

Medical Board of Australia

Registrant data

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Introduction

The role of the Medical Board of Australia (the Board) is to:

- register medical practitioners and medical students
- develop standards, codes and guidelines for the medical profession
- investigate notifications and complaints about medical practitioners
- where necessary, conduct panel hearings and refer serious matters to Tribunal hearings
- oversee the assessment of overseas trained practitioners who wish to practise in Australia, and
- approve 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 <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 quarterly.

Pandemic response sub-register

In April 2020, Ahpra and National Boards established a temporary pandemic response sub-register (the 2020 sub-register) that has been extended to 5 April 2022 to help fast track the return to the workforce of experienced and qualified health practitioners to assist with the COVID-19 pandemic. The 2020 sub-register health practitioners are restricted to COVID-19 related practice.

In September 2021, Ahpra and the National Boards established a new temporary sub-register (the 2021 sub-register) in response to the COVID-19 related healthcare needs. Nearly 29,000 health practitioners who recently stopped practising were returned to the register until 21 September 2022. The 2021 sub-register health practitioners can practise in the full scope of their registration (subject to any notations on the register). Medical practitioners from both sub-registers are included in these statistics. For more information see the [COVID-19](#) page on Ahpra's website.

For more information on medical registration, please see the Board's website: <http://www.medicalboard.gov.au/Registration.aspx>

Medical practitioners by state and territory

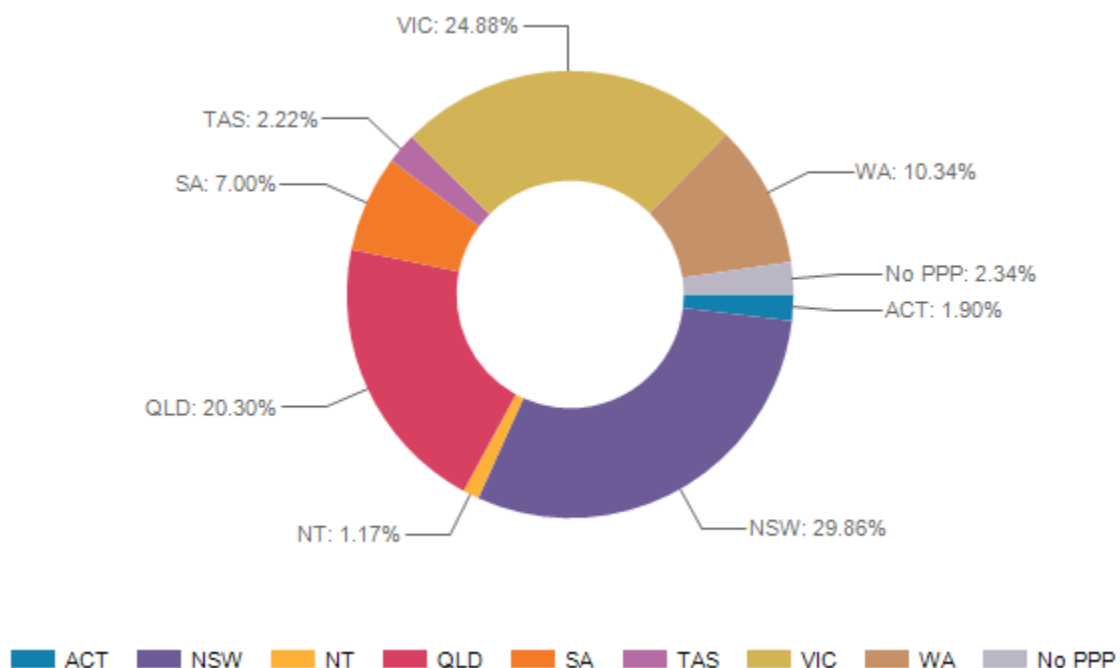
Registration type

Table 1.1 Medical practitioners - registration type by state or territory

Registration types	Registration subtypes	ACT	NSW	NT	QLD	SA	TAS	VIC	WA	No PPP	Total
General		824	12,681	620	8,877	2,757	853	10,176	4,565	757	42,110
General (Teaching and Assessing)			8		13	2	5	6	2		36
General and Specialist		1,275	21,750	667	13,352	5,083	1,522	17,711	6,171	717	68,248
Specialist		230	2,387	127	2,767	686	279	2,520	1,726	480	11,202
Provisional		132	1,441	89	1,303	420	122	1,434	823	57	5,821
Limited	Area of need	1	40	14	46	10	3	130	31		275
	Postgraduate training or supervised practice	30	728	33	372	210	122	635	256	41	2,427
	Public interest										0
	Teaching or research	1	3		4	2	1	6	5		22
Non-practising		39	842	14	375	184	55	610	226	1,069	3,414
Total		2,532	39,880	1,564	27,109	9,354	2,962	33,228	13,805	3,121	133,555*

* Total figure includes 3,773 medical practitioners on the 2020 and 2021 Pandemic response sub-registers. For more information go to the [COVID-19](#) page on the Ahpra website.

Table 1.2 Medical practitioners - percentage by state or territory



Specialist registration

Table 2.1 Medical practitioners - by area of specialist practice

Speciality name	Field of speciality practice	ACT	NSW	NT	QLD	SA	TAS	VIC	WA	No PPP	Total
Addiction medicine		3	84	6	33	16	5	31	16	3	197
Anaesthesia		96	1,732	47	1,244	422	145	1,414	642	131	5,873
Dermatology		6	228	1	115	51	6	168	58	5	638
Emergency medicine	Paediatric emergency medicine	1	7		13	3	1	5	2	1	33
	No sub-specialty	54	793	62	721	168	78	721	328	84	3,009
Subtotal - Emergency medicine		55	800	62	734	171	79	726	330	85	3,042
General practice		675	10,432	390	7,485	2,571	868	8,580	3,698	234	34,933
Intensive care medicine	Paediatric intensive care medicine		8		9	1	1	9	1		29
	No sub-specialty	24	314	12	242	77	22	260	99	39	1,089
Subtotal - Intensive care medicine		24	322	12	251	78	23	269	100	39	1,118
Medical administration		11	114	3	89	12	11	79	29	12	360
Obstetrics and gynaecology	Gynaecological oncology		17		12	3	1	12	6		51
	Maternal-fetal medicine	1	15	1	13	3		9	4	2	48
	Obstetrics and gynaecological ultrasound		11		4	2		41	3	1	62
	Reproductive endocrinology and infertility		25	1	4	6	2	13	2	1	54
	Urogynaecology		11		9	1		9	4		34
	No sub-specialty	38	585	22	409	150	48	537	202	44	2,035
Subtotal - Obstetrics and gynaecology		39	664	24	451	165	51	621	221	48	2,284
Occupational and environmental medicine		16	93	3	50	31	6	63	53	7	322
Ophthalmology		16	400	8	198	74	25	275	91	16	1,103

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Speciality name	Field of speciality practice	ACT	NSW	NT	QLD	SA	TAS	VIC	WA	No PPP	Total
Paediatrics and child health	Clinical genetics		23		7	4		17	4		55
	Community child health	2	48		19	1	3	25	10	2	110
	General paediatrics	33	764	34	447	150	46	583	241	37	2,335
	Neonatal and perinatal medicine	8	66	3	50	22	4	80	40	7	280
	Paediatric cardiology	1	18	1	12	3		16	9	2	62
	Paediatric clinical pharmacology		1		1			1		1	4
	Paediatric emergency medicine	1	23	2	33	12	1	22	15	4	113
	Paediatric endocrinology	1	23	1	13	4	1	8	7	1	59
	Paediatric gastroenterology and hepatology	1	10		6	2		14	7	1	41
	Paediatric haematology		6		7	1		6	4		24
	Paediatric immunology and allergy	1	15		9	10		15	4		54
	Paediatric infectious diseases		9	3	8	3		12	9	2	46
	Paediatric intensive care medicine		3		3			1			7
	Paediatric medical oncology	1	19		14	5		16	12	5	72
	Paediatric nephrology		10		2	2		5	2	1	22
	Paediatric neurology		22		11	2	1	16	4	2	58
	Paediatric nuclear medicine		1								1
	Paediatric palliative medicine		1		2			2	1		6
	Paediatric rehabilitation medicine		5		5	1		2	2		15
	Paediatric respiratory and sleep medicine	1	21		14	4		8	8		56
Paediatric rheumatology		3		4	2		5	4		18	
No sub-specialty	3	49	6	19	13	3	63	18	12	186	
Subtotal - Paediatrics and child health		53	1,140	50	686	241	59	917	401	77	3,624

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Speciality name	Field of speciality practice	ACT	NSW	NT	QLD	SA	TAS	VIC	WA	No PPP	Total
Pain medicine		5	119	1	72	38	13	85	44	2	379
Palliative medicine		9	158	6	77	31	15	104	43	3	446
Pathology	Anatomical pathology (including cytopathology)	22	360	4	200	73	27	216	114	10	1,026
	Chemical pathology	4	30		17	6	1	21	18	6	103
	Forensic pathology		16	1	16	5	3	13	7	4	65
	General pathology	1	38		18	4	6	17	4	1	89
	Haematology	14	209	3	116	45	15	177	56	14	649
	Immunology	7	53		15	10	2	21	21	2	131
	Microbiology	7	96	4	53	18	8	54	40	3	283
	No sub-specialty	3	21		12	3		9	10	4	62
Subtotal - Pathology		58	823	12	447	164	62	528	270	44	2,408
Physician	Cardiology	23	540	10	331	132	29	426	107	50	1,648
	Clinical genetics		37		10	10	1	22	4	2	86
	Clinical pharmacology		16		12	17		13	5	2	65
	Endocrinology	14	289	11	155	49	20	259	67	12	876
	Gastroenterology and hepatology	24	329	4	221	75	18	303	94	16	1,084
	General medicine	30	413	34	503	254	52	602	201	39	2,128
	Geriatric medicine	19	345	3	142	86	20	338	113	13	1,079
	Haematology	16	222	5	134	50	19	220	51	21	738
	Immunology and allergy	8	75		23	14	3	40	31	6	200
	Infectious diseases	12	139	20	89	37	12	217	53	12	591
	Medical oncology	14	277	5	136	60	19	296	60	20	887
	Nephrology	16	214	18	116	32	13	218	49	15	691
	Neurology	13	279	2	109	50	15	254	57	17	796
	Nuclear medicine	8	110	1	33	27	5	67	24	2	277
	Respiratory and sleep medicine	15	284	4	173	66	16	226	87	11	882
	Rheumatology	11	143	2	68	41	10	137	36	7	455
No sub-specialty	5	99	4	27	3	8	49	46	9	250	
Subtotal - Physician		228	3,811	123	2,282	1,003	260	3,687	1,085	254	12,733

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Speciality name	Field of speciality practice	ACT	NSW	NT	QLD	SA	TAS	VIC	WA	No PPP	Total
Psychiatry		85	1,270	30	913	335	84	1,248	410	66	4,441
Public health medicine		36	147	20	78	27	12	83	47	10	460
Radiation Oncology		13	166	1	90	21	9	113	27	9	449
Radiology	Diagnostic radiology	50	768	8	508	199	53	667	286	126	2,665
	Diagnostic ultrasound				1			3			4
	Nuclear medicine	6	50		60	12	3	71	13	1	216
	No sub-specialty	5	24		8	2	1	19	8	8	75
Subtotal - Radiology		61	842	8	577	213	57	760	307	135	2,960
Rehabilitation medicine		8	257	3	89	50	13	149	18	7	594
Sexual health medicine		5	64	1	20	9	3	27	10	1	140
Sport and exercise medicine		12	52	2	18	5	2	49	16		156
Surgery	Cardio-thoracic surgery	5	62		44	11	4	62	15	11	214
	General surgery	33	738	22	422	179	34	615	180	35	2,258
	Neurosurgery	9	97	1	55	19	7	78	21	6	293
	Oral and maxillofacial surgery	7	42	1	48	15	2	45	13	2	175
	Orthopaedic surgery	29	507	8	375	130	29	365	149	22	1,614
	Otolaryngology - head and neck surgery	8	182	3	114	45	9	136	51	9	557
	Paediatric surgery	5	37		18	7	3	26	9	2	107
	Plastic surgery	4	146	3	83	48	15	171	58	3	531
	Urology	8	158	1	105	38	14	141	45	4	514
	Vascular surgery	4	82	1	51	24	6	68	21	2	259
No sub-specialty	1	22	1	2				11	4	1	42
Subtotal - Surgery		113	2,073	41	1,317	516	123	1,718	566	97	6,564
Total		1,627	25,791	854	17,316	6,244	1,931	21,694	8,482	1,285	85,224

Endorsements by type

Table 2.2 Medical practitioners - endorsements by state or territory

Endorsement	ACT	NSW	NT	QLD	SA	TAS	VIC	WA	No PPP	Total
Acupuncture	6	168	2	112	35	14	239	40		616

Medical practitioners by age group

Age by registration type

Table 3.1 Medical practitioners - registration type by age group

Age group	General	General (TA)	General and Specialist	Specialist	Provisional	Limited	Non-practising	Total
U - 25	548				1,312			1,860
25 - 29	11,824		280		3,042	115	89	15,350
30 - 34	13,617		4,295	128	773	628	337	19,778
35 - 39	6,655	2	9,413	773	390	871	268	18,372
40 - 44	3,130	3	10,414	1,847	174	603	228	16,399
45 - 49	1,672	1	9,539	2,417	74	283	226	14,212
50 - 54	1,178	2	7,851	2,185	36	136	230	11,618
55 - 59	997	3	7,260	1,787	14	53	254	10,368
60 - 64	904	6	6,907	1,118	6	22	322	9,285
65 - 69	622	7	5,522	580		12	410	7,153
70 - 74	399	8	3,602	265		1	371	4,646
75 - 79	281	3	2,020	76			304	2,684
80+	283	1	1,145	26			375	1,830
Total	42,110	36	68,248	11,202	5,821	2,724	3,414	133,555

Table 3.2 Medical practitioners - by age group

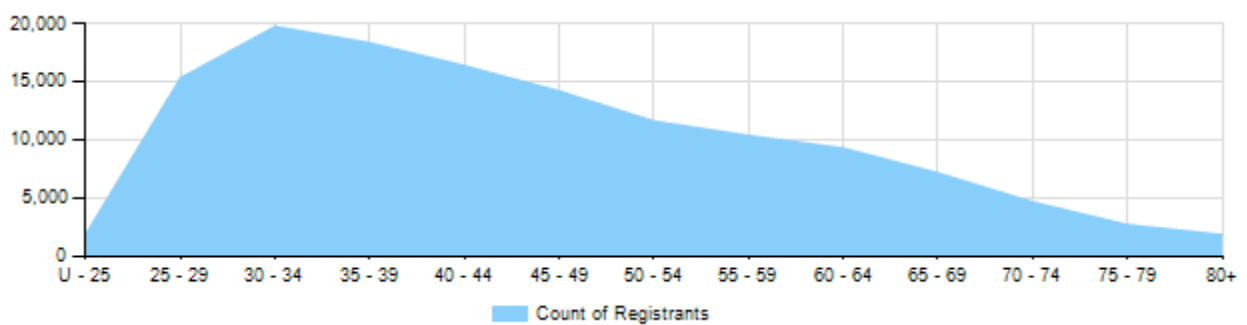


Table 3.3 Medical practitioners - limited registration by age group

Age group	Limited			Total
	Area of need	Postgraduate training or supervised practice	Teaching or research	
U - 25				0
25 - 29		113	2	115
30 - 34	15	612	1	628
35 - 39	48	817	6	871
40 - 44	77	521	5	603
45 - 49	67	213	3	283
50 - 54	35	97	4	136
55 - 59	15	37	1	53
60 - 64	10	12		22
65 - 69	7	5		12
70 - 74	1			1
75 - 79				0
80+				0
Total	275	2,427	22	2,724

Medical practitioners by gender

Gender by registration type

Table 4.1 Medical practitioners - gender by state and territory by registration type

Gender	Registration types	Registration subtypes	ACT	NSW	NT	QLD	SA	TAS	VIC	WA	No PPP	Total	
Female	General		427	6,354	354	4,290	1,441	421	5,243	2,437	343	21,310	
	General TA			6		5	1	2	3	1		18	
	General and Specialist		606	9,079	342	5,505	2,089	688	7,516	2,591	278	28,694	
	Specialist		83	886	38	963	238	102	929	633	159	4,031	
	Provisional		73	769	48	702	214	73	780	444	30	3,133	
	Limited	Area of need		1	25	6	18		3	61	13		127
		Postgraduate training or supervised practice		11	369	12	162	106	58	319	140	19	1,196
		Teaching or research			2		2			3	5		12
	Non-practising		19	359	7	165	73	22	230	99	476	1,450	
Total Female			1,220	17,849	807	11,812	4,162	1,369	15,084	6,363	1,305	59,971	
Male	General		397	6,327	266	4,587	1,316	432	4,931	2,127	414	20,797	
	General TA			2		8	1	3	3	1		18	
	General and Specialist		669	12,671	325	7,847	2,994	834	10,194	3,579	439	39,552	
	Specialist		147	1,501	89	1,804	448	177	1,591	1,093	321	7,171	
	Provisional		59	672	41	601	206	48	653	379	27	2,686	
	Limited	Area of need			15	8	28	10		69	18		148
		Postgraduate training or supervised practice		19	359	21	210	104	64	316	116	22	1,231
		Teaching or research		1	1		2	2	1	3			10
Non-practising		20	483	7	210	111	33	380	127	593	1,964		
Total Male			1,312	22,031	757	15,297	5,192	1,592	18,140	7,440	1,816	73,577	

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Gender	Registration types	Registration subtypes	ACT	NSW	NT	QLD	SA	TAS	VIC	WA	No PPP	Total
Not stated or Intersex or Indeterminate	General								2	1		3
	General and Specialist								1	1		2
	Provisional							1	1			2
Total			2,532	39,880	1,564	27,109	9,354	2,962	33,228	13,805	3,121	133,555

Gender percentages

Table 4.2 Medical practitioners - percentage by gender

Gender	ACT	NSW	NT	QLD	SA	TAS	VIC	WA	No PPP	Total
Female	48.2%	44.8%	51.6%	43.6%	44.5%	46.2%	45.4%	46.1%	41.8%	44.9%
Male	51.8%	55.2%	48.4%	56.4%	55.5%	53.7%	54.6%	53.9%	58.2%	55.1%
Not stated or Intersex or Indeterminate						<0.1%	<0.1%	<0.1%		<0.1%

Specialist registration by gender

Table 4.3 Medical practitioners - by area of specialist practice by gender

Speciality	Female	Male	Not stated or Intersex or Indeterminate
Addiction medicine	26.4%	73.6%	
Anaesthesia	33.3%	66.7%	
Dermatology	50.2%	49.8%	
Emergency medicine	38.0%	62.0%	
General practice	47.9%	52.1%	<0.1%
Intensive care medicine	23.1%	76.9%	
Medical administration	34.4%	65.6%	
Obstetrics and gynaecology	52.7%	47.3%	
Occupational and environmental medicine	21.1%	78.9%	
Ophthalmology	23.7%	76.3%	
Paediatrics and child health	55.8%	44.2%	
Pain medicine	28.8%	71.2%	
Palliative medicine	61.0%	39.0%	
Pathology	46.5%	53.5%	
Physician	34.7%	65.3%	
Psychiatry	42.3%	57.7%	<0.1%
Public health medicine	46.1%	53.9%	
Radiation Oncology	43.9%	56.1%	
Radiology	28.7%	71.3%	
Rehabilitation medicine	50.3%	49.7%	
Sexual health medicine	57.1%	42.9%	
Sport and exercise medicine	24.4%	75.6%	
Surgery	13.8%	86.2%	
Total	40.5%	59.5%	<0.1%