

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.

Pandemic response sub-register

In April 2020, Ahpra and National Boards established a temporary pandemic response sub-register for up to 12 months to help fast track the return to the workforce of experienced and qualified health practitioners to assist with the COVID-19 pandemic. In early April 2021, the Commonwealth Health Minister requested that optometrists (as well as nurses, midwives, pharmacists, and Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander health practitioners) be added to the sub-register for up to 12 months to help with the COVID-19 response. These optometrists are included in these statistics. Please see the [COVID-19](#) page on Ahpra's website for more information.

For more information on optometry registration, please see the Board's website: www.optometryboard.gov.au/Registration.aspx

Principal place of practice

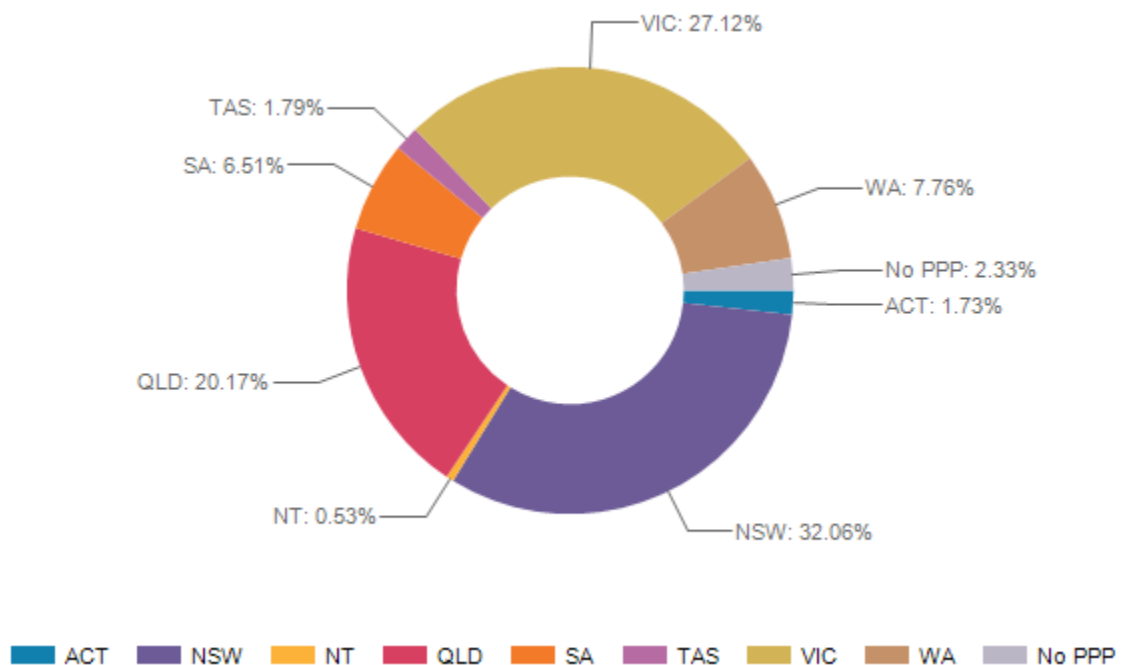
Registration type

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		109	2,055	35	1,289	421	116	1,725	498	69	6,317
Limited	Postgraduate training or supervised practice	2	3		3		1	7	4	4	24
Non-practising		3	50		34	7	1	51	8	80	234
Total		114	2,108	35	1,326	428	118	1,783	510	153	6,575*

* Total figure includes 3 optometrists on the Pandemic response sub-register. For more information go to the [COVID-19](#) page on the Ahpra website.

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	79	1,284	28	919	335	97	1,433	333	26	4,534
% of General Registrants who are Endorsed	72.5%	62.5%	80.0%	71.3%	79.6%	83.6%	83.1%	66.9%	37.7%	71.8%

Table 1.4 Endorsement by age group

Age group	Scheduled Medicines	% of general registrants who are endorsed
U - 25	336	100.0%
25 - 29	1,315	100.0%
30 - 34	914	97.0%
35 - 39	556	79.3%
40 - 44	408	64.7%
45 - 49	325	57.8%
50 - 54	257	44.9%
55 - 59	181	39.1%
60 - 64	162	35.8%
65 - 69	59	24.1%
70 - 74	18	25.0%
75 - 79	3	15.0%
80+		0.0%
Total	4,534	71.8%

**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						
	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female	Male	Total
U - 25	235	101					235	101	336
25 - 29	932	383	4		5	1	941	384	1,325
30 - 34	623	319	6	2	20	8	649	329	978
35 - 39	470	231	5	2	20	8	495	241	736
40 - 44	398	233	3	1	12	10	413	244	657
45 - 49	309	253	1		23	12	333	265	598
50 - 54	298	275			21	9	319	284	603
55 - 59	200	263			12	11	212	274	486
60 - 64	123	330			9	15	132	345	477
65 - 69	47	198			6	15	53	213	266
70 - 74	19	53			1	7	20	60	80
75 - 79	2	18				7	2	25	27
80+		4				2	0	6	6
Total	3,656	2,661	19	5	129	105	3,804	2,771	6,575

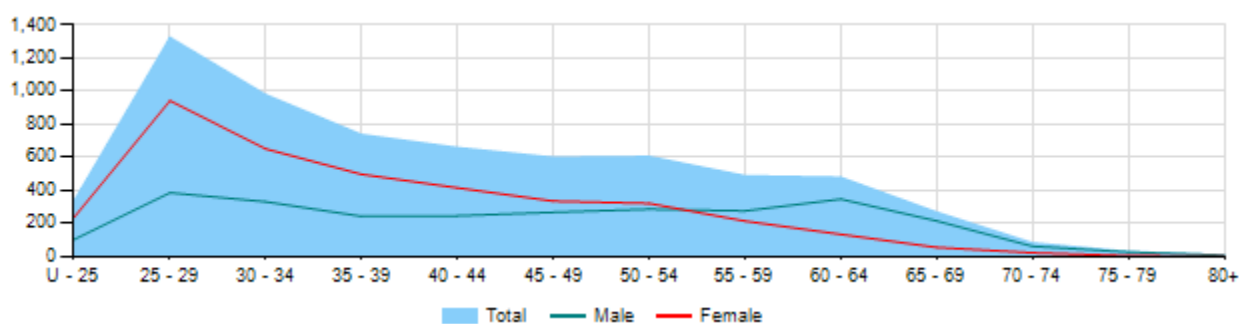
Table 2.2 Registrants age group, by principal place of practice and gender - General and Limited

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	75	36	1		54	26	27	10	5	2	49	20	17	6	3		336
25 - 29	23	7	279	110	7	1	195	70	98	33	20	7	252	123	57	31	5	1	1,319
30 - 34	8	7	173	113	3	2	113	57	47	16	6	1	246	100	30	23	3	2	950
35 - 39	9	4	148	66	3		99	49	16	19	6	3	152	78	36	10	6	4	708
40 - 44	10	3	156	68	2	1	70	53	25	9	3	2	90	70	38	25	7	3	635
45 - 49	6	5	97	63	2	3	70	60	17	19	8	7	76	71	32	25	2		563
50 - 54	6	8	111	76	1	1	64	68	7	18	6	6	72	59	24	36	7	3	573
55 - 59	2	2	72	71			50	66	5	7	6	6	48	72	13	34	4	5	463
60 - 64	1	2	61	130	2	5	20	59	1	22	3	13	25	63	9	28	1	8	453
65 - 69	1	2	24	92		1	4	35	6	16		4	7	32	2	13	3	3	245
70 - 74			11	19			1	7		2		2	7	14		8		1	72
75 - 79			1	5				2		1		1	1	3		4		2	20
80+				1										2		1			4
Total	70	41	1,208	850	21	14	740	552	249	172	63	54	1,025	707	258	244	41	32	6,341

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				2		6
30 - 34			4	1			3	2					7	1		1	6	3	28
35 - 39			3	3			2	3	2				4			1	9	1	28
40 - 44			3	3			1	3					3				5	4	22
45 - 49	1		1	5			3	2					10	3			8	2	35
50 - 54			7	1			1						6	2			7	6	30
55 - 59			2				3	1	1				2	4	1		3	6	23
60 - 64		1	2	3					1	2			1				5	9	24
65 - 69		1	3	2			1	4				1	1	2		4	1	1	21
70 - 74			1	1				2					2					2	8
75 - 79				2				2					2		1				7
80+				2															2
Total	1	2	27	23	0	0	15	19	5	2	0	1	34	17	1	7	46	34	234

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	62.3%	58.6%	60.0%	56.9%	59.3%	53.4%	59.4%	50.8%	56.9%	57.9%
Male	37.7%	41.4%	40.0%	43.1%	40.7%	46.6%	40.6%	49.2%	43.1%	42.1%