Psychology Board of Australia Registrant data

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Introduction

The role of the Psychology Board of Australia (the Board) includes:

- registering psychologists and provisional psychologists
- developing standards, codes and guidelines for the psychology profession
- handling notifications, complaints, investigations and disciplinary hearings
- overseeing the assessment of overseas trained psychologists 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 psychology registration, please see the Board's website www.psychologyboard.gov.au/Registration.aspx

Principal place of practice

Principal Place of Practice (PPP) is the address declared by the psychologist to be the address at which they are predominantly practising the profession. If the psychologist is not practising the profession or is not practising predominantly at one address the Principal Place of Practice may be the psychologist's principal place of residence.

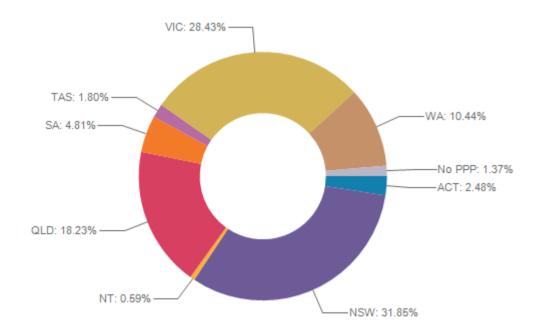
The 'No PPP' column in the tables on the following pages represents psychologists who do not have an Australian Principal Place of Practice recorded on the register usually because they are currently residing overseas or who have not provided a valid PPP.

Registration type

Table 1.1 Registration type by principal place of practice

Registration types	ACT	NSW	NT	QLD	SA	TAS	VIC	WA	No PPP	Total
General	971	12,157	232	7,128	1,860	661	10,759	4,044	415	38,227
Provisional	179	2,565	44	1,318	356	165	2,463	806	41	7,937
Non-practising	39	560	8	301	93	37	420	162	202	1,822
Total	1,189	15,282	284	8,747	2,309	863	13,642	5,012	658	47,986

Table 1.2 Registration by 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	6	132	11	113	14	9	50	30	1	366
Percentage of all practitioners	0.5 %	0.9 %	3.9 %	1.3 %	0.6 %	1.0 %	0.4 %	0.6 %	0.2 %	0.8 %

Endorsements

Area of practice endorsements by PPP

Table 2.1 Area of practice endorsements by state or territory

Area of Practice	ACT	NSW	NT	QLD	SA	TAS	VIC	WA	No PPP	Total
Clinical neuropsychology	15	214	6	144	35	8	424	64	17	927
Clinical psychology	408	3,712	53	2,117	852	258	3,262	1,419	138	12,219
Community psychology	1	5	1	3			33	8		51
Counselling psychology	9	182		102	19	13	518	201	7	1,051
Educational and developmental psychology	7	160	1	190	31	18	456	65	8	936
Forensic psychology	14	241	8	74	35	10	215	52	5	654
Health psychology	5	63		72	40	11	143	4	1	339
Organisational psychology	16	225		107	60	2	211	70	7	698
Sport and exercise psychology	8	24		39	7	3	22	7		110
Total	483	4,826	69	2,848	1,079	323	5,284	1,890	183	16,985

The figures in the table above show the total number of psychology area of practice endorsements recorded on the National Register. Psychologists who hold more than one endorsement are counted for each endorsement they hold. The number of individual psychologists who hold at least one area of practice endorsement after the close of business on 31 March 2024 was 15,941.

Number of endorsements

Table 2.2 Number of endorsements held

Endorsement	1	2	3	4	5	6	Total
Number of endorsed psychologists with the corresponding number of endorsements	14,966	917	50	6	1	1	15,941
% of endorsed psychologists who hold the corresponding number of endorsements	93.9%	5.8%	0.3%	<0.1%	<0.1%	<0.1%	100.0%
Number of psychologists with general registration (endorsed and non-endorsed)							38,227
% of all psychologists with general registration with one or more endorsement	39.2%	2.4%	0.1%	<0.1%	<0.1%	<0.1%	41.7%

Table 2.3 Psychologists with one endorsement and total number of endorsements - by area of practice

Area of Practice	Psychologists with one endorsement	% of psychologists with one endorsement	Total endorsements	% of total endorsements
Clinical neuropsychology	752	5.0%	927	5.5%
Clinical psychology	11,363	75.9%	12,219	71.9%
Community psychology	31	0.2%	51	0.3%
Counselling psychology	761	5.1%	1,051	6.2%
Educational and developmental psychology	772	5.2%	936	5.5%
Forensic psychology	378	2.5%	654	3.9%
Health psychology	185	1.2%	339	2.0%
Organisational psychology	631	4.2%	698	4.1%
Sport and exercise psychology	93	0.6%	110	0.6%
Total	14,966	100.0%	16,985	100.0%

The sum of individual proportions may not add up to 100% due to rounding.

Provisional Registration

Provisional registrants by pathway

Table 3.1 Provisional registrants by pathway

Pathway	ACT	NSW	NT	QLD	SA	TAS	VIC	WA	No PPP	Total
4+2 Internship	33	778	13	461	92	30	304	288	1	2,000
5+1 Internship	57	930	6	362	83	72	952	342	5	2,809
Higher Degree program	85	825	25	480	176	60	1,183	170	14	3,018
Transitional Program	4	32		15	5	3	24	6	21	110
Total	179	2,565	44	1,318	356	165	2,463	806	41	7,937

Supervisors

Board-approved supervisors

Table 4.1 Approved supervisors by PPP

PPP	Number of approved supervisors	% of general registrants
ACT	345	29.0%
NSW	3,646	23.9%
NT	62	21.8%
QLD	2,038	23.3%
SA	597	25.9%
TAS	220	25.5%
VIC	2,969	21.8%
WA	1,151	23.0%
No PPP	63	9.6%
Total	11,091	23.1%

Table 4.2 Change in the number of approved supervisors



Registrar program supervisors

Table 4.3 Registrar program principal supervisors

Area of practice	ACT	NSW	NT	QLD	SA	TAS	VIC	WA	No PPP	Total
Clinical neuropsychology	10	123	3	83	21	5	237	33	5	520
Clinical psychology	207	1,600	28	940	374	120	1,463	606	33	5,371
Community psychology	1	1	1	1			17			21
Counselling psychology	1	50		44	9	1	181	80	2	368
Educational and developmental psychology	2	79		94	19	8	154	33	1	390
Forensic psychology	9	136	7	36	18	3	121	23	3	356
Health psychology	3	23		41	19	3	72			161
Organisational psychology	7	89		58	25	2	91	22		294
Sport and exercise psychology	2	10		14	2	2	9			39
Total	242	2,111	39	1,311	487	144	2,345	797	44	7,520

Age group

Registration type

Table 5.1 Registration type by age group

Age group	General	Provisional	Non-practising	Total
< 25	162	1,386		1,548
25 - 29	3,345	2,463	38	5,846
30 - 34	4,975	1,317	156	6,448
35 - 39	5,458	949	228	6,635
40 - 44	5,495	699	193	6,387
45 - 49	4,815	486	149	5,450
50 - 54	4,326	374	147	4,847
55 - 59	3,100	168	151	3,419
60 - 64	2,667	67	180	2,914
65 - 69	1,915	22	211	2,148
70 - 74	1,190	5	208	1,403
75 - 79	580	1	109	690
80+	199		52	251
Total	38,227	7,937	1,822	47,986

Table 5.2 Registrants by age group



Gender

Registration type

Table 6.1 Psychology registrants by gender, by state and territory and by registration type

Gender	Registration types	ACT	NSW	NT	QLD	SA	TAS	VIC	WA	No PPP	Total
	General	794	9,829	184	5,751	1,462	554	8,688	3,273	326	30,861
Female	Provisional	134	2,038	37	1,023	287	132	1,951	649	33	6,284
	Non-practising	27	423	6	244	70	26	346	142	163	1,447
Total female		955	12,290	227	7,018	1,819	712	10,985	4,064	522	38,592
	General	177	2,326	48	1,376	398	107	2,068	768	89	7,357
Male	Provisional	45	527	7	294	69	33	506	154	8	1,643
	Non-practising	12	137	2	57	23	11	74	20	39	375
Total male		234	2,990	57	1,727	490	151	2,648	942	136	9,375
Not stated or Intersex or	General		2		1			3	3		9
Indeterminate	Provisional				1			6	3		10
Total Not state Indeterminate	ed or Intersex or	0	2	0	2	0	0	9	6	0	19
Total		1,189	15,282	284	8,747	2,309	863	13,642	5,012	658	47,986

Percentage

Table 6.2 Registrants by gender percentages

Gender	ACT	NSW	NT	QLD	SA	TAS	VIC	WA	No PPP	Total
Female	80.3%	80.4%	79.9%	80.2%	78.8%	82.5%	80.5%	81.1%	79.3%	80.4%
Male	19.7%	19.6%	20.1%	19.7%	21.2%	17.5%	19.4%	18.8%	20.7%	19.5%
Not stated or Intersex or Indeterminate		<0.1%		<0.1%			<0.1%	0.1%		<0.1%