

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

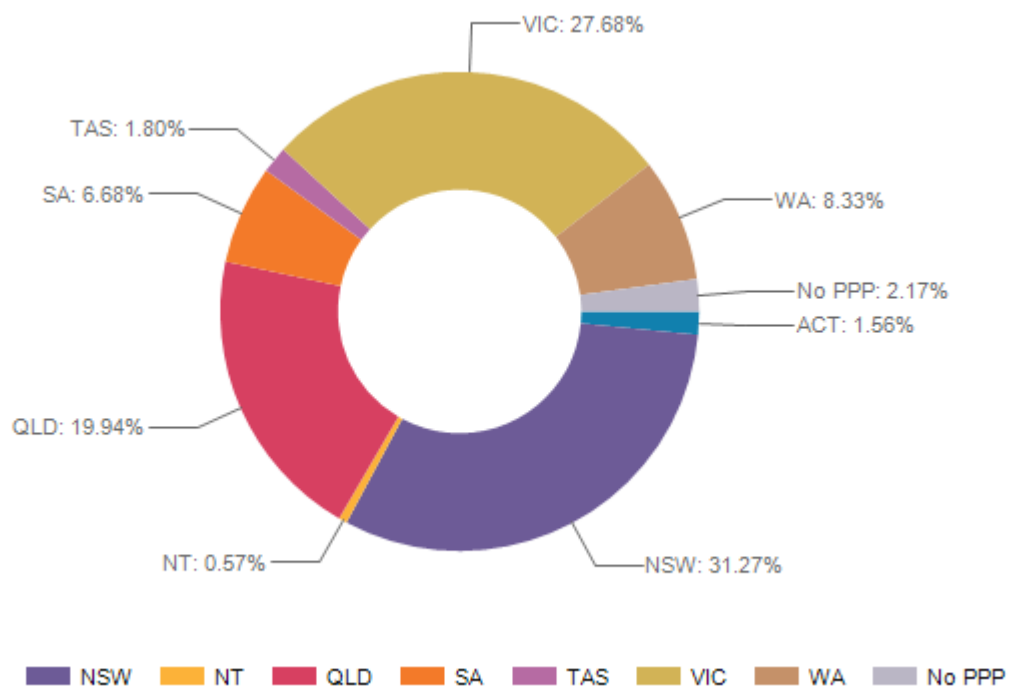
Principal place of practice

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		107	2,145	40	1,366	464	123	1,893	573	73	6,784
Limited	Postgraduate training or supervised practice		3		3	2	1	7	7	6	29
	Teaching or research		1								1
Non-practising		3	56		37	5	3	52	7	74	237
Total		110	2,205	40	1,406	471	127	1,952	587	153	7,051

Table 1.2 Principal place of practice percentages



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		5		2	1	1	3		1	13
Percentage of all practitioners		0.2 %		0.1 %	0.2 %	0.8 %	0.2 %		0.7 %	0.2 %

Endorsements

Table 1.4 Endorsements

Endorsement	ACT	NSW	NT	QLD	SA	TAS	VIC	WA	No PPP	Total
Scheduled Medicines	84	1,459	35	1,028	390	106	1,645	425	38	5,210
% of General Registrants who are Endorsed	78.5%	68.0%	87.5%	75.3%	84.1%	86.2%	86.9%	74.2%	52.1%	76.8%

Table 1.5 Endorsement by age group

Age group	Scheduled Medicines	% of general registrants who are endorsed
< 25	428	100.0%
25 - 29	1,381	100.0%
30 - 34	1,163	98.8%
35 - 39	668	89.8%
40 - 44	452	70.1%
45 - 49	348	62.9%
50 - 54	283	49.1%
55 - 59	222	44.3%
60 - 64	159	40.7%
65 - 69	79	28.1%
70 - 74	21	25.3%
75 - 79	6	28.6%
80+		.0%
Total	5,210	76.8%

**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
< 25	300	128							300	128	428
25 - 29	977	404	4				3	2	984	406	1,390
30 - 34	792	385	8	3			18	3	818	391	1,209
35 - 39	487	257	3	3			22	5	512	265	777
40 - 44	426	219	5	1	1		17	5	449	225	674
45 - 49	312	241					27	12	339	253	592
50 - 54	312	264	2				15	8	329	272	601
55 - 59	220	281					18	10	238	291	529
60 - 64	124	267					15	19	139	286	425
65 - 69	58	223					3	20	61	243	304
70 - 74	18	65					1	5	19	70	89
75 - 79	1	20					1	6	2	26	28
80+		3						2	0	5	5
Total	4,027	2,757	22	7	1	0	140	97	4,190	2,861	7,051

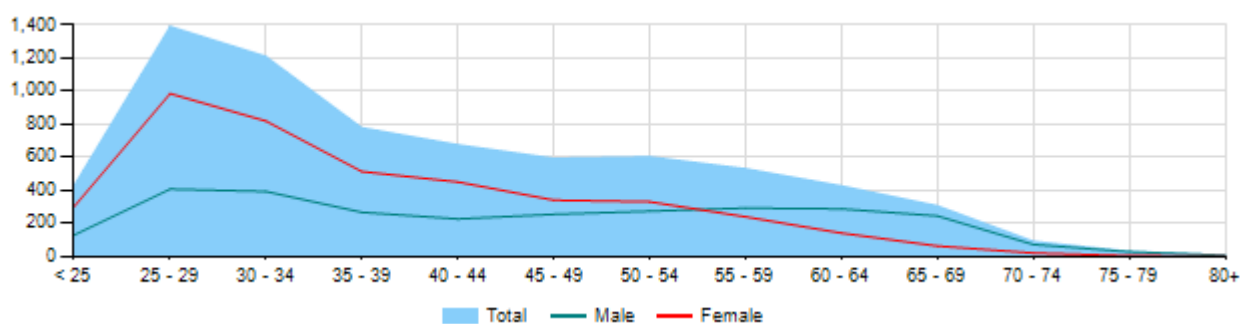
Table 2.2 Registrants age group, by principal place of practice and gender - General and Limited

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	2	4	78	33	3		74	40	39	9	5	2	68	19	30	20	1	1	428
25 - 29	17	4	295	125	8		195	59	105	41	16	8	264	132	69	32	12	3	1,385
30 - 34	14	6	214	119	4	2	138	71	72	19	14	5	297	131	42	31	5	4	1,188
35 - 39	7	8	145	79	4		91	45	18	15	5	2	178	88	37	20	5	3	750
40 - 44	7	2	155	63	3	1	87	56	24	9	5	2	105	62	38	23	8	2	652
45 - 49	8	3	113	63	2	1	63	62	11	13	5	4	73	73	37	19		3	553
50 - 54	7	7	107	72	2	2	68	65	15	18	8	7	71	54	30	37	6	2	578
55 - 59	1	3	82	81			52	64	5	14	3	7	59	71	15	37	3	4	501
60 - 64	1	3	50	86	2	4	24	60	2	13	5	7	31	61	7	27	2	6	391
65 - 69	1	1	32	114		2	4	36	3	16	2	8	9	29	6	13	1	4	281
70 - 74		1	9	28			2	10		5		2	6	12		6	1	1	83
75 - 79				5				3				2	1	4		4		2	21
80+				1										2					3
Total	65	42	1,280	869	28	12	798	571	294	172	68	56	1,162	738	311	269	44	35	6,814

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	1		1							1		5
30 - 34			4				3	2					4	1			7		21
35 - 39			2	4			5	1					4				11		27
40 - 44			5				2	2					5		1	5	2		22
45 - 49	2		4	7			4	1					10	2			7	2	39
50 - 54			5	1									3	1			7	6	23
55 - 59			3	1			4	1	1				3	5			7	3	28
60 - 64			6	3			1	1	2	1	1		1	4	2	4	8		34
65 - 69		1		6				4				2	1	4	2	2	1		23
70 - 74			1	1									2		1		1		6
75 - 79			1	1				3					2						7
80+				1											1				2
Total	2	1	31	25	0	0	21	16	3	2	1	2	31	21	0	7	51	23	237

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	60.9%	59.5%	70.0%	58.3%	63.1%	54.3%	61.1%	53.0%	62.1%	59.4%
Male	39.1%	40.5%	30.0%	41.7%	36.9%	45.7%	38.9%	47.0%	37.9%	40.6%