

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

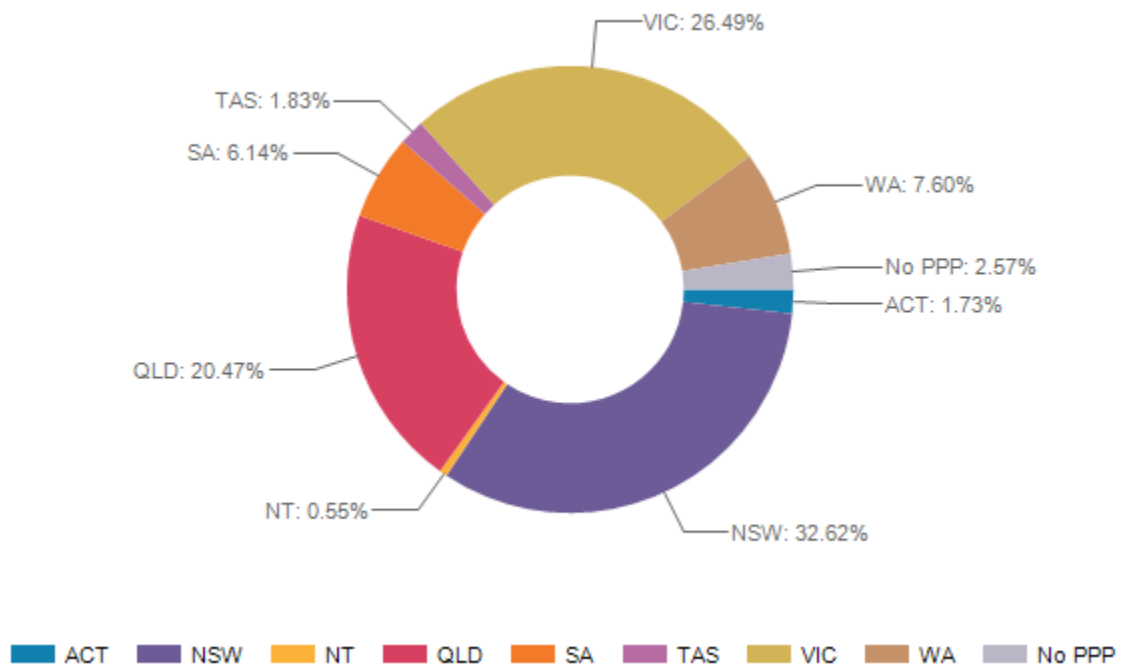
Principal place of practice

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		103	1,966	34	1,231	376	112	1,594	459	87	5,962
Limited	Postgraduate training or supervised practice	1	2		3			2	3	2	13
Non-practising		3	46		30	3	1	40	7	70	200
Total		107	2,014	34	1,264	379	113	1,636	469	159	6,175

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	69	1,118	26	810	276	90	1,265	280	28	3,962
% of General Registrants who are Endorsed	67.0%	56.9%	76.5%	65.8%	73.4%	80.4%	79.4%	61.0%	32.2%	66.5%

Table 1.4 Endorsement by age group

Age group	Scheduled Medicines	% of general registrants who are endorsed
U - 25	320	99.4%
25 - 29	1,185	99.4%
30 - 34	758	93.0%
35 - 39	473	69.5%
40 - 44	359	57.6%
45 - 49	278	48.4%
50 - 54	243	41.6%
55 - 59	160	37.5%
60 - 64	122	26.8%
65 - 69	47	22.8%
70 - 74	15	27.8%
75 - 79	2	8.7%
80+		.0%
Total	3,962	66.5%

**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	232	90							232	90	322
25 - 29	832	360	2	1			6	2	840	363	1,203
30 - 34	532	283	1	1			15	4	548	288	836
35 - 39	457	224	3	1			16	3	476	228	704
40 - 44	367	256	2	1			15	11	384	268	652
45 - 49	333	241		1			17	8	350	250	600
50 - 54	266	318					18	9	284	327	611
55 - 59	176	251					7	18	183	269	452
60 - 64	114	342					5	15	119	357	476
65 - 69	45	161					5	9	50	170	220
70 - 74	11	43					2	10	13	53	66
75 - 79	1	22						4	1	26	27
80+		5						1	0	6	6
Total	3,366	2,596	8	5	0	0	106	94	3,480	2,695	6,175

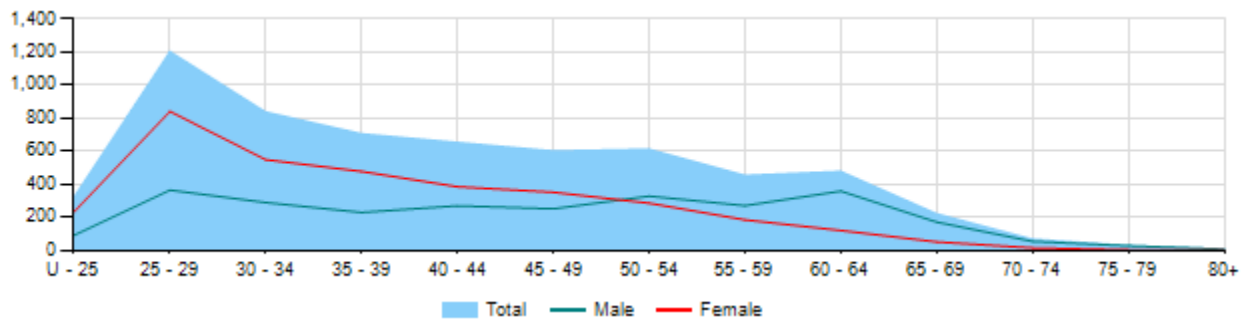
Table 2.2 Registrants age group, by principal place of practice and gender - General and Limited

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	69	27	2	1	92	27	18	8	6	3	33	17	7	6			322
25 - 29	20	5	256	118	4	3	152	70	93	26	17	4	244	102	44	32	4	1	1,195
30 - 34	4	9	161	77	3	1	95	52	22	18	4	1	207	103	32	21	5	2	817
35 - 39	8	4	149	67	2		94	47	29	9	6	4	133	72	33	16	6	6	685
40 - 44	11	5	147	72	1	2	68	59	16	14	3	4	86	74	31	23	6	4	626
45 - 49	9	5	106	65	4	2	74	56	15	18	7	8	83	56	30	29	5	3	575
50 - 54	2	6	105	86		1	55	77	8	21	5	6	64	75	19	40	8	6	584
55 - 59	1	2	64	68	2	2	41	64	4	9	4	6	45	67	10	25	5	8	427
60 - 64		5	59	157		3	13	52	3	24	4	14	19	52	10	30	6	5	456
65 - 69	1	1	22	66	1		6	27	4	14		4	9	34	1	12	1	3	206
70 - 74			5	13				9		1		1	6	11		5		3	54
75 - 79			1	3				4		2		1		4		6		2	23
80+				5															5
Total	61	43	1,144	824	19	15	690	544	212	164	56	56	929	667	217	245	46	43	5,975

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			1				1					1	1				3	1	8
30 - 34			2	2			1	1				4					8	1	19
35 - 39			6				2	2				3			1		5		19
40 - 44			4	4			1	2				6	3	2			2	2	26
45 - 49	1		3	2			1					4	3				8	3	25
50 - 54			6				3	1				2	2	1			6	6	27
55 - 59			1	3				1	1				3				5	11	25
60 - 64		2		4			2	3	2				1		1		1	4	20
65 - 69			1	1			1	3			1	1	1		2	2	1		14
70 - 74			2	2				4					4						12
75 - 79				1				1					1					1	4
80+				1															1
Total	1	2	26	20	0	0	12	18	3	0	0	1	21	19	3	4	40	30	200

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	57.9%	58.1%	55.9%	55.5%	56.7%	49.6%	58.1%	46.9%	54.1%	56.4%
Male	42.1%	41.9%	44.1%	44.5%	43.3%	50.4%	41.9%	53.1%	45.9%	43.6%