

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

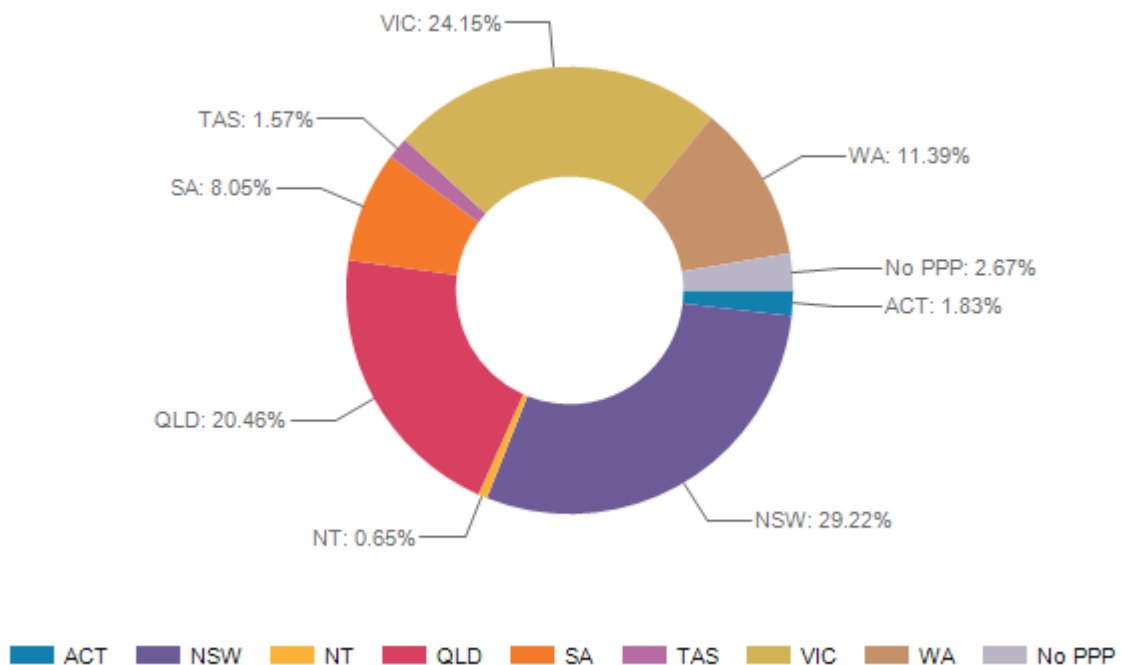
The Board has analysed its registration data and produced a number of statistical breakdowns about registrants to share with the profession and community. The Board shares these breakdowns regularly. For more information on dental registration, please see the Board's website: www.dentalboard.gov.au/Registration.aspx

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		429	7,062	165	4,959	1,921	385	5,822	2,762	415	23,920
General and Non-practising					1			1			2
General and Specialist		47	530	5	362	157	26	453	200	45	1,825
Specialist		1	14		11	4	1	14	9	14	68
Limited	Postgraduate training or supervised practice					2		5	3		10
	Teaching or research		5		15	4		2	7		33
Non-practising		13	227	5	141	71	10	182	75	241	965
Total		490	7,838	175	5,489	2,159	422	6,479	3,056	715	26,823

Table 1.2 Dental practitioners - percentage by principal place of practice



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	357	11	196	347	17	219	266	18	1,471
Dental Hygienist and Dental Prosthetist				1						1
Dental Hygienist and Dental Prosthetist and Dental Therapist							1			1
Dental Hygienist and Dental Therapist	5	56	4	102	51	3	98	51	2	372
Dental Hygienist and Dental Therapist and Dentist				1						1
Dental Hygienist and Dental Therapist and Oral Health Therapist		27		17	14	2	29	9		98
Dental Hygienist and Dentist		2		3			1			6
Dental Hygienist and Oral Health Therapist		22		4	2		6	9		43
Dental Prosthetist	11	403	4	336	66	43	358	78	4	1,303
Dental Prosthetist and Dental Therapist							1			1
Dental Prosthetist and Dentist							3			3
Dental Prosthetist and Oral Health Therapist		1	1							2
Dental Therapist	8	131	9	113	52	34	111	211	5	674
Dental Therapist and Dentist				1			1			2
Dental Therapist and Oral Health Therapist								6		6
Dentist	379	6,017	122	4,166	1,335	291	4,895	2,121	649	19,975
Dentist and Oral Health Therapist		3		3			5			11
Oral Health Therapist	47	819	24	546	292	32	751	305	37	2,853
Total	490	7,838	175	5,489	2,159	422	6,479	3,056	715	26,823

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	38	339	10	185	336	17	214	260	10	1,409
	Dental Hygienist and Dental Prosthetist				1						1
	Dental Hygienist and Dental Prosthetist and Dental Therapist							1			1
	Dental Hygienist and Dental Therapist	5	51	4	95	48	3	96	49	2	353
	Dental Hygienist and Dental Therapist and Dentist				1						1
	Dental Hygienist and Dental Therapist and Oral Health Therapist		27		17	14	2	29	9		98
	Dental Hygienist and Dentist		2		2			1			5
	Dental Hygienist and Oral Health Therapist		22		4	2		6	9		43
	Dental Prosthetist	11	382	4	323	65	42	345	76	2	1,250
	Dental Prosthetist and Dental Therapist							1			1
	Dental Prosthetist and Dentist							3			3
	Dental Prosthetist and Oral Health Therapist		1	1							2
	Dental Therapist	8	116	9	111	52	33	104	201	3	637
	Dental Therapist and Dentist				1			1			2
	Dental Therapist and Oral Health Therapist								6		6
	Dentist	322	5,309	114	3,685	1,121	256	4,281	1,854	365	17,307
	Dentist and Oral Health Therapist		3		3			5			11
	Oral Health Therapist	45	810	23	531	283	32	735	298	33	2,790
Sub Total - General		429	7,062	165	4,959	1,921	385	5,822	2,762	415	23,920

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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	47	530	5	362	157	26	453	200	45	1,825
Specialist	Dentist	1	14		11	4	1	14	9	14	68
Limited	Dentist		5		15	6		7	9		42
	Oral Health Therapist								1		1
Sub Total - Limited		0	5	0	15	6	0	7	10	0	43
Non-practising	Dental Hygienist	2	18	1	11	11		5	6	8	62
	Dental Hygienist and Dental Prosthetist										0
	Dental Hygienist and Dental Therapist		5		7	3		1	2		18
	Dental Prosthetist		21		13	1	1	13	2	2	53
	Dental Therapist		15		2		1	7	10	2	37
	Dentist	9	159	3	93	47	8	140	49	225	733
	Oral Health Therapist	2	9	1	15	9		16	6	4	62
Sub Total - Non-practising		13	227	5	141	71	10	182	75	241	965
Total		490	7,838	175	5,489	2,159	422	6,479	3,056	715	26,823

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		1		9			1	5		16
Endodontics	7	52		44	15	4	49	19	5	195
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	63	2	59	19	5	59	21	7	241
Oral medicine	1	10		5			12	10	2	40
Oral surgery		42		8		1	7	1	3	62
Orthodontics	15	194	2	121	53	9	157	69	20	640
Paediatric dentistry	4	47		28	16	1	47	22	5	170
Periodontics	8	67	1	55	17	5	66	32	7	258
Prosthodontics	5	67		42	29		58	24	8	233
Public health dentistry (Community dentistry)		7		1	1		8	1		18
Special needs dentistry		6		4	6		8	1	1	26
Total	48	565	6	380	162	27	475	212	60	1,935

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		19	2	2	4	12	1	89

Age group

Table 6.1 Dental practitioners - by age group

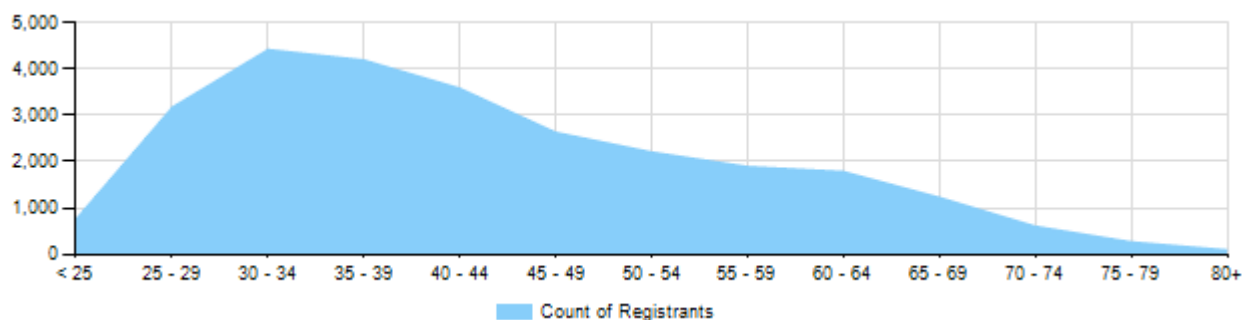


Table 6.2 Dental practitioners - registration type by age group

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	760							3	763
25 - 29	3,118		5		1			51	3,175
30 - 34	4,177		116	5	3		3	118	4,422
35 - 39	3,837	2	224	10	3		4	115	4,195
40 - 44	3,141		324	23	2		7	88	3,585
45 - 49	2,272		265	13	1		6	73	2,630
50 - 54	1,923		200	8			7	67	2,205
55 - 59	1,612		184	6			4	85	1,891
60 - 64	1,455		216	1			1	110	1,783
65 - 69	971		153	1				99	1,224
70 - 74	415		89	1			1	95	601
75 - 79	186		33					42	261
80+	53		16					19	88
Total	23,920	2	1,825	68	10	0	33	965	26,823

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	3,793	104	2,757	1,229	202	3,384	1,748	235	13,733
	General and Non-practising					1			1			2
	General and Specialist		13	151	1	99	53	7	158	73	12	567
	Specialist		1	6		4	1		9	3	5	29
	Limited	Postgraduate training or supervised practice					1		2	1		4
		Teaching or research				4	1		1	2		8
	Non-practising		9	119	2	78	44	3	92	43	125	515
Total Female			304	4,069	107	2,943	1,329	212	3,647	1,870	377	14,858
Male	General		148	3,268	61	2,202	692	183	2,438	1,014	180	10,186
	General and Specialist		34	379	4	263	104	19	295	127	33	1,258
	Specialist			8		7	3	1	5	6	9	39
	Limited	Postgraduate training or supervised practice					1		3	2		6
		Teaching or research		5		11	2		1	5		24
	Non-practising		4	108	3	63	27	7	90	32	116	450
Total Male			186	3,768	68	2,546	829	210	2,832	1,186	338	11,963
Not stated or Intersex or Indeterminate	General			1								1
	Limited	Teaching or research					1					1
Total			490	7,838	175	5,489	2,159	422	6,479	3,056	715	26,823

Table 7.2 Dental practitioners - percentage by gender

Gender	ACT	NSW	NT	QLD	SA	TAS	VIC	WA	No PPP	Total
Female	62.0%	51.9%	61.1%	53.6%	61.6%	50.2%	56.3%	61.2%	52.7%	55.4%
Male	38.0%	48.1%	38.9%	46.4%	38.4%	49.8%	43.7%	38.8%	47.3%	44.6%
Not stated or Intersex or Indeterminate		<0.1%			<0.1%					<0.1%