

Optometry Board of Australia

Registrant data

Reporting period: 01 July 2021 to 30 September 2021



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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 and 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 info.

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

Principal place of practice

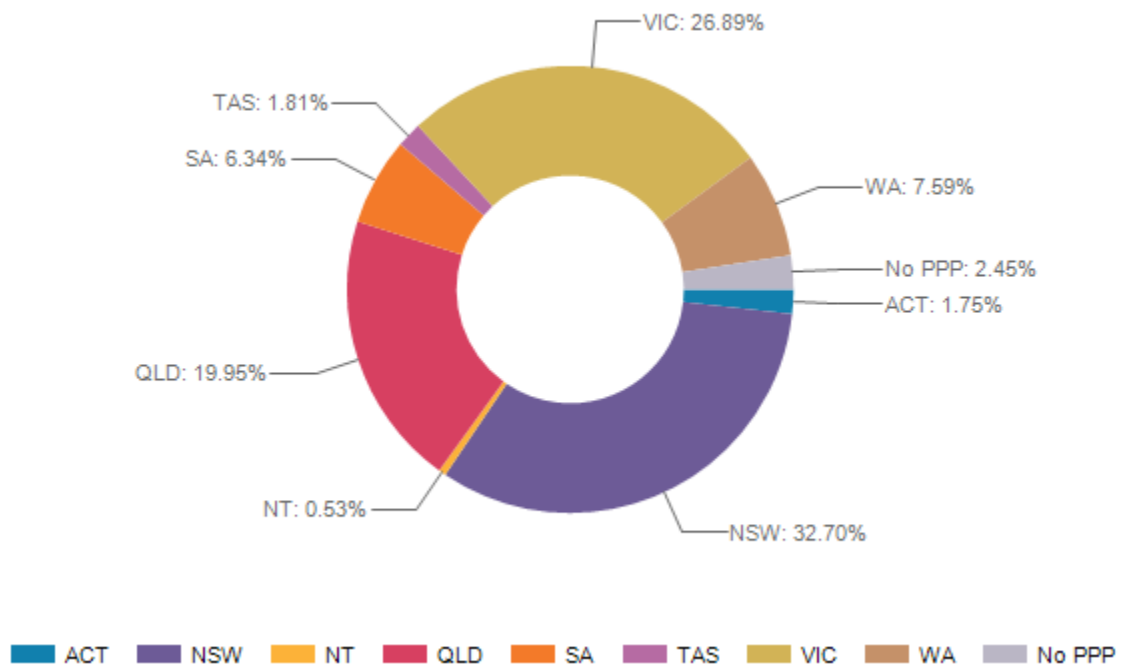
Registration type

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		108	2,056	34	1,250	403	114	1,687	478	87	6,217
Limited	Postgraduate training or supervised practice	2	1		3	1		7	3	2	19
Non-practising		2	38		25	2	2	29	5	68	171
Total		112	2,095	34	1,278	406	116	1,723	486	157	6,407*

* Total figure includes 64 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	74	1,217	26	839	305	93	1,348	300	30	4,232
% of General Registrants who are Endorsed	68.5%	59.2%	76.5%	67.1%	75.7%	81.6%	79.9%	62.8%	34.5%	68.1%

Table 1.4 Endorsement by age group

Age group	Scheduled Medicines	% of general registrants who are endorsed
U - 25	348	99.7%
25 - 29	1,251	99.1%
30 - 34	816	94.7%
35 - 39	500	74.0%
40 - 44	393	59.6%
45 - 49	300	52.4%
50 - 54	245	42.2%
55 - 59	166	37.7%
60 - 64	141	29.9%
65 - 69	49	20.5%
70 - 74	22	28.2%
75 - 79	1	4.0%
80+		.0%
Total	4,232	68.1%

**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		Teaching or research						
	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female	Male	Total
U - 25	247	102							247	102	349
25 - 29	887	375	3	1			3	1	893	377	1,270
30 - 34	575	287	4	1			12	4	591	292	883
35 - 39	453	223	5	2			13	5	471	230	701
40 - 44	402	257		1			13	9	415	267	682
45 - 49	327	246	1	1			15	6	343	253	596
50 - 54	275	305					16	9	291	314	605
55 - 59	184	256					8	12	192	268	460
60 - 64	130	341					3	17	133	358	491
65 - 69	53	186					3	7	56	193	249
70 - 74	17	61					2	8	19	69	88
75 - 79	1	24						3	1	27	28
80+		3						2	0	5	5
Total	3,551	2,666	13	6	0	0	88	83	3,652	2,755	6,407

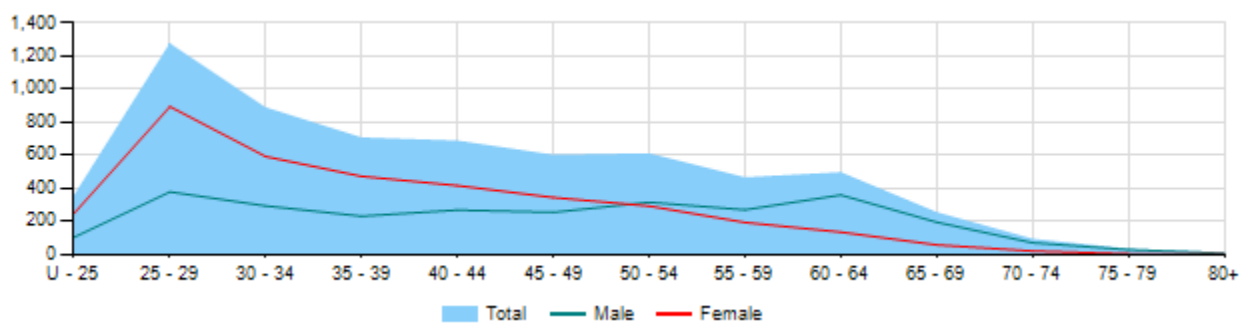
Table 2.2 Registrants age group, by principal place of practice and gender - General and Limited

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	
U - 25	6	2	91	38	2	1	66	25	26	11	4	2	45	19	7	3		1	349
25 - 29	19	6	269	118	5	2	166	72	98	31	20	7	256	106	53	34	4		1,266
30 - 34	6	8	170	86	2	2	103	54	26	12	4	1	238	100	26	24	4	1	867
35 - 39	10	2	143	64	2		93	45	23	17	6	3	137	75	38	12	6	7	683
40 - 44	9	4	164	73	2	2	70	59	23	12	4	4	87	76	35	25	8	3	660
45 - 49	10	7	99	59	2	2	74	58	15	20	7	8	89	65	27	25	5	3	575
50 - 54	4	7	110	89	1	1	58	75	8	16	5	5	61	65	21	41	7	6	580
55 - 59	1	1	63	67	1	2	44	65	3	9	4	5	51	73	11	28	6	6	440
60 - 64		6	63	152	1	3	20	50	5	23	3	14	23	57	10	30	5	6	471
65 - 69	1	1	29	74			6	34	5	17		4	8	36	2	17	2	3	239
70 - 74			7	22	1			11		2		3	8	14		6	1	3	78
75 - 79			1	3				5		2		1		5		6		2	25
80+				3															3
Total	66	44	1,209	848	19	15	700	553	232	172	57	57	1,003	691	230	251	48	41	6,236

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	
U - 25																			0
25 - 29							1								1		1	1	4
30 - 34			1	1			1						3			1	7	2	16
35 - 39			3	1			2	3					2			1	6		18
40 - 44			4	4			1	2					4	1			4	2	22
45 - 49			1	3			1						5	1			8	2	21
50 - 54			5				2						2	2	1		6	7	25
55 - 59			3	1			1	1	1				4				3	6	20
60 - 64	1		5				2		1	1			1		1	2	6		20
65 - 69	1						1	3			1						2	2	10
70 - 74			2	2				3					3						10
75 - 79				1				1					1						3
80+				1														1	2
Total	0	2	19	19	0	0	10	15	1	1	1	1	16	13	2	3	39	29	171

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	58.9%	58.6%	55.9%	55.6%	57.4%	50.0%	59.1%	47.7%	55.4%	57.0%
Male	41.1%	41.4%	44.1%	44.4%	42.6%	50.0%	40.9%	52.3%	44.6%	43.0%