

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

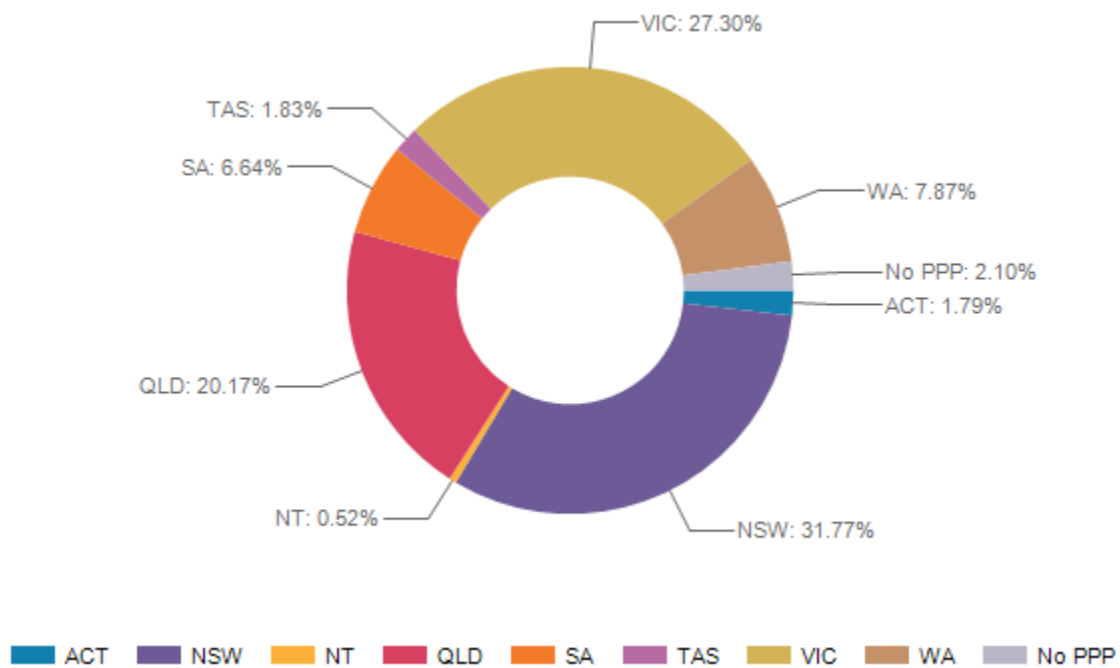
Registration type

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		118	2,085	35	1,322	440	121	1,784	517	60	6,482
Limited	Postgraduate training or supervised practice		2		2		1	4	5	4	18
Non-practising		3	60		39	9	2	57	10	78	258
Total		121	2,147	35	1,363	449	124	1,845	532	142	6,758*

* 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	91	1,359	30	966	363	102	1,512	361	23	4,807
% of General Registrants who are Endorsed	77.1%	65.2%	85.7%	73.1%	82.5%	84.3%	84.8%	69.8%	38.3%	74.2%

Table 1.4 Endorsement by age group

Age group	Scheduled Medicines	% of general registrants who are endorsed
< 25	420	100.0%
25 - 29	1,373	100.0%
30 - 34	979	98.0%
35 - 39	585	83.7%
40 - 44	417	65.3%
45 - 49	338	59.5%
50 - 54	258	46.3%
55 - 59	189	40.6%
60 - 64	167	38.7%
65 - 69	59	24.2%
70 - 74	19	28.4%
75 - 79	3	18.8%
80+		.0%
Total	4,807	74.2%

**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	292	128					292	128	420
25 - 29	965	408	3	1	9	2	977	411	1,388
30 - 34	667	332	4	2	26	3	697	337	1,034
35 - 39	474	225	3	2	21	8	498	235	733
40 - 44	404	235	1	1	18	9	423	245	668
45 - 49	311	257	1		26	9	338	266	604
50 - 54	296	261			17	10	313	271	584
55 - 59	204	261			18	16	222	277	499
60 - 64	118	313			10	18	128	331	459
65 - 69	45	199			5	18	50	217	267
70 - 74	17	50			2	4	19	54	73
75 - 79	1	15				7	1	22	23
80+		4				2	0	6	6
Total	3,794	2,688	12	6	152	106	3,958	2,800	6,758

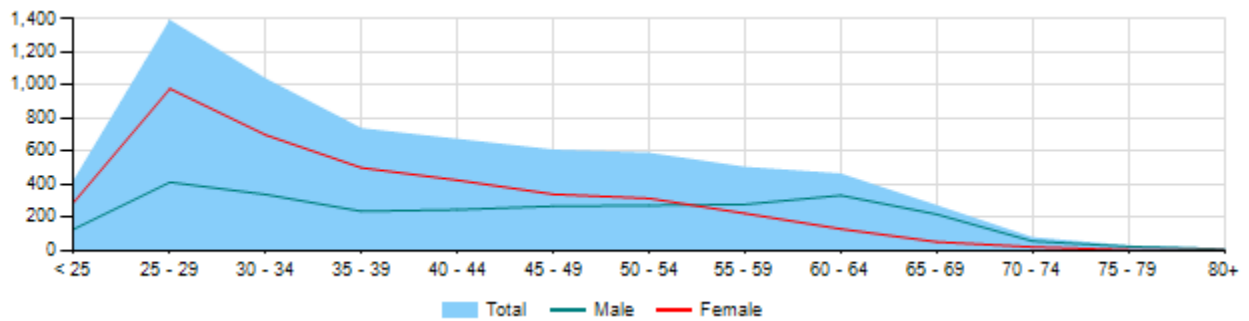
Table 2.2 Registrants age group, by principal place of practice and gender - General and Limited

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	94	48	2		78	33	35	14	7	3	51	15	17	14	3		420
25 - 29	25	6	285	109	7		192	64	101	36	21	7	275	150	57	36	5	1	1,377
30 - 34	11	8	184	116	3	2	117	63	53	16	10	2	257	103	32	23	4	1	1,005
35 - 39	7	6	141	60	3		99	49	18	17	5	2	159	76	40	16	5	1	704
40 - 44	11	3	154	72	3	1	72	55	24	9	4	2	93	66	37	26	7	2	641
45 - 49	6	4	106	64	1	3	68	63	15	18	7	6	76	74	32	23	1	2	569
50 - 54	7	7	107	73	2	1	60	66	10	19	7	6	71	56	27	31	5	2	557
55 - 59	2	3	74	74			53	61	4	8	6	6	47	66	13	39	5	4	465
60 - 64		3	55	112	2	5	20	64	2	19	3	11	28	65	7	27	1	7	431
65 - 69	1	2	26	97			3	34	4	16		3	6	33	4	10	1	4	244
70 - 74			10	20			1	7		2		3	5	11		6	1	1	67
75 - 79				5				1				1	1	2		5		1	16
80+				1				1						2					4
Total	75	43	1,236	851	23	12	763	561	266	174	70	52	1,069	719	266	256	38	26	6,500

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				3	1	1				1	1			3		11
30 - 34			6				3	1	2				8				7	2	29
35 - 39			3	4			3	3					5		1	10			29
40 - 44			6	2			2	1					5	1			5	5	27
45 - 49	2		2	4			4	2					10	3			8		35
50 - 54			8	1			1						4	2			4	7	27
55 - 59			3	1			3	3	1				3	6	1	1	7	5	34
60 - 64		1	4	4				1	2	2						1	4	9	28
65 - 69			1	4			1	3		1		2	2	3		5	1		23
70 - 74			2	1				2										1	6
75 - 79				2				2					3						7
80+				1												1			2
Total	2	1	36	24	0	0	20	19	6	3	0	2	38	19	1	9	49	29	258

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%	60.6%	56.5%	60.0%	50.2%	61.3%	58.6%
Male	36.4%	40.8%	34.3%	42.6%	39.4%	43.5%	40.0%	49.8%	38.7%	41.4%