

# 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](http://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](http://www.optometryboard.gov.au/Registration.aspx)

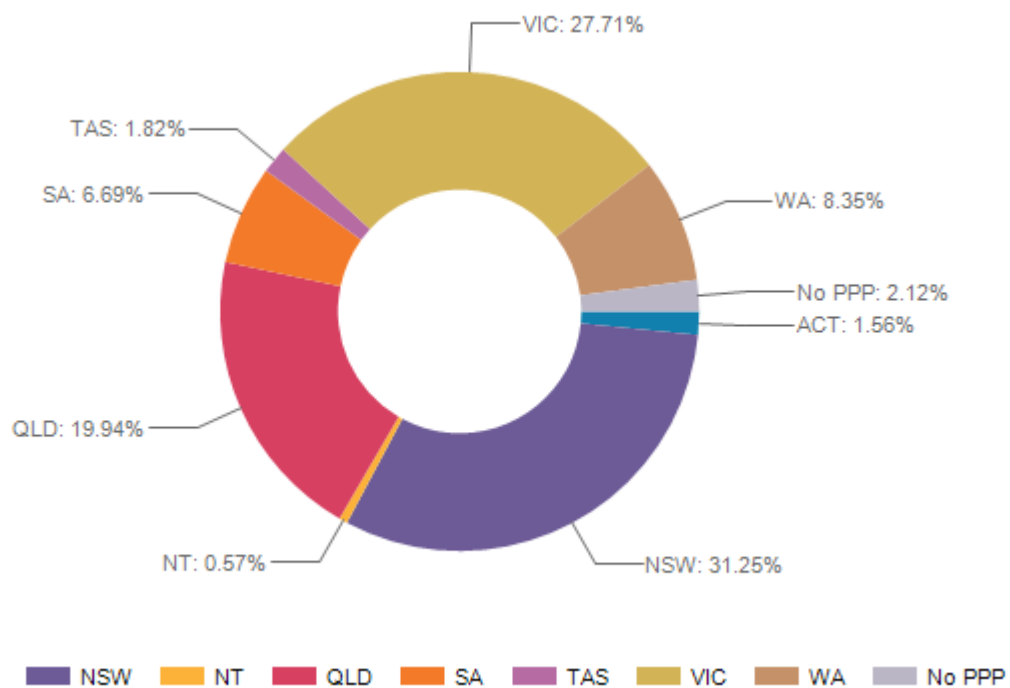
## Principal place of practice

### 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	2,141	40	1,364	465	124	1,890	573	71	<b>6,775</b>
Limited	Postgraduate training or supervised practice		3		2	1	1	7	8	5	<b>27</b>
	Teaching or research		1								<b>1</b>
Non-practising		3	55		38	5	3	54	7	73	<b>238</b>
<b>Total</b>		<b>110</b>	<b>2,200</b>	<b>40</b>	<b>1,404</b>	<b>471</b>	<b>128</b>	<b>1,951</b>	<b>588</b>	<b>149</b>	<b>7,041</b>

**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	<b>13</b>
Percentage of all practitioners		0.2 %		0.1 %	0.2 %	0.8 %	0.2 %		0.7 %	<b>0.2 %</b>

## Endorsements

**Table 1.4 Endorsements**

Endorsement	ACT	NSW	NT	QLD	SA	TAS	VIC	WA	No PPP	Total
Scheduled Medicines	84	1,455	35	1,025	391	107	1,639	424	36	<b>5,196</b>
% of General Registrants who are Endorsed	78.5%	68.0%	87.5%	75.1%	84.1%	86.3%	86.7%	74.0%	50.7%	<b>76.7%</b>

**Table 1.5 Endorsement by age group**

Age group	Scheduled Medicines	% of general registrants who are endorsed
< 25	470	100.0%
25 - 29	1,398	100.0%
30 - 34	1,125	98.7%
35 - 39	654	89.3%
40 - 44	451	69.3%
45 - 49	345	61.9%
50 - 54	277	48.9%
55 - 59	216	43.5%
60 - 64	161	41.5%
65 - 69	72	26.4%
70 - 74	23	28.4%
75 - 79	4	21.1%
80+		.0%
<b>Total</b>	<b>5,196</b>	<b>76.7%</b>

*\*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	331	139						1	331	140	471
25 - 29	988	410	3				4	2	995	412	1,407
30 - 34	762	378	8	4			17	3	787	385	1,172
35 - 39	483	249	3	2			25	5	511	256	767
40 - 44	429	222	4	1	1		17	7	451	230	681
45 - 49	312	245					25	10	337	255	592
50 - 54	300	266	2				17	10	319	276	595
55 - 59	222	275					15	10	237	285	522
60 - 64	122	266					15	19	137	285	422
65 - 69	53	220					3	18	56	238	294
70 - 74	18	63					2	5	20	68	88
75 - 79	1	18						6	1	24	25
80+		3						2	0	5	5
<b>Total</b>	<b>4,021</b>	<b>2,754</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>140</b>	<b>98</b>	<b>4,182</b>	<b>2,859</b>	<b>7,041</b>

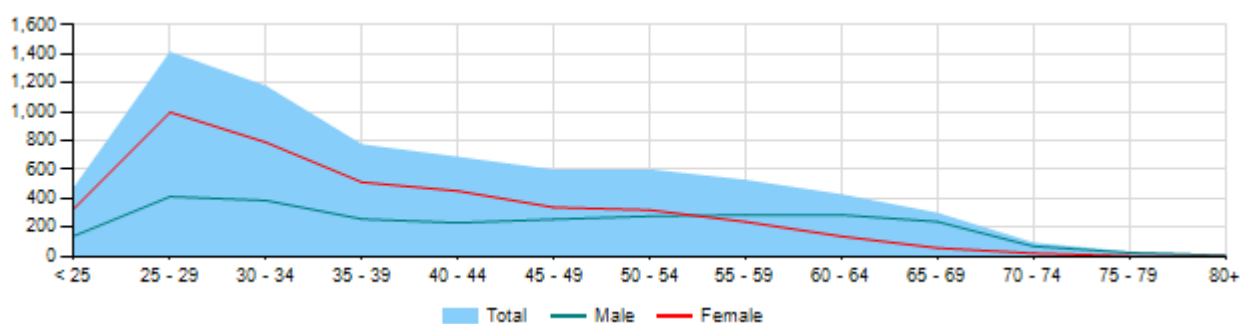
**Table 2.2 Registrants age group, by principal place of practice and gender - General and Limited**

Age group	TAS		WA		NT		SA		NSW		QLD		ACT		VIC		No PPP		Total
	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	
< 25	6	2	34	22	3		42	10	90	39	80	41	3	4	71	20	2	1	<b>470</b>
25 - 29	17	8	68	33	8		106	43	294	120	197	61	17	4	272	138	12	3	<b>1,401</b>
30 - 34	14	6	39	32	4	2	67	18	207	120	129	68	13	8	293	126	4	2	<b>1,152</b>
35 - 39	4	1	40	18	4		18	14	141	76	93	46	7	6	174	87	5	3	<b>737</b>
40 - 44	5	2	38	23	3	1	25	9	160	66	87	54	8	2	101	64	7	2	<b>657</b>
45 - 49	5	4	36	20	2	1	12	13	113	61	64	64	7	4	73	75		3	<b>557</b>
50 - 54	8	8	28	36	2	2	13	21	104	74	64	64	7	6	70	53	6	2	<b>568</b>
55 - 59	5	7	16	36			5	11	79	80	53	65	1	3	60	69	3	4	<b>497</b>
60 - 64	4	7	6	27	2	4	2	14	51	87	24	58	1	3	30	60	2	6	<b>388</b>
65 - 69	1	7	6	13		2	3	16	31	109	3	38	1	2	7	29	1	4	<b>273</b>
70 - 74		2		6				4	9	28	2	9			6	13	1	1	<b>81</b>
75 - 79		2		4						5		2			1	3		2	<b>19</b>
80+										1						2			<b>3</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>69</b>	<b>56</b>	<b>311</b>	<b>270</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>293</b>	<b>173</b>	<b>1,279</b>	<b>866</b>	<b>796</b>	<b>570</b>	<b>65</b>	<b>42</b>	<b>1,158</b>	<b>739</b>	<b>43</b>	<b>33</b>	<b>6,803</b>

**Table 2.3 Registrants age group, by principal place of practice and gender - Non-Practising**

Age group	NSW		VIC		ACT		WA		SA		NT		TAS		QLD		No PPP		Total
	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	
< 25																1			1
25 - 29			1						1						2	1	1		6
30 - 34	4		4	1											3	2	6		20
35 - 39	2	4	5												5	1	13		30
40 - 44	5	1	6					1							2	2	4	3	24
45 - 49	3	6	10	2	2										4	1	6	1	35
50 - 54	6	1	3	2													8	7	27
55 - 59	2	1	2	5					1						4	1	6	3	25
60 - 64	6	4	1	3		1		2	2	1			1		1	1	4	7	34
65 - 69		5	1	4				2					2		4	2	1		21
70 - 74	2	1		2				1										1	7
75 - 79		1		2											3				6
80+		1						1											2
<b>Total</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>33</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>50</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>238</b>

**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%	58.2%	62.8%	54.7%	61.0%	52.9%	62.4%	<b>59.4%</b>
Male	39.1%	40.5%	30.0%	41.8%	37.2%	45.3%	39.0%	47.1%	37.6%	<b>40.6%</b>