

Dental Board of Australia

Registrant data

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Introduction

The functions of the Dental Board of Australia (the Board) include:

- registering dentists, students, dental specialists, dental therapists, dental hygienists, oral health therapists and dental prosthetists
- developing standards, codes and guidelines for the dental 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 Ahpra's Legislation & Publications at www.ahpra.gov.au/Publications

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 dental registration, please see the Board's website: www.dentalboard.gov.au/Registration.aspx

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 dental practitioners (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 dental practitioners are included in these statistics. Please see the [COVID-19](#) page on Ahpra's website for more info.

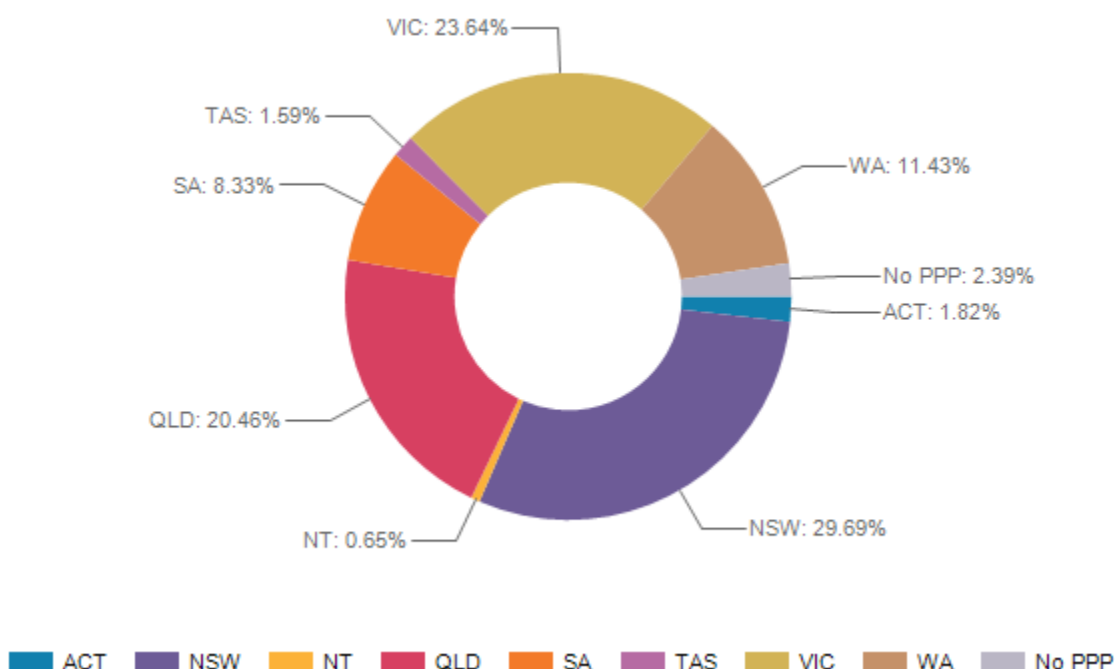
Registration type

Table 1.1 Dental practitioners - registration type by state or territory

Registration types	Registration subtypes	ACT	NSW	NT	QLD	SA	TAS	VIC	WA	No PPP	Total
General		408	6,825	155	4,705	1,909	377	5,404	2,644	330	22,757
General and Non-practising					1						1
General and Specialist		47	530	5	358	155	25	455	199	41	1,815
Specialist		1	15		12	4		16	8	8	64
Limited	Postgraduate training or supervised practice		2		4	5		2	1	2	16
	Teaching or research		7		15	3		2	4		31
Non-practising		7	162	4	102	39	3	126	47	226	716
Total		463	7,541	164	5,197	2,115	405	6,005	2,903	607	25,400*

* Total figure includes 428 dental practitioners on the Pandemic response sub-register. For more information go to the [COVID-19](#) page on the Ahpra website.

Table 1.2 Dental practitioners - percentage by principal place of practice



Registration divisions

Table 2.1 Dental practitioners - division(s) by state or territory

Division	ACT	NSW	NT	QLD	SA	TAS	VIC	WA	No PPP	Total
Dental Hygienist	42	383	11	166	338	21	235	268	22	1,486
Dental Hygienist and Dental Prosthetist		2		1						3
Dental Hygienist and Dental Prosthetist and Dental Therapist							1			1
Dental Hygienist and Dental Therapist	7	60	4	125	56	3	116	53	4	428
Dental Hygienist and Dental Therapist and Dentist				2						2
Dental Hygienist and Dental Therapist and Oral Health Therapist	1	16		11	5		14	2		49
Dental Hygienist and Dentist		1		3			1			5
Dental Hygienist and Oral Health Therapist	1	21		5	3		4	6		40
Dental Prosthetist	15	417	4	309	67	46	357	83	6	1,304
Dental Prosthetist and Dental Therapist							1			1
Dental Prosthetist and Dentist							3			3
Dental Prosthetist and Oral Health Therapist		1	1							2
Dental Therapist	12	166	10	145	70	37	133	246	5	824
Dental Therapist and Dentist				1			1			2
Dental Therapist and Oral Health Therapist								6		6
Dentist	346	5,813	113	3,923	1,303	276	4,564	1,985	550	18,873
Dentist and Oral Health Therapist		2		1			2			5
Oral Health Therapist	39	659	21	505	273	22	573	254	20	2,366
Total	463	7,541	164	5,197	2,115	405	6,005	2,903	607	25,400

Registration type and divisions

Table 3.1 Dental practitioners - registration type and division by state or territory

Registration types	Division	ACT	NSW	NT	QLD	SA	TAS	VIC	WA	No PPP	Total
General	Dental Hygienist	42	368	11	160	331	21	230	262	11	1,436
	Dental Hygienist and Dental Prosthetist		2		1						3
	Dental Hygienist and Dental Prosthetist and Dental Therapist							1			1
	Dental Hygienist and Dental Therapist	7	56	4	119	56	3	109	52	2	408
	Dental Hygienist and Dental Therapist and Dentist				2						2
	Dental Hygienist and Dental Therapist and Oral Health Therapist	1	16		11	5		14	2		49
	Dental Hygienist and Dentist		1		2			1			4
	Dental Hygienist and Oral Health Therapist	1	21		5	3		4	6		40
	Dental Prosthetist	15	405	4	305	66	46	349	82	2	1,274
	Dental Prosthetist and Dental Therapist							1			1
	Dental Prosthetist and Dentist							3			3
	Dental Prosthetist and Oral Health Therapist		1	1							2
	Dental Therapist	11	154	10	142	69	36	125	239	1	787
	Dental Therapist and Dentist				1			1			2
	Dental Therapist and Oral Health Therapist								6		6
	Dentist	292	5,143	105	3,461	1,108	249	3,994	1,742	299	16,393
	Dentist and Oral Health Therapist		2		1			2			5
	Oral Health Therapist	39	656	20	495	271	22	570	253	15	2,341
	Sub Total - General		408	6,825	155	4,705	1,909	377	5,404	2,644	330

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Registration types	Division	ACT	NSW	NT	QLD	SA	TAS	VIC	WA	No PPP	Total
General and Non-practising	Dental Hygienist and Dental Therapist										0
	Dental Hygienist and Dentist				1						1
	Dentist and Oral Health Therapist										0
Sub Total - General and Non-practising		0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1
General and Specialist	Dentist	47	530	5	358	155	25	455	199	41	1,815
Specialist	Dentist	1	15		12	4		16	8	8	64
Limited	Dental Hygienist		1								1
	Dentist		8		19	8		3	5	2	45
	Oral Health Therapist							1			1
Sub Total - Limited		0	9	0	19	8	0	4	5	2	47
Non-practising	Dental Hygienist		14		6	7		5	6	11	49
	Dental Hygienist and Dental Therapist		4		6			7	1	2	20
	Dental Hygienist and Oral Health Therapist										0
	Dental Prosthetist		12		4	1		8	1	4	30
	Dental Therapist	1	12		3	1	1	8	7	4	37
	Dentist	6	117	3	73	28	2	96	31	200	556
	Oral Health Therapist		3	1	10	2		2	1	5	24
Sub Total - Non-practising		7	162	4	102	39	3	126	47	226	716
Total		463	7,541	164	5,197	2,115	405	6,005	2,903	607	25,400

Dental specialities

Table 4.1 Dental practitioners - dental speciality by state or territory

Speciality	ACT	NSW	NT	QLD	SA	TAS	VIC	WA	No PPP	Total
Dento-maxillofacial radiology		1		9			1	4		15
Endodontics	8	53	1	37	15	3	49	18	4	188
Forensic odontology	2	5	1	2	2	2	2	4		20
Oral and Maxillofacial Pathology		6		5	3	1	2	3	1	21
Oral and maxillofacial surgery	7	65	1	57	17	5	62	23	5	242
Oral medicine		11		8			14	10	2	45
Oral pathology										
Oral surgery		40		8			7	1	3	59
Orthodontics	15	193	2	129	56	9	160	68	16	648
Paediatric dentistry	2	46		25	18	1	44	22	5	163
Periodontics	8	69	1	50	16	4	66	32	5	251
Prosthodontics	6	70		45	25		55	23	8	232
Public health dentistry (Community dentistry)		5		1	1		8	1		16
Special needs dentistry		5		5	6		8	1	1	26
Total	48	569	6	381	159	25	478	210	50	1,926

Endorsements

Table 5.1 Dental practitioners - endorsement by state or territory

Endorsement	ACT	NSW	NT	QLD	SA	TAS	VIC	WA	No PPP	Total
Area of Practice - Conscious sedation	7	54	1	20	2	2	6	11	1	104

Age group

Table 6.1 Dental practitioners - by age group

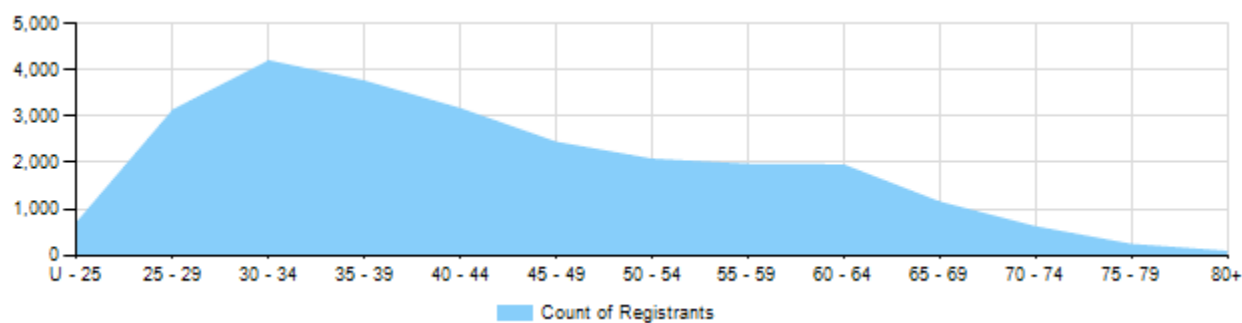


Table 6.2 Dental practitioners - registration type by age group

Age group	General	General and Non-practising	General and Specialist	Specialist	Limited		Non-practising	Total
					Postgraduate training or supervised practice	Teaching or research		
U - 25	709						1	710
25 - 29	3,078		11		2		41	3,132
30 - 34	3,961		124	9	6		96	4,196
35 - 39	3,428	1	218	14	5	3	87	3,756
40 - 44	2,736		330	19	3	10	61	3,159
45 - 49	2,145		221	7		7	54	2,434
50 - 54	1,797		188	9		5	67	2,066
55 - 59	1,689		198	3		4	63	1,957
60 - 64	1,634		224			1	84	1,943
65 - 69	915		154			1	71	1,141
70 - 74	465		89	2			50	606
75 - 79	156		39				29	224
80+	44		19	1			12	76
Total	22,757	1	1,815	64	16	31	716	25,400

Gender

Table 7.1 Dental practitioners - registration type by gender

Gender	Registration types	Registration subtypes	ACT	NSW	NT	QLD	SA	TAS	VIC	WA	No PPP	Total
Female	General		272	3,538	84	2,545	1,204	190	3,007	1,636	165	12,641
	General and Non-practising					1						1
	General and Specialist		11	142	2	89	50	7	151	68	10	530
	Specialist		1	6		4	1		11	3		26
	Limited	Postgraduate training or supervised practice		2		2	3			1	1	9
		Teaching or research		2		4	2		1	2		11
	Non-practising		4	86	1	58	16	1	65	24	111	366
Total Female			288	3,776	87	2,703	1,276	198	3,235	1,734	287	13,584
Male	General		136	3,287	71	2,160	705	187	2,397	1,008	165	10,116
	General and Specialist		36	388	3	269	105	18	304	131	31	1,285
	Specialist			9		8	3		5	5	8	38
	Limited	Postgraduate training or supervised practice				2	2		2		1	7
		Teaching or research		5		11	1		1	2		20
Non-practising		3	76	3	44	23	2	61	23	115	350	
Total Male			175	3,765	77	2,494	839	207	2,770	1,169	320	11,816
Total			463	7,541	164	5,197	2,115	405	6,005	2,903	607	25,400

Table 7.2 Dental practitioners - percentage by gender

Gender	ACT	NSW	NT	QLD	SA	TAS	VIC	WA	No PPP	Total
Female	62.2%	50.1%	53.0%	52.0%	60.3%	48.9%	53.9%	59.7%	47.3%	53.5%
Male	37.8%	49.9%	47.0%	48.0%	39.7%	51.1%	46.1%	40.3%	52.7%	46.5%