

# Optometry Board of Australia

## Registrant data

Reporting period: 01 April 2023 to 30 June 2023



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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)

### **Pandemic response sub-register**

Ahpra and the National Boards supported the COVID-19 response by helping provide access to a potential surge workforce when the healthcare system was experiencing changing demands due to outbreaks of COVID-19 variants.

Temporary Pandemic response sub-registers were first established in April 2020 to help fast track the return to the workforce of experienced and qualified health practitioners.

On 8 June 2023, the Pandemic response sub-registers were closed and all practitioners registered on them were transitioned to the public register. For more information see the [COVID-19 page](#) on Ahpra's website.

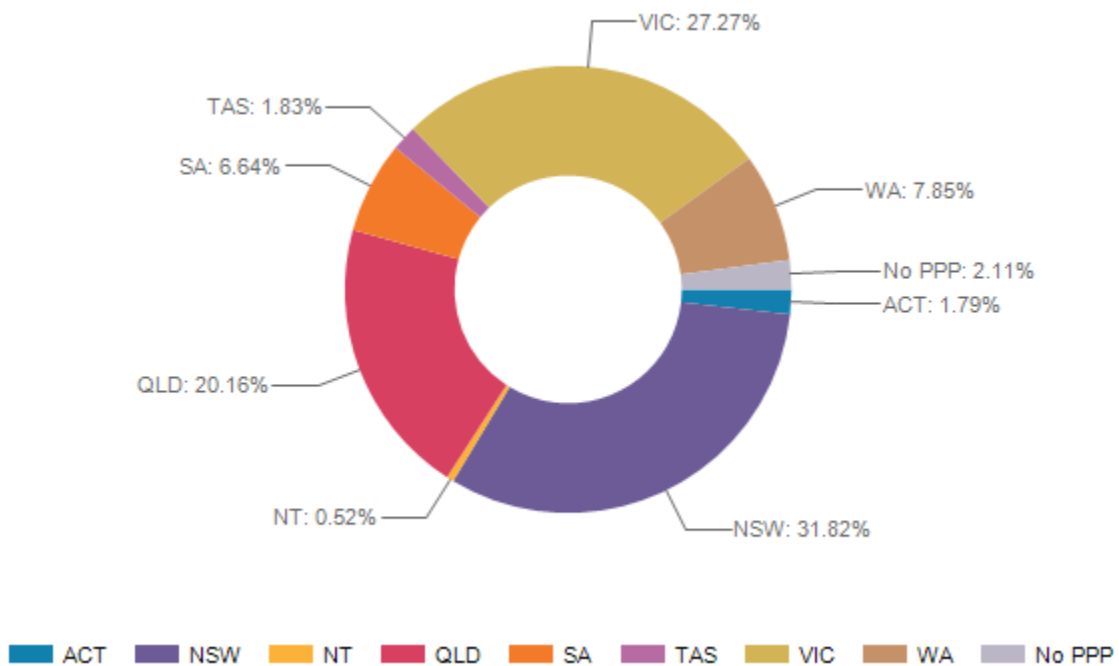
# Principal place of practice

## 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		118	2,089	35	1,322	441	121	1,781	516	61	6,484
Limited	Postgraduate training or supervised practice		3		2		1	4	5	4	19
Non-practising		3	60		39	8	2	59	10	78	259
<b>Total</b>		<b>121</b>	<b>2,152</b>	<b>35</b>	<b>1,363</b>	<b>449</b>	<b>124</b>	<b>1,844</b>	<b>531</b>	<b>143</b>	<b>6,762</b>

**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	91	1,367	30	966	364	102	1,510	360	24	<b>4,814</b>
% of General Registrants who are Endorsed	77.1%	65.4%	85.7%	73.1%	82.5%	84.3%	84.8%	69.8%	39.3%	<b>74.2%</b>

**Table 1.4 Endorsement by age group**

Age group	Scheduled Medicines	% of general registrants who are endorsed
< 25	377	100.0%
25 - 29	1,361	100.0%
30 - 34	1,010	98.2%
35 - 39	595	85.0%
40 - 44	425	66.1%
45 - 49	336	59.8%
50 - 54	265	47.2%
55 - 59	194	40.9%
60 - 64	162	37.9%
65 - 69	66	25.5%
70 - 74	19	27.5%
75 - 79	4	23.5%
80+		.0%
<b>Total</b>	<b>4,814</b>	<b>74.2%</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						
	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female	Male	Total
< 25	264	112					264	112	377
25 - 29	955	406	3	1	6	2	964	409	1,373
30 - 34	690	339	6	2	26	3	722	344	1,066
35 - 39	470	230	3	1	23	7	496	238	734
40 - 44	410	233	1	1	18	8	429	242	671
45 - 49	312	250	1		24	10	337	260	597
50 - 54	295	267			18	11	313	278	591
55 - 59	209	265			18	13	227	278	505
60 - 64	123	304			11	22	134	326	460
65 - 69	49	210			5	18	54	228	282
70 - 74	18	51			2	5	20	56	76
75 - 79	1	16				7	1	23	24
80+		4				2	0	6	6
<b>Total</b>	<b>3,796</b>	<b>2,687</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>151</b>	<b>108</b>	<b>3,961</b>	<b>2,800</b>	<b>6,762</b>

\*There were 6,503 registrants holding General or Limited registration at 30 June 2023 (see table 1.1). Due to layout constraints on this table, one registrant is not represented here but appears in tables 1.1 and 3.1.

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

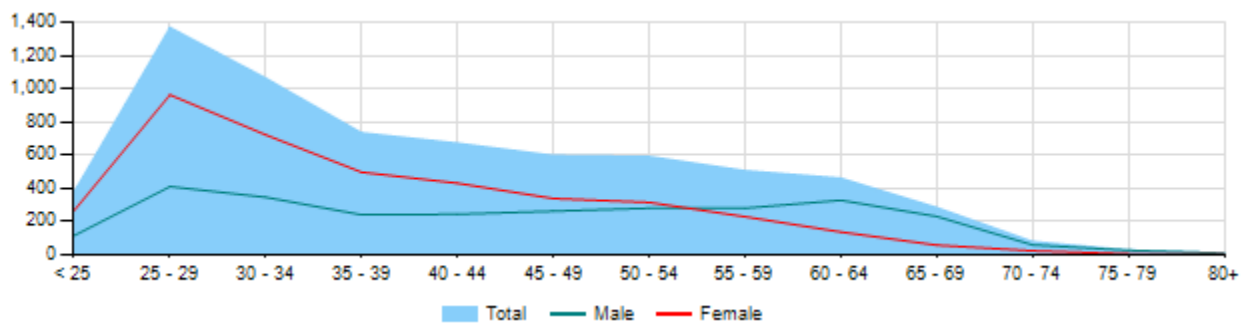
Age group	ACT		NSW		NT		QLD		SA		TAS		VIC		WA		No PPP		Total
	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	
< 25	5	1	84	41	2		71	27	33	11	6	3	45	15	15	14	3		<b>376</b>
25 - 29	24	5	287	116	7		189	67	101	39	22	7	265	140	58	32	5	1	<b>1,365</b>
30 - 34	12	8	191	113	3	2	125	65	56	16	10	1	263	108	32	27	4	1	<b>1,037</b>
35 - 39	6	7	137	64	3		94	46	18	16	5	3	167	78	38	16	5	1	<b>704</b>
40 - 44	11	3	157	73	3	1	76	56	23	8	4	2	93	64	36	25	8	2	<b>645</b>
45 - 49	7	4	107	59	1	2	67	64	16	15	6	6	77	77	31	21	1	2	<b>563</b>
50 - 54	7	7	106	73	2	2	59	67	10	22	8	6	68	53	30	35	5	2	<b>562</b>
55 - 59	2	3	74	78			55	61	5	9	4	6	51	67	13	37	5	4	<b>474</b>
60 - 64		3	56	107	2	4	23	63	2	19	5	9	28	63	6	29	1	7	<b>427</b>
65 - 69	1	2	29	103		1	2	35	4	16		5	7	34	5	10	1	4	<b>259</b>
70 - 74			10	21			2	8		2		3	5	10		6	1	1	<b>69</b>
75 - 79				5				1				1	1	3		5		1	<b>17</b>
80+				1				1						2					<b>4</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>75</b>	<b>43</b>	<b>1,238</b>	<b>854</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>763</b>	<b>561</b>	<b>268</b>	<b>173</b>	<b>70</b>	<b>52</b>	<b>1,070</b>	<b>714</b>	<b>264</b>	<b>257</b>	<b>39</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>6,502</b>

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**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			1				2	1					1	1			2		8
30 - 34			6				4	1	2				6				8	2	29
35 - 39			3	4			3	2					7		1	10			30
40 - 44			6	1			2	2					5	1			5	4	26
45 - 49	2		2	5			4	1					10	3			6	1	34
50 - 54			7	1			1	1					4	2			6	7	29
55 - 59			3	1			3	2	1				3	5	1		7	5	31
60 - 64		1	5	4				2	2	2				2		2	4	9	33
65 - 69			1	4			1	3		1		2	2	4		4	1		23
70 - 74			2	1				2							1			1	7
75 - 79				2				2						3					7
80+				1											1				2
<b>Total</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>36</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>38</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>49</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>259</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	63.6%	59.2%	65.7%	57.4%	60.8%	56.5%	60.1%	49.9%	61.5%	<b>58.6%</b>
Male	36.4%	40.8%	34.3%	42.6%	39.2%	43.5%	39.9%	50.1%	38.5%	<b>41.4%</b>
Not stated or Intersex or Indeterminate							<0.1%			<b>&lt;0.1%</b>