | 6 | 2 | 23 |
| | Teaching or research | | | | | 1 | | | | | 1 |
| Non-practising | | 2 | 46 | | 29 | 1 | 1 | 33 | 4 | 61 | 177 |
| Total | | 99 | 1,998 | 38 | 1,211 | 369 | 110 | 1,608 | 456 | 152 | 6,041 |

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 | 60 | 1,084 | 29 | 746 | 267 | 87 | 1,232 | 259 | 27 | 3,791 |
| % of General Registrants who are Endorsed | 63.2% | 55.6% | 76.3% | 63.3% | 73.0% | 79.8% | 78.4% | 58.1% | 30.3% | 64.9% |

Table 1.4 Endorsement by age group

| Age group | Scheduled Medicines | % of general registrants who are endorsed |
|--------------|---------------------|---|
| U - 25 | 377 | 100.0% |
| 25 - 29 | 1,140 | 98.9% |
| 30 - 34 | 698 | 89.1% |
| 35 - 39 | 421 | 64.9% |
| 40 - 44 | 346 | 56.4% |
| 45 - 49 | 269 | 45.5% |
| 50 - 54 | 220 | 40.0% |
| 55 - 59 | 162 | 35.6% |
| 60 - 64 | 107 | 25.1% |
| 65 - 69 | 39 | 21.9% |
| 70 - 74 | 10 | 23.3% |
| 75 - 79 | 2 | 10.5% |
| 80+ | | .0% |
| Total | 3,791 | 64.9% |

**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 | | Teaching or research | | | | | | |
| | Female | Male | Female | Male | Female | Male | Female | Male | Female | Male | Total |
| U - 25 | 274 | 103 | | | | | | | 274 | 103 | 377 |
| 25 - 29 | 785 | 368 | 5 | 4 | | | 8 | | 798 | 372 | 1,170 |
| 30 - 34 | 513 | 270 | 2 | | | | 13 | 4 | 528 | 274 | 802 |
| 35 - 39 | 436 | 213 | 2 | 4 | | 1 | 14 | 2 | 452 | 220 | 672 |
| 40 - 44 | 361 | 252 | 3 | 2 | | | 14 | 12 | 378 | 266 | 644 |
| 45 - 49 | 333 | 258 | | 1 | | | 16 | 9 | 349 | 268 | 617 |
| 50 - 54 | 252 | 298 | | | | | 16 | 9 | 268 | 307 | 575 |
| 55 - 59 | 169 | 286 | | | | | 5 | 16 | 174 | 302 | 476 |
| 60 - 64 | 100 | 326 | | | | | 4 | 15 | 104 | 341 | 445 |
| 65 - 69 | 43 | 135 | | | | | 2 | 3 | 45 | 138 | 183 |
| 70 - 74 | 7 | 36 | | | | | 1 | 11 | 8 | 47 | 55 |
| 75 - 79 | 1 | 18 | | | | | | 2 | 1 | 20 | 21 |
| 80+ | | 3 | | | | | | 1 | 0 | 4 | 4 |
| Total | 3,274 | 2,566 | 12 | 11 | 0 | 1 | 93 | 84 | 3,379 | 2,662 | 6,041 |

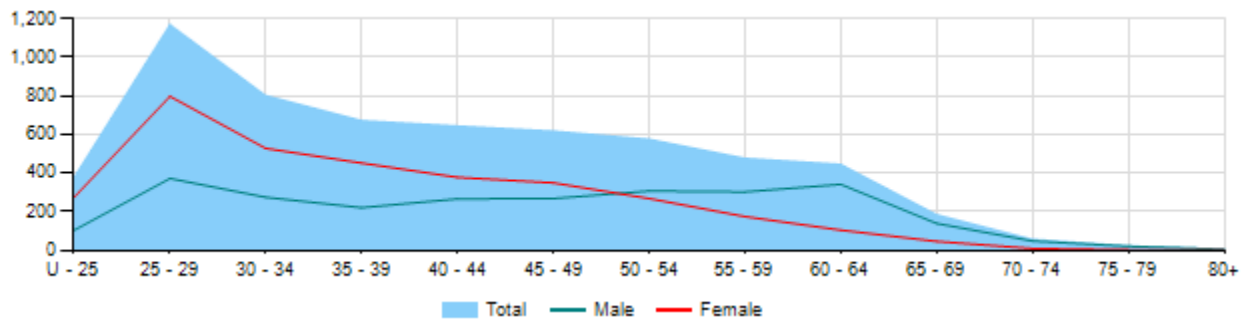
Table 2.2 Registrants age group, by principal place of practice and gender - General and Limited

| 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 | |
| U - 25 | 5 | 1 | 103 | 34 | 4 | 1 | 83 | 30 | 24 | 11 | 7 | 3 | 37 | 16 | 10 | 7 | 1 | | 377 |
| 25 - 29 | 15 | 6 | 240 | 115 | 5 | 3 | 133 | 68 | 84 | 25 | 13 | 2 | 260 | 117 | 37 | 34 | 3 | 2 | 1,162 |
| 30 - 34 | 4 | 7 | 150 | 82 | 2 | 1 | 101 | 49 | 22 | 17 | 4 | 4 | 194 | 96 | 35 | 13 | 3 | 1 | 785 |
| 35 - 39 | 8 | 3 | 158 | 62 | 3 | 1 | 80 | 45 | 28 | 11 | 6 | 2 | 113 | 70 | 35 | 18 | 7 | 6 | 656 |
| 40 - 44 | 11 | 6 | 137 | 69 | 1 | 2 | 71 | 63 | 12 | 13 | 4 | 5 | 89 | 73 | 33 | 21 | 6 | 2 | 618 |
| 45 - 49 | 10 | 8 | 113 | 65 | 4 | 1 | 73 | 62 | 15 | 16 | 8 | 10 | 78 | 57 | 27 | 34 | 5 | 6 | 592 |
| 50 - 54 | 1 | 3 | 92 | 91 | | 2 | 53 | 63 | 7 | 22 | 3 | 4 | 68 | 73 | 19 | 36 | 9 | 4 | 550 |
| 55 - 59 | 1 | 2 | 64 | 84 | 2 | 4 | 38 | 70 | 4 | 12 | 5 | 9 | 41 | 68 | 9 | 28 | 5 | 9 | 455 |
| 60 - 64 | | 4 | 52 | 147 | | 1 | 10 | 52 | 7 | 23 | 3 | 11 | 15 | 54 | 8 | 26 | 5 | 8 | 426 |
| 65 - 69 | 1 | 1 | 22 | 51 | 1 | | 5 | 24 | 2 | 11 | | 5 | 10 | 27 | | 13 | 2 | 3 | 178 |
| 70 - 74 | | | 3 | 10 | | | | 7 | | | | | 4 | 11 | | 5 | | 3 | 43 |
| 75 - 79 | | | 1 | 4 | | | | 2 | | 2 | | 1 | | 4 | | 4 | | 1 | 19 |
| 80+ | | | | 3 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | 3 |
| Total | 56 | 41 | 1,135 | 817 | 22 | 16 | 647 | 535 | 205 | 163 | 53 | 56 | 909 | 666 | 213 | 239 | 46 | 45 | 5,864 |

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 | |
| U - 25 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | 0 |
| 25 - 29 | | | 4 | | | | 1 | | | | | | | | | | 3 | | 8 |
| 30 - 34 | | | 1 | 2 | | | 2 | 2 | | | | | 4 | | | | 6 | | 17 |
| 35 - 39 | | | 7 | | | | 1 | 1 | | | | | 2 | | | 1 | 4 | | 16 |
| 40 - 44 | | | 1 | 4 | | | 1 | 2 | | | | | 7 | 3 | 1 | | 4 | 3 | 26 |
| 45 - 49 | | | 5 | 2 | | | 1 | 1 | | | | | 4 | 2 | | | 6 | 4 | 25 |
| 50 - 54 | | | 5 | 1 | | | 3 | 1 | 1 | | | | 1 | 2 | 1 | | 5 | 5 | 25 |
| 55 - 59 | | | | 3 | | | | | | | | | 1 | 3 | | | 4 | 10 | 21 |
| 60 - 64 | | 2 | | 4 | | | 3 | 4 | | | | 1 | | | | 1 | 1 | 3 | 19 |
| 65 - 69 | | | 1 | 1 | | | | 1 | | | | | | | | | 1 | 1 | 5 |
| 70 - 74 | | | 1 | 2 | | | | 5 | | | | | | 4 | | | | | 12 |
| 75 - 79 | | | | 1 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | 1 | 2 |
| 80+ | | | | 1 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | 1 |
| Total | 0 | 2 | 25 | 21 | 0 | 0 | 12 | 17 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 19 | 14 | 2 | 2 | 34 | 27 | 177 |

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 | 56.6% | 58.1% | 57.9% | 54.4% | 55.8% | 48.2% | 57.7% | 47.1% | 52.6% | 55.9% |
| Male | 43.4% | 41.9% | 42.1% | 45.6% | 44.2% | 51.8% | 42.3% | 52.9% | 47.4% | 44.1% |