

# Dental Board of Australia

## Registrant data

Reporting period: 01 April 2023 to 30 June 2023



**Dental Board**  
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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](http://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](http://www.dentalboard.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.

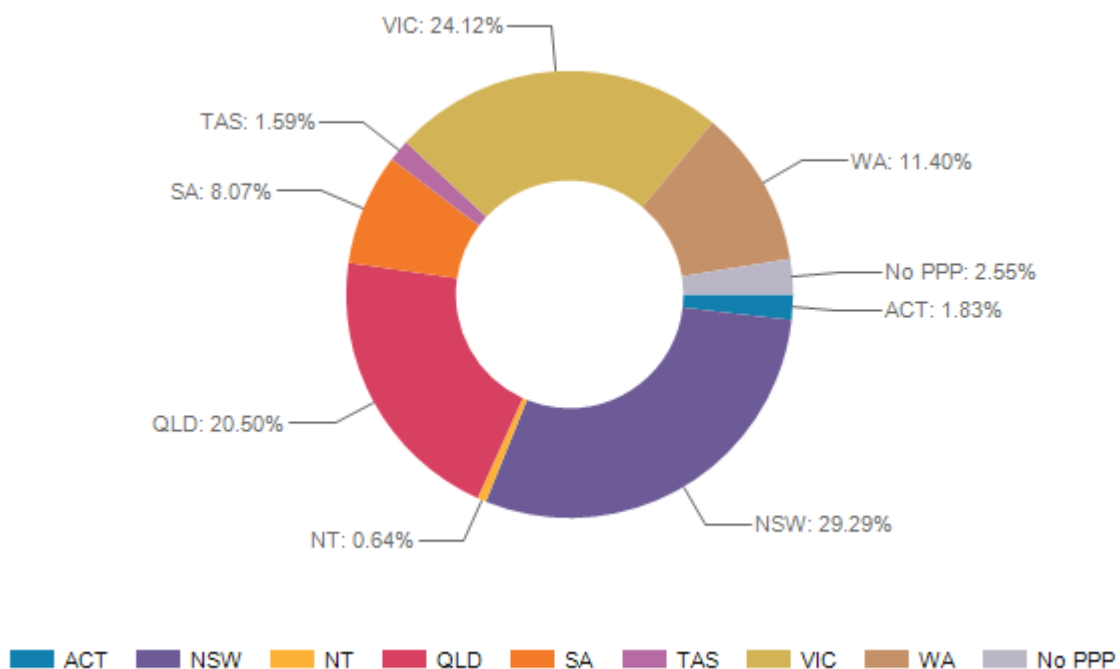
On 8 June 2023, the Pandemic response sub-registers were closed and all practitioners registered on them were transitioned to the public register. For more information see the [COVID-19 page](#) on Ahpra's website.

## 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		427	7,037	162	4,942	1,917	387	5,779	2,752	383	23,786
General and Non-practising					1						1
General and Specialist		47	530	5	362	157	26	452	200	43	1,822
Specialist		1	14		11	4	1	15	9	14	69
Limited	Postgraduate training or supervised practice					3		4	2		9
	Public interest		1								1
	Teaching or research		5		15	4		2	6		32
Non-practising		13	231	5	142	70	10	185	75	241	972
<b>Total</b>		<b>488</b>	<b>7,818</b>	<b>172</b>	<b>5,473</b>	<b>2,155</b>	<b>424</b>	<b>6,437</b>	<b>3,044</b>	<b>681</b>	<b>26,692</b>

**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	359	11	192	345	18	219	266	18	1,468
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	107	52	3	98	51	2	377
Dental Hygienist and Dental Therapist and Dentist				1						1
Dental Hygienist and Dental Therapist and Oral Health Therapist		26		10	12	2	26	9		85
Dental Hygienist and Dentist		2		3			1			6
Dental Hygienist and Oral Health Therapist		22		4	2		6	8		42
Dental Prosthetist	11	401	4	336	65	43	358	78	4	1,300
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	211	4	672
Dental Therapist and Dentist				1			1			2
Dental Therapist and Oral Health Therapist								6		6
Dentist	378	5,996	121	4,157	1,335	292	4,874	2,112	627	19,892
Dentist and Oral Health Therapist		3		3			5			11
Oral Health Therapist	46	821	24	545	292	32	733	303	26	2,822
<b>Total</b>	<b>488</b>	<b>7,818</b>	<b>172</b>	<b>5,473</b>	<b>2,155</b>	<b>424</b>	<b>6,437</b>	<b>3,044</b>	<b>681</b>	<b>26,692</b>

## 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	339	10	181	334	18	214	260	10	1,404
	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	100	49	3	96	49	2	358
	Dental Hygienist and Dental Therapist and Dentist				1						1
	Dental Hygienist and Dental Therapist and Oral Health Therapist		26		10	12	2	26	9		85
	Dental Hygienist and Dentist		2		2			1			5
	Dental Hygienist and Oral Health Therapist		22		4	2		6	8		42
	Dental Prosthetist	11	380	4	323	64	42	345	76	2	1,247
	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	321	5,286	113	3,675	1,120	257	4,260	1,847	345	17,224
	Dentist and Oral Health Therapist		3		3			5			11
	Oral Health Therapist	44	811	23	530	284	32	716	296	22	2,758
<b>Sub Total - General</b>		<b>427</b>	<b>7,037</b>	<b>162</b>	<b>4,942</b>	<b>1,917</b>	<b>387</b>	<b>5,779</b>	<b>2,752</b>	<b>383</b>	<b>23,786</b>

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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
<b>Sub Total - General and Non-practising</b>		<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>
General and Specialist	Dentist	47	530	5	362	157	26	452	200	43	1,822
Specialist	Dentist	1	14		11	4	1	15	9	14	69
Limited	Dentist		6		15	7		6	7		41
	Oral Health Therapist								1		1
<b>Sub Total - Limited</b>		<b>0</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>42</b>
Non-practising	Dental Hygienist	2	20	1	11	11		5	6	8	64
	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	10	2	37
	Dentist	9	160	3	94	47	8	141	49	225	736
	Oral Health Therapist	2	10	1	15	8		17	6	4	63
<b>Sub Total - Non-practising</b>		<b>13</b>	<b>231</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>142</b>	<b>70</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>185</b>	<b>75</b>	<b>241</b>	<b>972</b>
<b>Total</b>		<b>488</b>	<b>7,818</b>	<b>172</b>	<b>5,473</b>	<b>2,155</b>	<b>424</b>	<b>6,437</b>	<b>3,044</b>	<b>681</b>	<b>26,692</b>

## 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	49	19	5	195
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	63	2	59	19	5	59	21	6	241
Oral medicine	1	10		5			13	10	2	41
Oral surgery		42		8		1	7	1	3	62
Orthodontics	15	194	2	121	53	9	157	69	20	640
Paediatric dentistry	4	47		27	16	1	46	22	6	169
Periodontics	8	67	1	56	17	5	66	32	5	257
Prosthodontics	4	67		42	29		57	24	8	231
Public health dentistry (Community dentistry)		7		1	1		8	1		18
Special needs dentistry		6		4	6		8	1	1	26
<b>Total</b>	<b>48</b>	<b>565</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>380</b>	<b>162</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>474</b>	<b>212</b>	<b>58</b>	<b>1,932</b>

## Endorsements

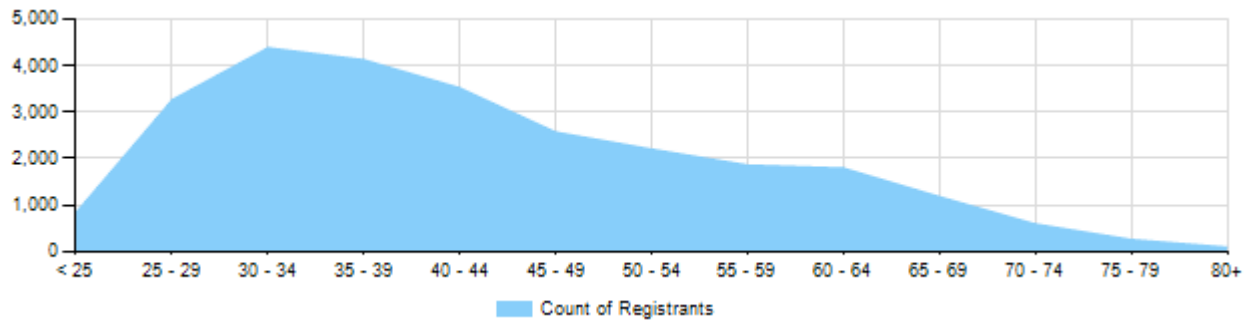
**Table 5.1 Dental practitioners - endorsement by state or territory**

Endorsement	ACT	NSW	NT	QLD	SA	TAS	VIC	WA	No PPP	Total
Area of Practice - Conscious sedation	5	44		19	2	2	4	12	1	89



## 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	Public interest	Teaching or research		
< 25	841							2	<b>843</b>
25 - 29	3,213		6	6				55	<b>3,274</b>
30 - 34	4,131		124	6	3		3	129	<b>4,396</b>
35 - 39	3,786	1	222	10	3		2	111	<b>4,135</b>
40 - 44	3,071		334	24	2		8	89	<b>3,528</b>
45 - 49	2,231		252	11	1		6	71	<b>2,572</b>
50 - 54	1,920		201	8			8	66	<b>2,203</b>
55 - 59	1,577		185	7			3	86	<b>1,858</b>
60 - 64	1,466		211			1	1	113	<b>1,792</b>
65 - 69	922		154	1				99	<b>1,176</b>
70 - 74	404		86	1			1	92	<b>584</b>
75 - 79	177		31	1				40	<b>249</b>
80+	47		16					19	<b>82</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>23,786</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1,822</b>	<b>69</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>32</b>	<b>972</b>	<b>26,692</b>

## 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		278	3,782	100	2,737	1,225	203	3,355	1,740	213	<b>13,633</b>
	General and Non-practising					1						<b>1</b>
	General and Specialist		13	151	1	99	53	7	159	72	11	<b>566</b>
	Specialist		1	6		4	1		9	3	5	<b>29</b>
	Limited	Postgraduate training or supervised practice					2		2	1		<b>5</b>
		Teaching or research				4	1		1	2		<b>8</b>
	Non-practising		9	122	2	79	43	3	94	43	126	<b>521</b>
<b>Total Female</b>			<b>301</b>	<b>4,061</b>	<b>103</b>	<b>2,924</b>	<b>1,325</b>	<b>213</b>	<b>3,620</b>	<b>1,861</b>	<b>355</b>	<b>14,763</b>
Male	General		149	3,254	62	2,205	692	184	2,424	1,012	170	<b>10,152</b>
	General and Specialist		34	379	4	263	104	19	293	128	32	<b>1,256</b>
	Specialist			8		7	3	1	6	6	9	<b>40</b>
	Limited	Postgraduate training or supervised practice					1		2	1		<b>4</b>
		Public interest		1								<b>1</b>
		Teaching or research		5		11	2		1	4		<b>23</b>
	Non-practising		4	109	3	63	27	7	91	32	115	<b>451</b>
<b>Total Male</b>			<b>187</b>	<b>3,756</b>	<b>69</b>	<b>2,549</b>	<b>829</b>	<b>211</b>	<b>2,817</b>	<b>1,183</b>	<b>326</b>	<b>11,927</b>
Not stated or Intersex or Indeterminate	General			1								<b>1</b>
	Limited	Teaching or research					1					<b>1</b>
<b>Total</b>			<b>488</b>	<b>7,818</b>	<b>172</b>	<b>5,473</b>	<b>2,155</b>	<b>424</b>	<b>6,437</b>	<b>3,044</b>	<b>681</b>	<b>26,692</b>

**Table 7.2 Dental practitioners - percentage by gender**

Gender	ACT	NSW	NT	QLD	SA	TAS	VIC	WA	No PPP	Total
Female	61.7%	51.9%	59.9%	53.4%	61.5%	50.2%	56.2%	61.1%	52.1%	<b>55.3%</b>
Male	38.3%	48.0%	40.1%	46.6%	38.5%	49.8%	43.8%	38.9%	47.9%	<b>44.7%</b>
Not stated or Intersex or Indeterminate		<0.1%			<0.1%					<b>&lt;0.1%</b>