

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.

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

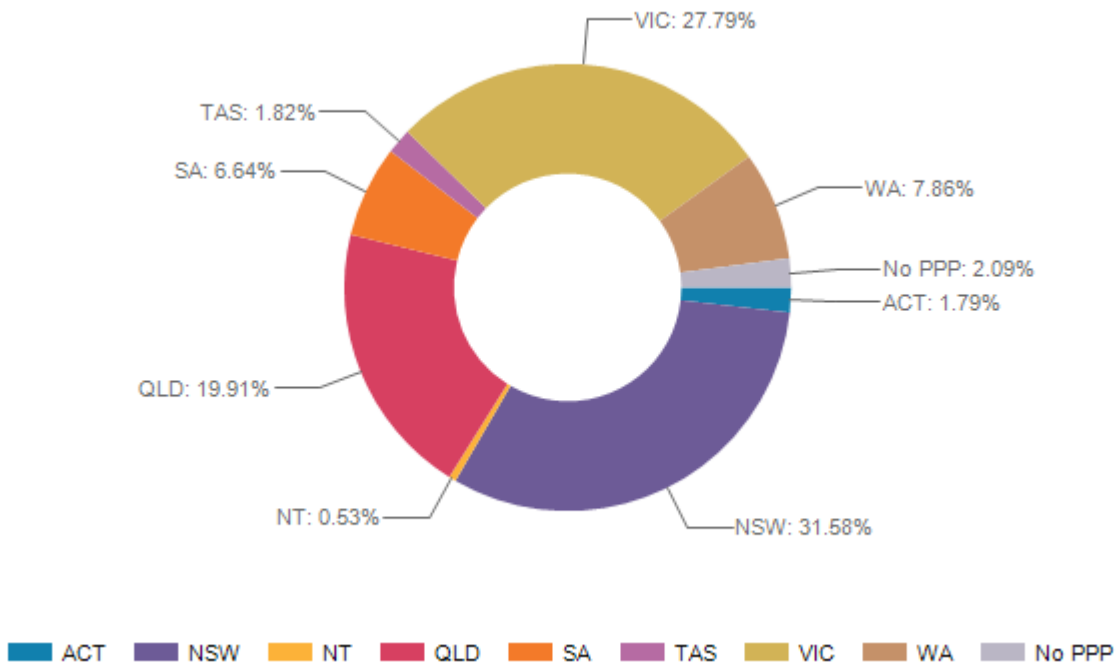
Principal place of practice

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		120	2,100	36	1,325	447	122	1,843	522	62	6,577
Limited	Postgraduate training or supervised practice		4		1		1	4	7	3	20
Non-practising		3	61		39	8	2	58	10	78	259
Total		123	2,165	36	1,365	455	125	1,905	539	143	6,856

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	94	1,380	31	976	370	105	1,579	368	25	4,928
% of General Registrants who are Endorsed	78.3%	65.7%	86.1%	73.7%	82.8%	86.1%	85.7%	70.5%	40.3%	74.9%

Table 1.4 Endorsement by age group

Age group	Scheduled Medicines	% of general registrants who are endorsed
< 25	401	100.0%
25 - 29	1,348	100.0%
30 - 34	1,056	98.4%
35 - 39	605	86.2%
40 - 44	442	67.7%
45 - 49	344	61.8%
50 - 54	271	47.6%
55 - 59	197	41.1%
60 - 64	166	39.0%
65 - 69	74	27.2%
70 - 74	20	26.7%
75 - 79	4	22.2%
80+		.0%
Total	4,928	74.9%

**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	289	112					289	112	401
25 - 29	956	392	3		3	2	962	394	1,356
30 - 34	712	361	6	3	26	3	744	367	1,111
35 - 39	472	230	3		24	7	499	237	736
40 - 44	421	232	2	1	17	8	440	241	681
45 - 49	309	248			26	10	335	258	593
50 - 54	302	267	2		18	11	322	278	600
55 - 59	210	269			16	13	226	282	508
60 - 64	129	297			14	21	143	318	461
65 - 69	51	221			5	18	56	239	295
70 - 74	18	57			2	6	20	63	83
75 - 79	1	17				6	1	23	24
80+		4				3	0	7	7
Total	3,870	2,707	16	4	151	108	4,037	2,819	6,856

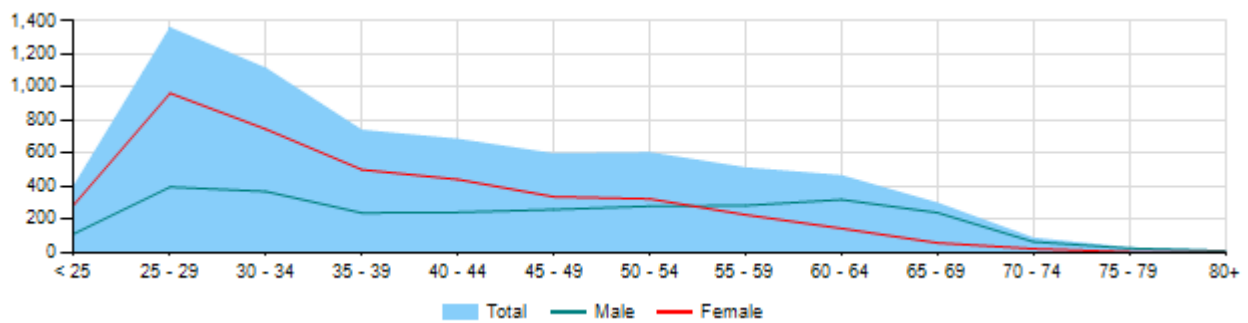
Table 2.2 Registrants age group, by principal place of practice and gender - General and Limited

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	6	1	77	36	3		63	25	37	10	6	3	78	24	16	13	3		401
25 - 29	24	5	291	113	7		194	63	99	40	21	7	261	131	57	32	5	1	1,351
30 - 34	13	8	192	121	3	2	129	67	60	17	11	2	271	117	36	29	3	1	1,082
35 - 39	6	7	139	64	3		94	44	18	15	4	3	167	80	39	16	5	1	705
40 - 44	10	3	162	73	3	1	78	54	23	9	4	1	98	65	36	25	9	2	656
45 - 49	8	4	105	56	1	2	65	68	14	15	6	7	77	75	32	19	1	2	557
50 - 54	7	7	108	76	2	2	63	65	11	21	8	4	70	54	30	36	5	2	571
55 - 59	2	3	75	80			52	61	5	9	4	7	53	68	14	37	5	4	479
60 - 64		3	56	102	2	4	25	64	2	18	7	8	30	64	6	28	1	6	426
65 - 69	1	2	31	106		1	2	37	4	18		6	7	36	5	11	1	4	272
70 - 74			10	25			2	9		2		3	5	10		7	1	1	75
75 - 79				5				1				1	1	3		5		2	18
80+				1				1						2					4
Total	77	43	1,246	858	24	12	767	559	273	174	71	52	1,118	729	271	258	39	26	6,597

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				1	1					1				1		5
30 - 34			5				4	1	2				6				9	2	29
35 - 39			4	4			4	2					6		1	10			31
40 - 44			6	1			2	2					6	1			3	4	25
45 - 49	2		2	5			4	1					10	3			8	1	36
50 - 54			7	1			1	1					4	2			6	7	29
55 - 59			3	1			3	2	1				2	5	1		6	5	29
60 - 64		1	6	3				2	2	2			1	2		2	5	9	35
65 - 69			1	5			1	3		1	2	2	2	4		3	1		23
70 - 74			2	1				2								2		1	8
75 - 79				1				2					3						6
80+				2												1			3
Total	2	1	37	24	0	0	20	19	5	3	0	2	37	21	1	9	49	29	259

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	64.2%	59.3%	66.7%	57.7%	61.1%	56.8%	60.6%	50.5%	61.5%	58.9%
Male	35.8%	40.7%	33.3%	42.3%	38.9%	43.2%	39.4%	49.5%	38.5%	41.1%