

Dental Board of Australia Registrant data

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Dental Board
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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.

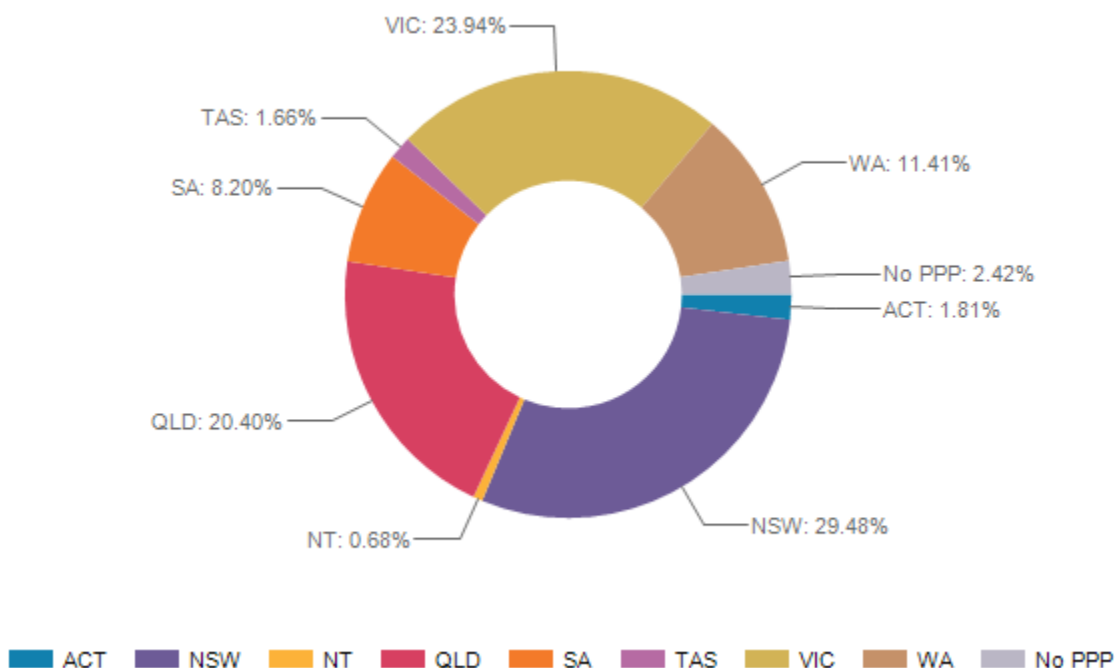
Registration type

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		412	6,920	167	4,795	1,910	397	5,606	2,694	341	23,242
General and Non-practising			1		1						2
General and Specialist		46	524	7	353	157	26	452	198	41	1,804
Specialist		1	13		11	4	1	14	8	14	66
Limited	Postgraduate training or supervised practice		2		1	4		4	3		14
	Teaching or research		4		12	3		3	4		26
Non-practising		13	213	3	139	57	8	154	63	234	884
Total		472	7,677	177	5,312	2,135	432	6,233	2,970	630	26,038*

* Total figure includes 300 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	39	371	11	170	340	20	228	265	19	1,463
Dental Hygienist and Dental Prosthetist		1		1						2
Dental Hygienist and Dental Prosthetist and Dental Therapist							1			1
Dental Hygienist and Dental Therapist	6	58	4	117	57	3	110	54	4	413
Dental Hygienist and Dental Therapist and Dentist				1						1
Dental Hygienist and Dental Therapist and Oral Health Therapist		25		8	4	1	15	8		61
Dental Hygienist and Dentist		2		3			1			6
Dental Hygienist and Oral Health Therapist	1	20		5	3		5	6		40
Dental Prosthetist	13	411	4	329	68	45	353	80	4	1,307
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	8	125	62	36	123	232	4	755
Dental Therapist and Dentist				1			1			2
Dental Therapist and Oral Health Therapist								6		6
Dentist	361	5,909	127	4,021	1,327	298	4,730	2,034	580	19,387
Dentist and Oral Health Therapist		5		2			2			9
Oral Health Therapist	41	720	22	529	274	29	660	285	19	2,579
Total	472	7,677	177	5,312	2,135	432	6,233	2,970	630	26,038

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	354	11	162	331	20	221	258	11	1,406
	Dental Hygienist and Dental Prosthetist				1						1
	Dental Hygienist and Dental Prosthetist and Dental Therapist							1			1
	Dental Hygienist and Dental Therapist	5	55	4	111	56	3	102	52	2	390
	Dental Hygienist and Dental Therapist and Dentist				1						1
	Dental Hygienist and Dental Therapist and Oral Health Therapist		25		8	4	1	15	8		61
	Dental Hygienist and Dentist		2		2			1			5
	Dental Hygienist and Oral Health Therapist	1	20		5	3		5	6		40
	Dental Prosthetist	13	398	4	314	67	45	346	79	2	1,268
	Dental Prosthetist and Dental Therapist							1			1
	Dental Prosthetist and Dentist							3			3
	Dental Prosthetist and Oral Health Therapist		1	1							2
	Dental Therapist	10	138	7	122	61	35	117	222	1	713
	Dental Therapist and Dentist				1			1			2
	Dental Therapist and Oral Health Therapist								6		6
	Dentist	305	5,211	118	3,552	1,122	264	4,141	1,781	311	16,805
	Dentist and Oral Health Therapist		4		2			2			8
	Oral Health Therapist	40	712	22	514	266	29	650	282	14	2,529
Sub Total - General		412	6,920	167	4,795	1,910	397	5,606	2,694	341	23,242

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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 Dental Therapist and Oral Health Therapist										0
	Dental Hygienist and Dentist				1						1
	Dentist and Oral Health Therapist		1								1
Sub Total - General and Non-practising		0	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	2
General and Specialist	Dentist	46	524	7	353	157	26	452	198	41	1,804
Specialist	Dentist	1	13		11	4	1	14	8	14	66
Limited	Dental Hygienist										0
	Dentist		6		13	7		6	7		39
	Oral Health Therapist							1			1
Sub Total - Limited		0	6	0	13	7	0	7	7	0	40
Non-practising	Dental Hygienist	1	17		8	9		7	7	8	57
	Dental Hygienist and Dental Prosthetist		1								1
	Dental Hygienist and Dental Therapist	1	3		6	1		8	2	2	23
	Dental Prosthetist		13		15	1		7	1	2	39
	Dental Therapist	1	16	1	3	1	1	6	10	3	42
	Dentist	9	155	2	92	37	7	117	40	214	673
	Oral Health Therapist	1	8		15	8		9	3	5	49
Sub Total - Non-practising		13	213	3	139	57	8	154	63	234	884
Total		472	7,677	177	5,312	2,135	432	6,233	2,970	630	26,038

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		8			1	5		15
Endodontics	6	53	1	39	14	4	48	18	4	187
Forensic odontology	2	5	1	2	2	2	2	4		20
Oral and Maxillofacial Pathology		4		4	4	1	2	3	1	19
Oral and maxillofacial surgery	8	62	3	54	17	5	62	20	5	236
Oral medicine	1	10		7			15	11	2	46
Oral surgery		41	1	7			7	1	4	61
Orthodontics	15	191	2	123	56	10	158	67	18	640
Paediatric dentistry	2	46		25	17	1	44	23	5	163
Periodontics	9	67	1	54	17	4	63	33	7	255
Prosthodontics	4	69		45	27		55	23	9	232
Public health dentistry (Community dentistry)		5		1	1		8	1		16
Special needs dentistry		5		4	6		8	1	1	25
Total	47	559	9	373	161	27	473	210	56	1,915

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	46		20	3	2	4	10	2	92

Age group

Table 6.1 Dental practitioners - by age group

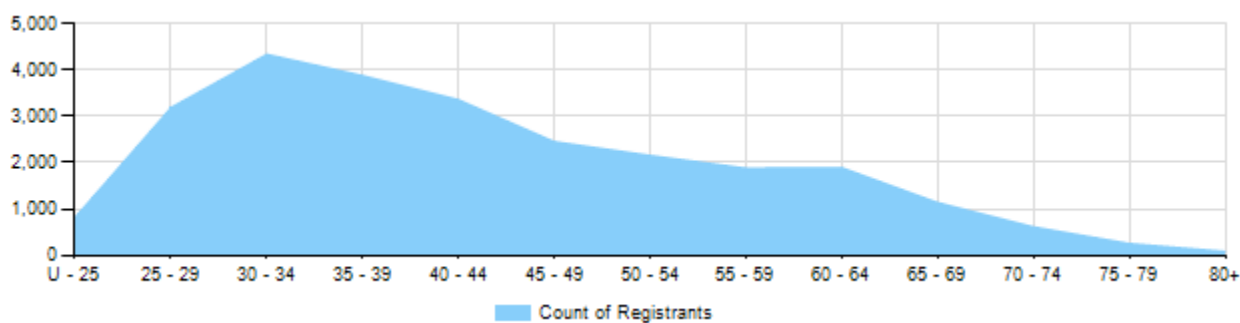


Table 6.2 Dental practitioners - registration type by age group

Age group	General	General and Non-practising	General and Specialist	Specialist	Limited		Non-practising	Total
					Postgraduate training or supervised practice	Teaching or research		
U - 25	817						3	820
25 - 29	3,138	1	5		1		47	3,192
30 - 34	4,084		126	9	5		117	4,341
35 - 39	3,542	1	218	10	2	1	107	3,881
40 - 44	2,911		335	22	5	9	79	3,361
45 - 49	2,160		219	10		5	58	2,452
50 - 54	1,873		197	10	1	6	66	2,153
55 - 59	1,601		189	4		3	80	1,877
60 - 64	1,567		214			1	110	1,892
65 - 69	876		162				96	1,134
70 - 74	454		81	1		1	72	609
75 - 79	175		41				32	248
80+	44		17				17	78
Total	23,242	2	1,804	66	14	26	884	26,038

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		264	3,649	95	2,619	1,211	204	3,171	1,690	175	13,078
	General and Non-practising			1		1						2
	General and Specialist		11	145	2	89	54	7	152	70	11	541
	Specialist		1	6		4	1		10	2	4	28
	Limited	Postgraduate training or supervised practice		2			2		2	2		8
		Teaching or research				3	2		2	2		9
	Non-practising		10	114	2	78	30	1	84	38	112	469
Total Female			286	3,917	99	2,794	1,300	212	3,421	1,804	302	14,135
Male	General		148	3,270	72	2,176	699	193	2,435	1,004	166	10,163
	General and Specialist		35	379	5	264	103	19	300	128	30	1,263
	Specialist			7		7	3	1	4	6	10	38
	Limited	Postgraduate training or supervised practice				1	2		2	1		6
		Teaching or research		4		9	1		1	2		17
Non-practising		3	99	1	61	27	7	70	25	122	415	
Total Male			186	3,759	78	2,518	835	220	2,812	1,166	328	11,902
Not stated or Intersex or Indeterminate	General			1								1
Total			472	7,677	177	5,312	2,135	432	6,233	2,970	630	26,038

Table 7.2 Dental practitioners - percentage by gender

Gender	ACT	NSW	NT	QLD	SA	TAS	VIC	WA	No PPP	Total
Female	60.6%	51.0%	55.9%	52.6%	60.9%	49.1%	54.9%	60.7%	47.9%	54.3%
Male	39.4%	49.0%	44.1%	47.4%	39.1%	50.9%	45.1%	39.3%	52.1%	45.7%
Not stated or Intersex or Indeterminate		<0.1%								<0.1%