

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

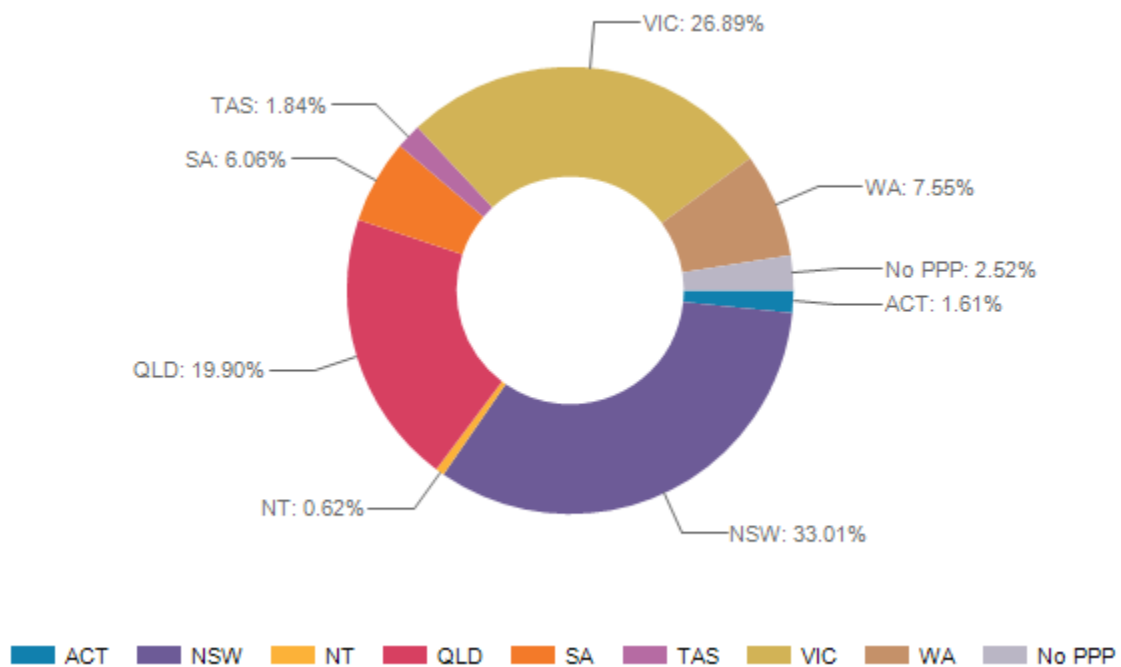
Principal place of practice

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		94	1,967	38	1,182	368	111	1,606	453	89	5,908
Limited	Postgraduate training or supervised practice	2	2		4			2	4	2	16
	Teaching or research					1					1
Non-practising		2	45		28	1	1	33	4	63	177
Total		98	2,014	38	1,214	370	112	1,641	461	154	6,102

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	59	1,113	29	761	269	88	1,272	271	28	3,890
% of General Registrants who are Endorsed	62.8%	56.6%	76.3%	64.4%	73.1%	79.3%	79.2%	59.8%	31.5%	65.8%

Table 1.4 Endorsement by age group

Age group	Scheduled Medicines	% of general registrants who are endorsed
U - 25	320	100.0%
25 - 29	1,167	99.4%
30 - 34	736	91.8%
35 - 39	465	68.0%
40 - 44	351	57.4%
45 - 49	269	47.0%
50 - 54	241	41.8%
55 - 59	166	37.9%
60 - 64	117	25.9%
65 - 69	43	21.3%
70 - 74	13	24.5%
75 - 79	2	10.5%
80+		0%
Total	3,890	65.8%

**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	228	92							228	92	320
25 - 29	818	356	2	2			7	1	827	359	1,186
30 - 34	528	274	2				13	4	543	278	821
35 - 39	455	229	3	2		1	15	3	473	235	708
40 - 44	366	246	2	2			14	11	382	259	641
45 - 49	327	245		1			16	7	343	253	596
50 - 54	260	316					15	9	275	325	600
55 - 59	177	261					7	17	184	278	462
60 - 64	110	341					4	13	114	354	468
65 - 69	44	158					1	4	45	162	207
70 - 74	11	42					2	9	13	51	64
75 - 79	1	18						4	1	22	23
80+		5						1	0	6	6
Total	3,325	2,583	9	7	0	1	94	83	3,428	2,674	6,102

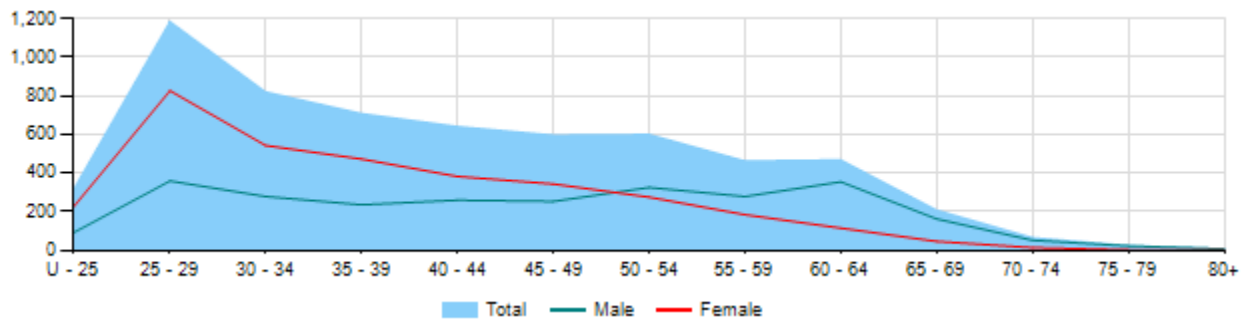
Table 2.2 Registrants age group, by principal place of practice and gender - General and Limited

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	4	1	79	29	3	1	73	25	16	8	6	2	38	17	8	9	1		320
25 - 29	14	6	251	116	6	3	143	66	91	26	15	3	256	108	41	28	3	2	1,178
30 - 34	5	7	161	78	2	1	98	48	21	16	4	2	203	102	33	18	3	2	804
35 - 39	7	3	158	71	3		89	47	29	12	6	4	127	72	33	17	6	6	690
40 - 44	12	6	140	67	1	2	68	59	15	13	3	5	90	72	34	22	5	2	616
45 - 49	10	5	109	64	4	2	72	57	14	17	8	9	77	57	28	31	5	4	573
50 - 54	1	6	99	87		2	54	74	8	21	4	5	67	77	18	38	9	6	576
55 - 59	1	2	67	70	2	3	40	67	4	11	5	7	44	66	9	26	5	9	438
60 - 64		4	56	156		2	11	54	7	23	3	13	17	54	10	28	6	7	451
65 - 69	1	1	21	66	1		6	23	2	13		5	10	32	1	15	2	3	202
70 - 74			5	10				9				1	6	12		6		4	53
75 - 79			1	3				3		2		1		4		4		1	19
80+				5															5
Total	55	41	1,147	822	22	16	654	532	207	162	54	57	935	673	215	242	45	46	5,925

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			3	1			1						1				2		8
30 - 34			2	2			1	1					3				7	1	17
35 - 39			6				2	2					3		1	4			18
40 - 44			2	3			1	2					6	3	1		4	3	25
45 - 49			4	2			1						5	2			6	3	23
50 - 54			5	1			3						1	2	1		5	6	24
55 - 59			1	3				1	1				3				5	10	24
60 - 64		2		3			3	4							1	1	3		17
65 - 69				1				1			1						1	1	5
70 - 74			2	2				4						3					11
75 - 79				1				1						1				1	4
80+				1															1
Total	0	2	25	20	0	0	12	16	1	0	0	1	19	14	2	2	35	28	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	56.1%	58.2%	57.9%	54.9%	56.2%	48.2%	58.1%	47.1%	51.9%	56.2%
Male	43.9%	41.8%	42.1%	45.1%	43.8%	51.8%	41.9%	52.9%	48.1%	43.8%