

# 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](http://www.ahpra.gov.au/Publications)

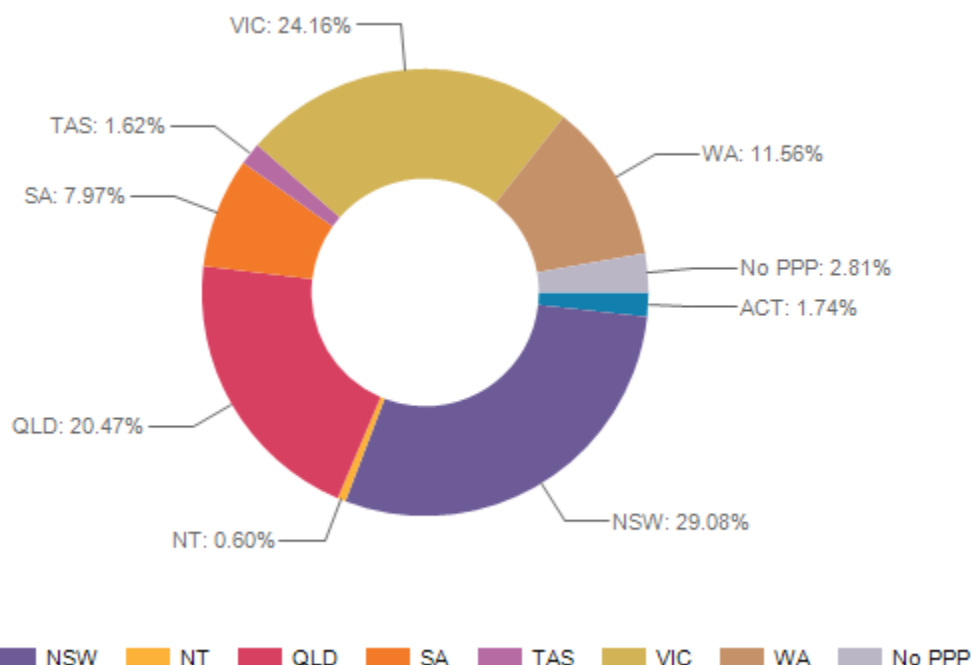
The Board has analysed its registration data and produced a number of statistical breakdowns about registrants to share with the profession and community. The Board shares these breakdowns regularly. For more information on dental registration, please see the Board's website: [www.dentalboard.gov.au/Registration.aspx](http://www.dentalboard.gov.au/Registration.aspx)

## 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		432	7,480	160	5,291	2,035	420	6,223	2,969	444	25,454
General and Non-practising					1			1	1		3
General and Specialist		50	549	6	378	154	31	457	214	43	1,882
Specialist		1	17		12	4	1	15	12	12	74
Limited	Postgraduate training or supervised practice	1	1		1			6	6	1	16
	Public interest		1								1
	Teaching or research		7		18	6		3	8		42
Non-practising		14	283	6	169	87	13	223	105	305	1,205
<b>Total</b>		<b>498</b>	<b>8,338</b>	<b>172</b>	<b>5,870</b>	<b>2,286</b>	<b>465</b>	<b>6,928</b>	<b>3,315</b>	<b>805</b>	<b>28,677</b>

**Table 1.2 Dental practitioners - percentage by principal place of practice**



## Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander practitioners

**Table 1.3 Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander practitioners by principal place of practice**

PPP	ACT	NSW	NT	QLD	SA	TAS	VIC	WA	No PPP	Total
Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander practitioners	3	49	2	52	14	4	16	17	2	159
Percentage of all practitioners	0.6 %	0.6 %	1.2 %	0.9 %	0.6 %	0.9 %	0.2 %	0.5 %	0.2 %	0.6 %

## 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	41	349	12	218	373	18	218	266	18	<b>1,513</b>
Dental Hygienist and Dental Prosthetist				1						<b>1</b>
Dental Hygienist and Dental Prosthetist and Dental Therapist							1			<b>1</b>
Dental Hygienist and Dental Therapist	6	52	4	92	46	4	88	50	4	<b>346</b>
Dental Hygienist and Dental Therapist and Dentist				1						<b>1</b>
Dental Hygienist and Dental Therapist and Dentist and Oral Health Therapist										
Dental Hygienist and Dental Therapist and Oral Health Therapist		31		17	12	2	37	16	5	<b>120</b>
Dental Hygienist and Dentist		3		3	1		1			<b>8</b>
Dental Hygienist and Oral Health Therapist		22		4	3		9	9		<b>47</b>
Dental Prosthetist	12	406	4	353	65	43	361	76	5	<b>1,325</b>
Dental Prosthetist and Dental Therapist							1			<b>1</b>
Dental Prosthetist and Dentist				1			3			<b>4</b>
Dental Prosthetist and Oral Health Therapist		2	1	2						<b>5</b>
Dental Therapist	7	123	10	101	51	33	107	201	7	<b>640</b>
Dental Therapist and Dentist				1			1			<b>2</b>
Dental Therapist and Oral Health Therapist		1			1			6		<b>8</b>
Dentist	385	6,324	122	4,479	1,414	329	5,219	2,309	727	<b>21,308</b>
Dentist and Oral Health Therapist		6		7	3		4	2		<b>22</b>
Oral Health Therapist	47	1,019	19	590	317	36	878	380	39	<b>3,325</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>498</b>	<b>8,338</b>	<b>172</b>	<b>5,870</b>	<b>2,286</b>	<b>465</b>	<b>6,928</b>	<b>3,315</b>	<b>805</b>	<b>28,677</b>

## 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	38	331	12	209	355	18	211	257	12	1,443
	Dental Hygienist and Dental Prosthetist				1						1
	Dental Hygienist and Dental Prosthetist and Dental Therapist							1			1
	Dental Hygienist and Dental Therapist	6	45	4	85	41	4	85	49	4	323
	Dental Hygienist and Dental Therapist and Dentist				1						1
	Dental Hygienist and Dental Therapist and Dentist and Oral Health Therapist										0
	Dental Hygienist and Dental Therapist and Oral Health Therapist		31		17	12	2	37	16	5	120
	Dental Hygienist and Dentist		3		2	1		1			7
	Dental Hygienist and Oral Health Therapist		22		4	3		9	9		47
	Dental Prosthetist	12	388	4	339	65	43	350	74	3	1,278
	Dental Prosthetist and Dental Therapist							1			1
	Dental Prosthetist and Dentist				1			3			4
	Dental Prosthetist and Oral Health Therapist		2	1	2						5
	Dental Therapist	6	107	9	98	51	32	95	190	3	591
	Dental Therapist and Dentist				1			1			2
	Dental Therapist and Oral Health Therapist		1			1			5		7
	Dentist	324	5,544	112	3,951	1,196	286	4,565	1,998	387	18,363
	Dentist and Oral Health Therapist		6		7	3		4	2		22
	Oral Health Therapist	46	1,000	18	573	307	35	860	369	30	3,238
	<b>Sub Total - General</b>		<b>432</b>	<b>7,480</b>	<b>160</b>	<b>5,291</b>	<b>2,035</b>	<b>420</b>	<b>6,223</b>	<b>2,969</b>	<b>444</b>

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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							1			1
	Dental Hygienist and Dentist				1						1
	Dental Therapist and Oral Health Therapist								1		1
<b>Sub Total - General and Non-practising</b>		<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>3</b>
General and Specialist	Dentist	50	549	6	378	154	31	457	214	43	1,882
Specialist	Dentist	1	17		12	4	1	15	12	12	74
Limited	Dentist	1	9		19	6		9	13	1	58
	Oral Health Therapist								1		1
<b>Sub Total - Limited</b>		<b>1</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>59</b>
Non-practising	Dental Hygienist	3	18		9	18		7	9	6	70
	Dental Hygienist and Dental Therapist		7		7	5		2	1		22
	Dental Prosthetist		18		14			11	2	2	47
	Dental Therapist	1	16	1	3		1	12	11	4	49
	Dentist	9	205	4	119	54	11	173	72	284	931
	Oral Health Therapist	1	19	1	17	10	1	18	10	9	86
<b>Sub Total - Non-practising</b>		<b>14</b>	<b>283</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>169</b>	<b>87</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>223</b>	<b>105</b>	<b>305</b>	<b>1,205</b>
<b>Total</b>		<b>498</b>	<b>8,338</b>	<b>172</b>	<b>5,870</b>	<b>2,286</b>	<b>465</b>	<b>6,928</b>	<b>3,315</b>	<b>805</b>	<b>28,677</b>

## 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		2		7			1	6	1	17
Endodontics	7	59		46	16	5	49	21	6	209
Forensic odontology	2	5	1	2	2	1	1	5		19
Oral and maxillofacial pathology		4		2	4	1	2	4	1	18
Oral and maxillofacial surgery	6	60	2	63	19	6	59	22	7	244
Oral medicine	1	11		5			15	13	2	47
Oral surgery		43		8		1	7	2	7	68
Orthodontics	15	194	3	127	51	7	154	72	15	638
Paediatric dentistry	4	47		32	16	1	51	24	4	179
Periodontics	10	77	1	57	19	7	69	34	4	278
Prosthodontics	6	68		41	27	1	55	24	8	230
Public health dentistry (Community dentistry)		7		2	2	1	7	1		20
Special needs dentistry		7		6	3	1	10	1	1	29
<b>Total</b>	<b>51</b>	<b>584</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>398</b>	<b>159</b>	<b>32</b>	<b>480</b>	<b>229</b>	<b>56</b>	<b>1,996</b>

## Endorsements

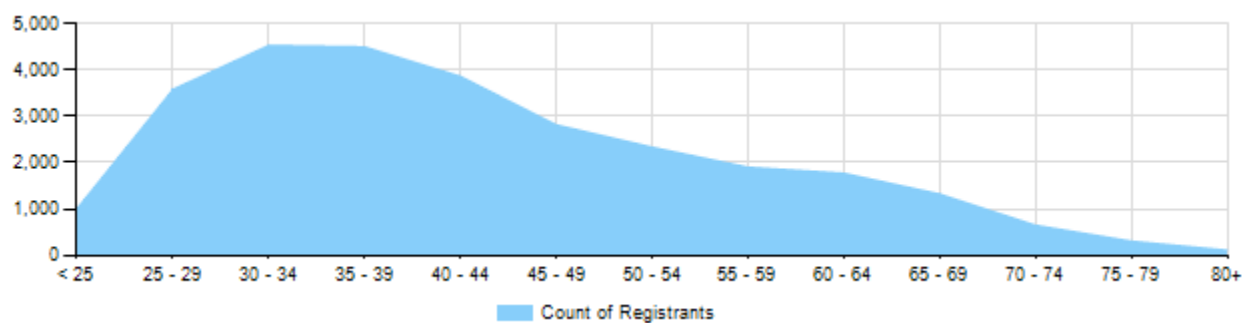
**Table 5.1 Dental practitioners - endorsement by state or territory**

Endorsement	ACT	NSW	NT	QLD	SA	TAS	VIC	WA	No PPP	Total
Area of Practice - Conscious sedation	5	45		19	3	1	4	14	1	92



## 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	Public interest	Teaching or research		
< 25	1,004							7	1,011
25 - 29	3,498		7	1	3			77	3,586
30 - 34	4,250		123	4	5		3	148	4,533
35 - 39	4,096	2	239	12	2		8	141	4,500
40 - 44	3,382	1	323	17	5		13	123	3,864
45 - 49	2,428		288	21			4	74	2,815
50 - 54	2,034		208	9	1		5	77	2,334
55 - 59	1,610		182	8			7	92	1,899
60 - 64	1,439		201	1		1	1	127	1,770
65 - 69	1,012		169	1				136	1,318
70 - 74	447		86				1	109	643
75 - 79	197		35					67	299
80+	57		21					27	105
<b>Total</b>	<b>25,454</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>1,882</b>	<b>74</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>42</b>	<b>1,205</b>	<b>28,677</b>

## 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		286	4,134	97	3,003	1,322	227	3,710	1,914	254	<b>14,947</b>
	General and Non-practising					1			1	1		<b>3</b>
	General and Specialist		15	167	1	105	51	9	170	80	13	<b>611</b>
	Specialist		1	7		5	1		9	4	5	<b>32</b>
	Limited	Postgraduate training or supervised practice				1			2	4		<b>7</b>
		Teaching or research		2		6	3		1	2		<b>14</b>
	Non-practising		11	141	1	90	55	4	107	59	157	<b>625</b>
<b>Total Female</b>			<b>313</b>	<b>4,451</b>	<b>99</b>	<b>3,211</b>	<b>1,432</b>	<b>240</b>	<b>4,000</b>	<b>2,064</b>	<b>429</b>	<b>16,239</b>
Male	General		146	3,345	63	2,288	713	193	2,513	1,055	190	<b>10,506</b>
	General and Specialist		35	382	5	273	103	22	287	134	30	<b>1,271</b>
	Specialist			10		7	3	1	6	8	7	<b>42</b>
	Limited	Postgraduate training or supervised practice	1	1					4	2	1	<b>9</b>
		Public interest		1								<b>1</b>
		Teaching or research		5		12	2		2	6		<b>27</b>
	Non-practising		3	142	5	79	32	9	116	46	148	<b>580</b>
<b>Total Male</b>			<b>185</b>	<b>3,886</b>	<b>73</b>	<b>2,659</b>	<b>853</b>	<b>225</b>	<b>2,928</b>	<b>1,251</b>	<b>376</b>	<b>12,436</b>
Not stated or Intersex or Indeterminate	General			1								<b>1</b>
	Limited	Teaching or research					1					<b>1</b>
<b>Total</b>			<b>498</b>	<b>8,338</b>	<b>172</b>	<b>5,870</b>	<b>2,286</b>	<b>465</b>	<b>6,928</b>	<b>3,315</b>	<b>805</b>	<b>28,677</b>

**Table 7.2 Dental practitioners - percentage by gender**

Gender	ACT	NSW	NT	QLD	SA	TAS	VIC	WA	No PPP	Total
Female	62.9%	53.4%	57.6%	54.7%	62.6%	51.6%	57.7%	62.3%	53.3%	<b>56.6%</b>
Male	37.1%	46.6%	42.4%	45.3%	37.3%	48.4%	42.3%	37.7%	46.7%	<b>43.4%</b>
Not stated or Intersex or Indeterminate		<0.1%			<0.1%					<b>&lt;0.1%</b>