

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
- 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

Ahpra and the Medical Board of Australia established a short-term pandemic response sub-register for up to 12 months (or less if the pandemic subsides) to help with fast tracking the return to the workforce of experienced and qualified health practitioners. The pandemic response sub-register came into effect on 6 April 2020. Eligible medical practitioners were added to the pandemic response sub-register. These practitioners are included in these statistics. Please see the [COVID-19](#) page on AHPRA's website for more info.

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

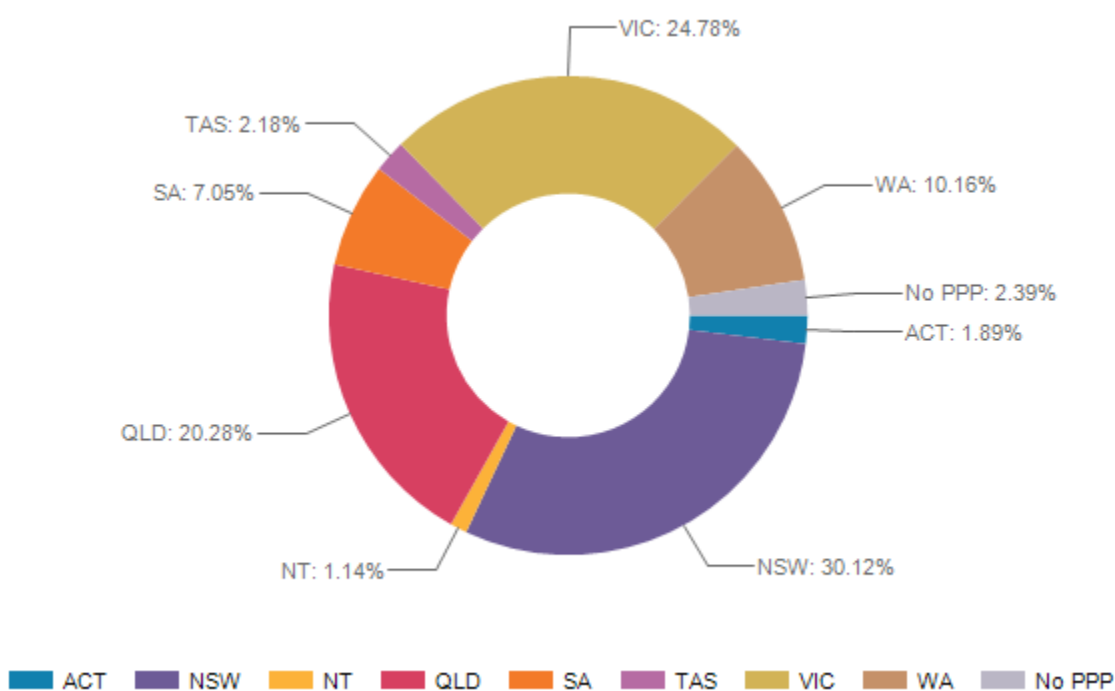
Registration type

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		894	13,792	625	9,399	2,974	876	10,868	4,636	776	44,840
General (Teaching and Assessing)			11		16	2	6	8	2		45
General and Specialist		1,137	19,730	592	12,111	4,706	1,380	16,221	5,547	737	62,161
Specialist		219	2,342	128	2,692	663	260	2,372	1,695	510	10,881
Provisional		112	1,365	74	1,170	362	111	1,186	752	37	5,169
Limited	Area of need	2	47	18	56	20	10	190	40		383
	Postgraduate training or supervised practice	32	710	26	329	189	118	506	217	26	2,153
	Public interest										0
	Teaching or research		3		5	2		5	6		21
Non-practising		41	787	10	341	164	47	557	195	992	3,134
Total		2,437	38,787	1,473	26,119	9,082	2,808	31,913	13,090	3,078	128,787*

* Total figure includes 3,358 medical practitioners on the Pandemic response sub-register. 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		4	81	5	34	15	5	31	16	3	194
Anaesthesia		90	1,680	46	1,204	423	137	1,374	622	131	5,707
Dermatology		5	222	1	110	51	6	159	54	9	617
Emergency medicine	Paediatric emergency medicine	1	6		10	2	1	4	2		26
	No sub-specialty	51	735	55	665	157	66	673	308	85	2,795
Subtotal - Emergency medicine		52	741	55	675	159	67	677	310	85	2,821
General practice		558	8,872	340	6,485	2,251	757	7,364	3,198	243	30,068
Intensive care medicine	Paediatric intensive care medicine		6		7		1	8	1		23
	No sub-specialty	25	294	11	234	76	18	248	92	43	1,041
Subtotal - Intensive care medicine		25	300	11	241	76	19	256	93	43	1,064
Medical administration		11	113	1	87	15	10	77	29	11	354
Obstetrics and gynaecology	Gynaecological oncology		17	1	12	4	1	11	5		51
	Maternal-fetal medicine	1	15	1	11	4		9	4	1	46
	Obstetrics and gynaecological ultrasound		12		3	2		43	3	2	65
	Reproductive endocrinology and infertility		25	1	4	6	1	14	2	1	54
	Urogynaecology		10		9	1		8	5		33
	No sub-specialty	40	560	18	409	145	43	527	191	47	1,980
Subtotal - Obstetrics and gynaecology		41	639	21	448	162	45	612	210	51	2,229
Occupational and environmental medicine		16	97	2	50	31	6	62	57	7	328
Ophthalmology		15	393	6	191	74	27	278	85	14	1,083

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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		22		8	2		13	3		48
	Community child health	2	44		19	2	2	24	8	1	102
	General paediatrics	30	735	31	427	146	41	562	224	37	2,233
	Neonatal and perinatal medicine	7	62	2	50	21	4	71	35	6	258
	Paediatric cardiology		15	1	13	2		15	8	1	55
	Paediatric clinical pharmacology		1		1			1		1	4
	Paediatric emergency medicine	1	17	1	30	11	1	23	13	3	100
	Paediatric endocrinology	1	21	1	13	4	1	6	7		54
	Paediatric gastroenterology and hepatology	1	9		6	1		12	7	1	37
	Paediatric haematology		6		5	1		5	4		21
	Paediatric immunology and allergy	1	15		7	9		12	3		47
	Paediatric infectious diseases		9	3	7	3		12	8	2	44
	Paediatric intensive care medicine		4		3			1			8
	Paediatric medical oncology	1	14		14	4		16	13	2	64
	Paediatric nephrology		9		2	2		5	2		20
	Paediatric neurology		20		9	2	1	13	4	3	52
	Paediatric nuclear medicine		1								1
	Paediatric palliative medicine		1		2			2	1		6
	Paediatric rehabilitation medicine		4		3	1			2		10
	Paediatric respiratory and sleep medicine	1	21		13	4		6	9		54
Paediatric rheumatology		3		6	2		5	3		19	
No sub-specialty	2	47	6	19	15	3	62	19	13	186	
Subtotal - Paediatrics and child health		47	1,080	45	657	232	53	866	373	70	3,423

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Speciality name	Field of speciality practice	ACT	NSW	NT	QLD	SA	TAS	VIC	WA	No PPP	Total
Pain medicine		5	114	1	66	35	12	78	40	2	353
Palliative medicine		7	147	5	73	29	15	103	42	5	426
Pathology	Anatomical pathology (including cytopathology)	22	348	5	201	72	24	205	112	11	1,000
	Chemical pathology	3	30	1	17	6	1	20	19	6	103
	Forensic pathology		15	1	16	5	3	12	8	2	62
	General pathology	1	40		19	3	5	17	4	2	91
	Haematology	12	202	3	113	44	14	162	57	15	622
	Immunology	7	51		15	10	2	19	20	2	126
	Microbiology	7	97	1	54	17	7	51	42	2	278
	No sub-specialty	3	21		9	4	1	8	9	3	58
Subtotal - Pathology		55	804	11	444	161	57	494	271	43	2,340
Physician	Cardiology	24	521	11	324	132	27	418	101	55	1,613
	Clinical genetics		32		10	10	1	20	4	2	79
	Clinical pharmacology		20		10	17		14	5	3	69
	Endocrinology	15	277	11	149	48	18	256	67	11	852
	Gastroenterology and hepatology	25	312	5	208	72	15	293	90	19	1,039
	General medicine	31	408	31	483	253	55	595	186	40	2,082
	Geriatric medicine	17	314	3	139	77	17	319	107	10	1,003
	Haematology	13	211	4	125	48	18	208	50	20	697
	Immunology and allergy	8	73		22	14	3	37	29	5	191
	Infectious diseases	13	134	18	82	38	11	205	53	13	567
	Medical oncology	14	258	5	132	60	18	281	55	24	847
	Nephrology	15	212	19	110	32	12	207	46	18	671
	Neurology	14	267	3	105	44	12	234	53	17	749
	Nuclear medicine	7	110	1	32	29	8	65	26	2	280
	Respiratory and sleep medicine	14	274	6	165	69	14	221	82	8	853
	Rheumatology	12	136	3	68	39	12	130	34	7	441
No sub-specialty	3	104	4	27	4	7	49	48	13	259	
Subtotal - Physician		225	3,663	124	2,191	986	248	3,552	1,036	267	12,292

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Speciality name	Field of speciality practice	ACT	NSW	NT	QLD	SA	TAS	VIC	WA	No PPP	Total
Psychiatry		84	1,233	29	873	328	86	1,188	403	79	4,303
Public health medicine		32	139	19	86	28	12	80	45	12	453
Radiation Oncology		13	157	2	87	20	10	116	27	10	442
Radiology	Diagnostic radiology	51	735	6	488	190	48	639	274	123	2,554
	Diagnostic ultrasound				1			3			4
	Nuclear medicine	7	47		52	12	3	74	13	1	209
	No sub-specialty	5	30		9	2	2	20	8	6	82
Subtotal - Radiology		63	812	6	550	204	53	736	295	130	2,849
Rehabilitation medicine		6	254	4	85	46	12	155	17	6	585
Sexual health medicine		5	61	1	22	10	3	27	8		137
Sport and exercise medicine		11	50	2	16	4	2	47	16	1	149
Surgery	Cardio-thoracic surgery	6	58		39	12	4	65	16	11	211
	General surgery	33	726	24	408	176	38	604	167	43	2,219
	Neurosurgery	8	91	1	51	19	5	80	21	7	283
	Oral and maxillofacial surgery	5	41	1	45	14	2	44	14	3	169
	Orthopaedic surgery	27	494	6	361	131	28	357	149	23	1,576
	Otolaryngology - head and neck surgery	8	173	3	110	47	9	136	49	11	546
	Paediatric surgery	5	37		20	8	2	24	9	3	108
	Plastic surgery	3	144	2	82	43	14	161	58	5	512
	Urology	8	156	1	107	36	13	136	43	3	503
	Vascular surgery	4	84	1	53	23	5	67	20	2	259
No sub-specialty	1	23	1	2				10	5	1	43
Subtotal - Surgery		108	2,027	40	1,278	509	120	1,684	551	112	6,429
Total		1,478	23,679	777	15,953	5,849	1,762	20,016	7,798	1,334	78,646

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	167	2	111	37	13	244	41		621

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	494				1,259			1,753
25 - 29	12,071		165	2	2,570	87	107	15,002
30 - 34	13,786		3,406	171	720	554	273	18,910
35 - 39	7,375	3	7,923	797	355	858	221	17,532
40 - 44	3,755	3	9,264	1,938	161	556	187	15,864
45 - 49	2,115	1	8,562	2,332	61	260	241	13,572
50 - 54	1,490	2	7,267	2,096	26	144	222	11,247
55 - 59	1,197	4	7,090	1,665	15	57	269	10,297
60 - 64	993	8	6,799	1,051	2	29	310	9,192
65 - 69	619	9	5,257	507		11	347	6,750
70 - 74	399	9	3,599	228		1	348	4,584
75 - 79	274	4	1,799	65			278	2,420
80+	272	2	1,030	29			331	1,664
Total	44,840	45	62,161	10,881	5,169	2,557	3,134	128,787

Table 3.2 Medical practitioners - by age group

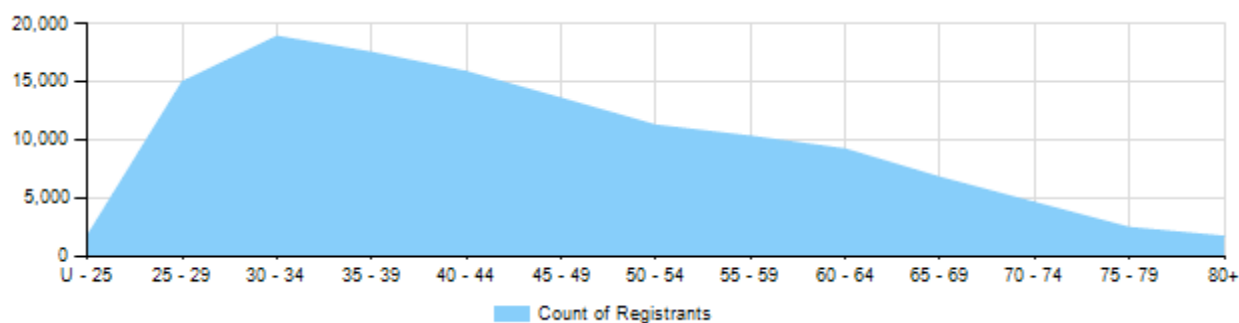


Table 3.3 Medical practitioners - limited registration by age group

Age group	Limited			Total
	Area of need	Postgraduate training or supervised practice	Teaching or research	
U - 25				0
25 - 29		86	1	87
30 - 34	31	520	3	554
35 - 39	71	782	5	858
40 - 44	113	438	5	556
45 - 49	77	180	3	260
50 - 54	51	90	3	144
55 - 59	21	35	1	57
60 - 64	12	17		29
65 - 69	7	4		11
70 - 74		1		1
75 - 79				0
80+				0
Total	383	2,153	21	2,557

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		494	7,042	349	4,591	1,570	437	5,693	2,502	331	23,009
	General TA			8		6	1	3	4	1		23
	General and Specialist		519	7,816	299	4,775	1,839	585	6,568	2,179	274	24,854
	Specialist		82	862	39	933	224	90	860	614	162	3,866
	Provisional		62	739	49	595	203	65	665	443	15	2,836
	Limited	Area of need	2	25	8	20	6	6	85	17		169
		Postgraduate training or supervised practice	16	352	8	140	84	59	232	116	5	1,012
		Teaching or research		1		3			2	6		12
	Non-practising		16	346	4	137	63	19	224	88	431	1,328
Total Female			1,191	17,191	756	11,200	3,990	1,264	14,333	5,966	1,218	57,109
Male	General		400	6,750	276	4,808	1,404	439	5,173	2,134	445	21,829
	General TA			3		10	1	3	4	1		22
	General and Specialist		618	11,914	293	7,336	2,867	795	9,652	3,367	463	37,305
	Specialist		137	1,480	89	1,759	439	170	1,512	1,081	348	7,015
	Provisional		50	626	25	575	159	46	521	309	22	2,333
	Limited	Area of need		22	10	36	14	4	105	23		214
		Postgraduate training or supervised practice	16	358	18	189	105	59	274	101	21	1,141
		Teaching or research		2		2	2		3			9
Non-practising		25	441	6	204	101	28	333	107	561	1,806	
Total Male			1,246	21,596	717	14,919	5,092	1,544	17,577	7,123	1,860	71,674

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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			2
	General and Specialist								1	1		2
Total			2,437	38,787	1,473	26,119	9,082	2,808	31,913	13,090	3,078	128,787

Gender percentages

Table 4.2 Medical practitioners - percentage by gender

Gender	ACT	NSW	NT	QLD	SA	TAS	VIC	WA	No PPP	Total
Female	48.9%	44.3%	51.3%	42.9%	43.9%	45.0%	44.9%	45.6%	39.6%	44.3%
Male	51.1%	55.7%	48.7%	57.1%	56.1%	55.0%	55.1%	54.4%	60.4%	55.7%
Not stated or Intersex or Indeterminate							<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	27.3%	72.7%	
Anaesthesia	32.7%	67.3%	
Dermatology	48.6%	51.4%	
Emergency medicine	37.4%	62.6%	
General practice	45.3%	54.7%	<0.1%
Intensive care medicine	21.5%	78.5%	
Medical administration	35.3%	64.7%	
Obstetrics and gynaecology	51.7%	48.3%	
Occupational and environmental medicine	21.3%	78.7%	
Ophthalmology	23.5%	76.5%	
Paediatrics and child health	54.4%	45.6%	
Pain medicine	28.9%	71.1%	
Palliative medicine	60.3%	39.7%	
Pathology	45.3%	54.7%	
Physician	33.7%	66.3%	
Psychiatry	41.7%	58.3%	<0.1%
Public health medicine	44.8%	55.2%	
Radiation Oncology	44.1%	55.9%	
Radiology	27.9%	72.1%	
Rehabilitation medicine	50.1%	49.9%	
Sexual health medicine	56.9%	43.1%	
Sport and exercise medicine	26.2%	73.8%	
Surgery	13.3%	86.7%	
Total	38.6%	61.4%	<0.1%