

Dental Board of Australia

Registrant data

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Introduction

The functions of the Dental Board of Australia (the Board) include:

- registering dentists, students, dental specialists, dental therapists, dental hygienists, oral health therapists and dental prosthetists
- developing standards, codes and guidelines for the dental 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 Ahpra's Legislation & Publications at www.ahpra.gov.au/Publications

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 dental registration, please see the Board's website: www.dentalboard.gov.au/Registration.aspx

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 dental practitioners (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 dental practitioners are included in these statistics. Please see the [COVID-19](#) page on Ahpra's website for more information.

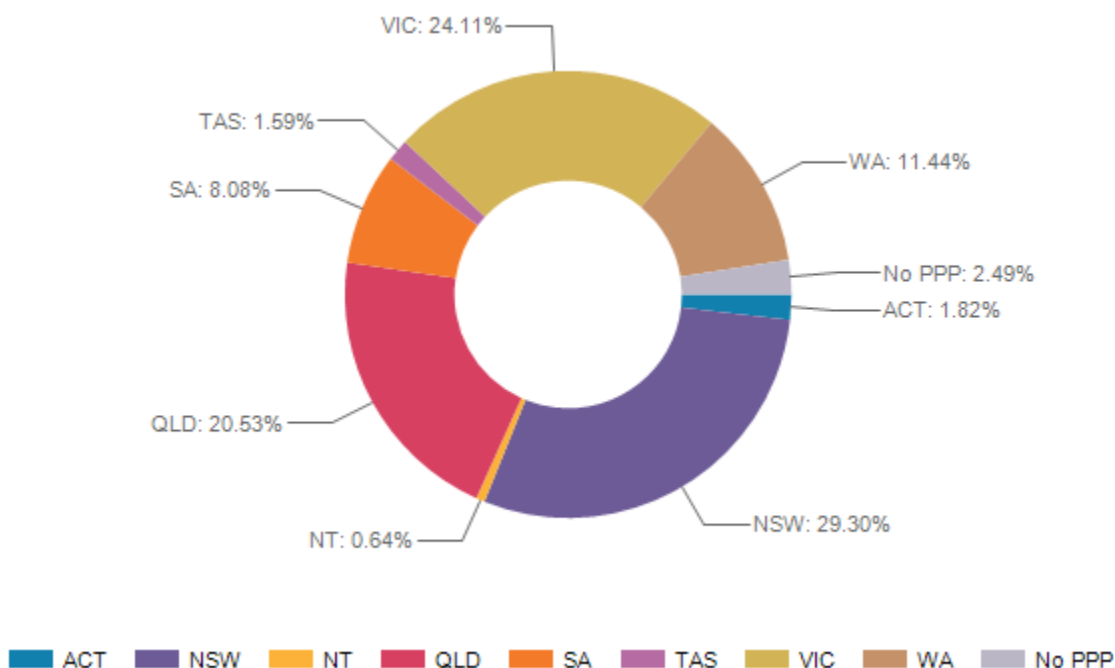
Registration type

Table 1.1 Dental practitioners - registration type by state or territory

Registration types	Registration subtypes	ACT	NSW	NT	QLD	SA	TAS	VIC	WA	No PPP	Total
General		423	7,005	159	4,922	1,908	386	5,744	2,750	363	23,660
General and Non-practising					1						1
General and Specialist		48	527	5	362	157	26	449	198	43	1,815
Specialist		1	14		11	4	1	15	9	13	68
Limited	Postgraduate training or supervised practice					4		4	2		10
	Teaching or research		5		14	3		3	5		30
Non-practising		12	231	5	144	71	10	189	75	242	979
Total		484	7,782	169	5,454	2,147	423	6,404	3,039	661	26,563*

* Total figure includes 30 dental practitioners on the Pandemic response sub-register. For more information go to the [COVID-19](#) page on the Ahpra website.

Table 1.2 Dental practitioners - percentage by principal place of practice



Registration divisions

Table 2.1 Dental practitioners - division(s) by state or territory

Division	ACT	NSW	NT	QLD	SA	TAS	VIC	WA	No PPP	Total
Dental Hygienist	40	357	11	191	343	18	218	268	16	1,462
Dental Hygienist and Dental Prosthetist				1						1
Dental Hygienist and Dental Prosthetist and Dental Therapist							1			1
Dental Hygienist and Dental Therapist	5	56	3	108	57	3	98	52	2	384
Dental Hygienist and Dental Therapist and Dentist				1						1
Dental Hygienist and Dental Therapist and Oral Health Therapist		24		8	8	2	26	7		75
Dental Hygienist and Dentist		2		3			1			6
Dental Hygienist and Oral Health Therapist		22		5	2		5	8		42
Dental Prosthetist	11	397	4	333	65	42	356	78	4	1,290
Dental Prosthetist and Dental Therapist							1			1
Dental Prosthetist and Dentist							3			3
Dental Prosthetist and Oral Health Therapist		1	1							2
Dental Therapist	8	131	8	113	52	34	111	210	4	671
Dental Therapist and Dentist				1			1			2
Dental Therapist and Oral Health Therapist								6		6
Dentist	374	5,973	119	4,144	1,328	292	4,844	2,109	612	19,795
Dentist and Oral Health Therapist		3		3			5			11
Oral Health Therapist	46	816	23	543	292	32	734	301	23	2,810
Total	484	7,782	169	5,454	2,147	423	6,404	3,039	661	26,563

Registration type and divisions

Table 3.1 Dental practitioners - registration type and division by state or territory

Registration types	Division	ACT	NSW	NT	QLD	SA	TAS	VIC	WA	No PPP	Total
General	Dental Hygienist	38	336	10	180	333	18	213	261	8	1,397
	Dental Hygienist and Dental Prosthetist				1						1
	Dental Hygienist and Dental Prosthetist and Dental Therapist							1			1
	Dental Hygienist and Dental Therapist	5	51	3	101	54	3	96	50	2	365
	Dental Hygienist and Dental Therapist and Dentist				1						1
	Dental Hygienist and Dental Therapist and Oral Health Therapist		24		8	8	2	26	7		75
	Dental Hygienist and Dentist		2		2			1			5
	Dental Hygienist and Oral Health Therapist		22		5	2		5	8		42
	Dental Prosthetist	11	376	4	320	64	41	343	76	2	1,237
	Dental Prosthetist and Dental Therapist							1			1
	Dental Prosthetist and Dentist							3			3
	Dental Prosthetist and Oral Health Therapist		1	1							2
	Dental Therapist	8	116	8	111	52	33	104	201	2	635
	Dental Therapist and Dentist				1			1			2
	Dental Therapist and Oral Health Therapist								6		6
	Dentist	317	5,267	111	3,661	1,111	257	4,231	1,846	330	17,131
	Dentist and Oral Health Therapist		3		3			5			11
	Oral Health Therapist	44	807	22	528	284	32	714	295	19	2,745
	Sub Total - General		423	7,005	159	4,922	1,908	386	5,744	2,750	363

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Registration types	Division	ACT	NSW	NT	QLD	SA	TAS	VIC	WA	No PPP	Total
General and Non-practising	Dental Hygienist and Dental Therapist										0
	Dental Hygienist and Dentist				1						1
	Dentist and Oral Health Therapist										0
Sub Total - General and Non-practising		0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1
General and Specialist	Dentist	48	527	5	362	157	26	449	198	43	1,815
Specialist	Dentist	1	14		11	4	1	15	9	13	68
Limited	Dental Hygienist										0
	Dentist		5		14	7		6	7		39
	Oral Health Therapist							1			1
Sub Total - Limited		0	5	0	14	7	0	7	7	0	40
Non-practising	Dental Hygienist	2	21	1	11	10		5	7	8	65
	Dental Hygienist and Dental Prosthetist										0
	Dental Hygienist and Dental Therapist		5		7	3		2	2		19
	Dental Prosthetist		21		13	1	1	13	2	2	53
	Dental Therapist		15		2		1	7	9	2	36
	Dentist	8	160	3	96	49	8	143	49	226	742
	Oral Health Therapist	2	9	1	15	8		19	6	4	64
Sub Total - Non-practising		12	231	5	144	71	10	189	75	242	979
Total		484	7,782	169	5,454	2,147	423	6,404	3,039	661	26,563

Dental specialities

Table 4.1 Dental practitioners - dental speciality by state or territory

Speciality	ACT	NSW	NT	QLD	SA	TAS	VIC	WA	No PPP	Total
Dento-maxillofacial radiology		1		9			1	5		16
Endodontics	7	52		44	15	4	48	19	5	194
Forensic odontology	2	5	1	2	2	1	1	4	1	19
Oral and Maxillofacial Pathology		4		2	4	1	2	3	1	17
Oral and maxillofacial surgery	7	64	2	59	19	5	59	20	6	241
Oral medicine	1	10		5			13	10	2	41
Oral surgery		41		8		1	7	1	3	61
Orthodontics	16	193	2	121	53	9	157	69	20	640
Paediatric dentistry	4	46		27	16	1	46	22	5	167
Periodontics	8	67	1	56	17	5	65	32	5	256
Prosthodontics	4	67		42	29		56	23	8	229
Public health dentistry (Community dentistry)		6		1	1		8	1		17
Special needs dentistry		6		4	6		8	1	1	26
Total	49	562	6	380	162	27	471	210	57	1,924

Endorsements

Table 5.1 Dental practitioners - endorsement by state or territory

Endorsement	ACT	NSW	NT	QLD	SA	TAS	VIC	WA	No PPP	Total
Area of Practice - Conscious sedation	5	43		19	2	2	4	12	1	88

Age group

Table 6.1 Dental practitioners - by age group

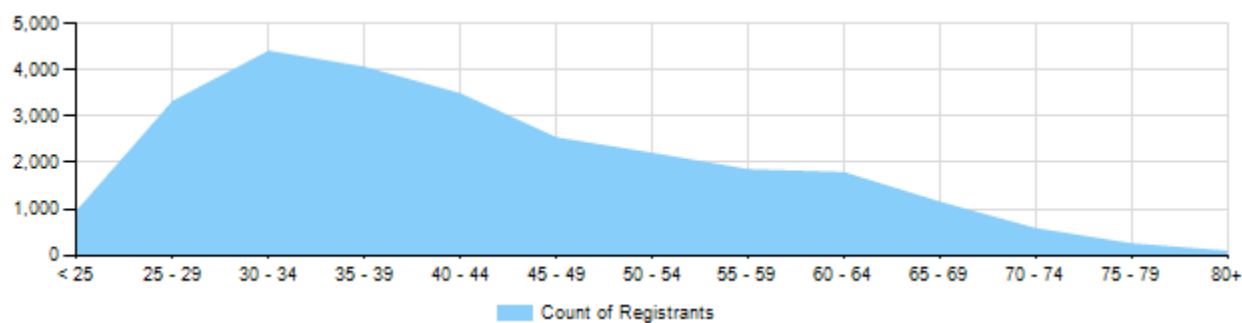


Table 6.2 Dental practitioners - registration type by age group

Age group	General	General and Non-practising	General and Specialist	Specialist	Limited		Non-practising	Total
					Postgraduate training or supervised practice	Teaching or research		
< 25	952						3	955
25 - 29	3,251		8				60	3,319
30 - 34	4,121		132	6	3	2	137	4,401
35 - 39	3,709	1	222	9	2	2	110	4,055
40 - 44	3,017		334	25	5	7	90	3,478
45 - 49	2,198		245	10		6	68	2,527
50 - 54	1,914		199	8		8	66	2,195
55 - 59	1,556		185	7		3	89	1,840
60 - 64	1,457		206			1	113	1,777
65 - 69	888		154	1			93	1,136
70 - 74	387		84	1		1	93	566
75 - 79	167		30	1			39	237
80+	43		16				18	77
Total	23,660	1	1,815	68	10	30	979	26,563

Gender

Table 7.1 Dental practitioners - registration type by gender

Gender	Registration types	Registration subtypes	ACT	NSW	NT	QLD	SA	TAS	VIC	WA	No PPP	Total
Female	General		274	3,758	97	2,722	1,218	203	3,328	1,736	195	13,531
	General and Non-practising					1						1
	General and Specialist		13	147	1	99	53	7	157	71	11	559
	Specialist		1	6		4	1		9	3	5	29
	Limited	Postgraduate training or supervised practice					2		2	1		5
		Teaching or research				4	1		1	2		8
	Non-practising		9	122	2	82	44	3	98	44	126	530
Total Female			297	4,033	100	2,912	1,319	213	3,595	1,857	337	14,663
Male	General		149	3,246	62	2,200	690	183	2,416	1,014	168	10,128
	General and Specialist		35	380	4	263	104	19	292	127	32	1,256
	Specialist			8		7	3	1	6	6	8	39
	Limited	Postgraduate training or supervised practice					2		2	1		5
		Teaching or research		5		10	2		2	3		22
Non-practising		3	109	3	62	27	7	91	31	116	449	
Total Male			187	3,748	69	2,542	828	210	2,809	1,182	324	11,899
Not stated or Intersex or Indeterminate	General			1								1
Total			484	7,782	169	5,454	2,147	423	6,404	3,039	661	26,563

Table 7.2 Dental practitioners - percentage by gender

Gender	ACT	NSW	NT	QLD	SA	TAS	VIC	WA	No PPP	Total
Female	61.4%	51.8%	59.2%	53.4%	61.4%	50.4%	56.1%	61.1%	51.0%	55.2%
Male	38.6%	48.2%	40.8%	46.6%	38.6%	49.6%	43.9%	38.9%	49.0%	44.8%
Not stated or Intersex or Indeterminate		<0.1%								<0.1%