

Optometry Board of Australia

Registrant data

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Optometry Board
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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.

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

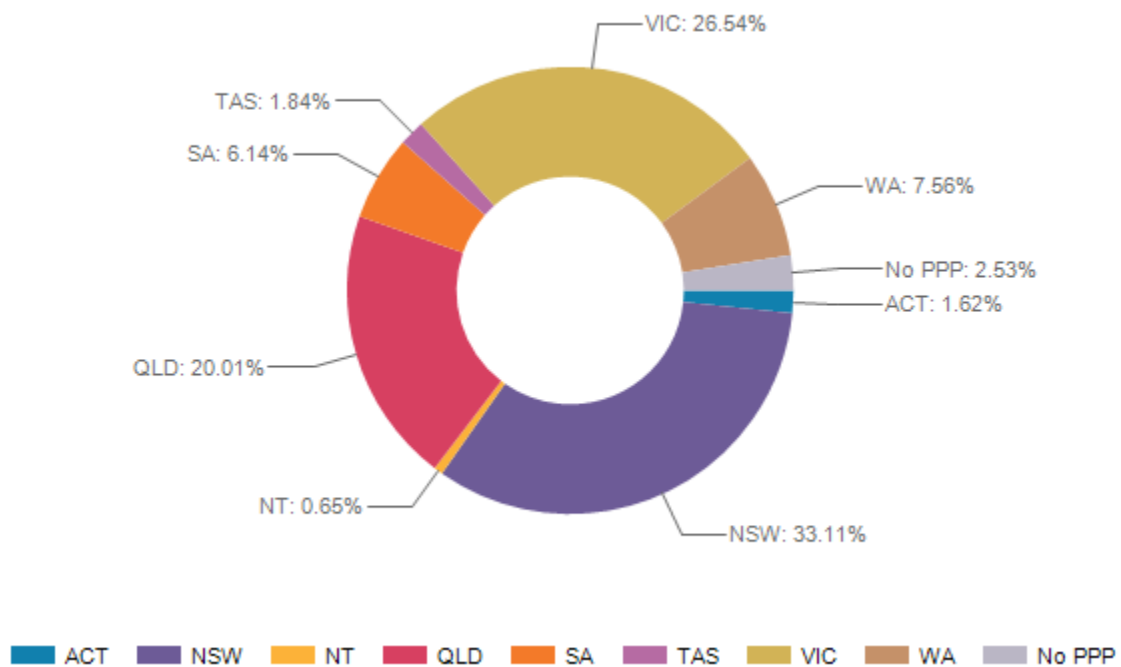
Principal place of practice

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 | | 94 | 1,954 | 39 | 1,177 | 368 | 110 | 1,570 | 446 | 89 | 5,847 |
| Limited | Postgraduate training or supervised practice | 2 | 4 | | 4 | 1 | | 2 | 7 | 2 | 22 |
| | Teaching or research | | | | | 1 | | | | | 1 |
| Non-practising | | 2 | 43 | | 28 | 1 | 1 | 32 | 4 | 62 | 173 |
| Total | | 98 | 2,001 | 39 | 1,209 | 371 | 111 | 1,604 | 457 | 153 | 6,043 |

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 | 59 | 1,094 | 30 | 746 | 268 | 87 | 1,230 | 259 | 28 | 3,801 |
| % of General Registrants who are Endorsed | 62.8% | 56.0% | 76.9% | 63.4% | 72.8% | 79.1% | 78.3% | 58.1% | 31.5% | 65.0% |

Table 1.4 Endorsement by age group

| Age group | Scheduled Medicines | % of general registrants who are endorsed |
|--------------|---------------------|-------------------------------------------|
| U - 25 | 332 | 100.0% |
| 25 - 29 | 1,149 | 99.2% |
| 30 - 34 | 716 | 90.6% |
| 35 - 39 | 437 | 65.4% |
| 40 - 44 | 346 | 56.6% |
| 45 - 49 | 264 | 45.7% |
| 50 - 54 | 228 | 40.4% |
| 55 - 59 | 163 | 36.9% |
| 60 - 64 | 111 | 25.0% |
| 65 - 69 | 41 | 21.5% |
| 70 - 74 | 12 | 26.7% |
| 75 - 79 | 2 | 9.5% |
| 80+ | | .0% |
| Total | 3,801 | 65.0% |

**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 | 240 | 92 | | | | | | | 240 | 92 | 332 |
| 25 - 29 | 796 | 362 | 4 | 3 | | | 5 | | 805 | 365 | 1,170 |
| 30 - 34 | 517 | 273 | 2 | 1 | | | 14 | 3 | 533 | 277 | 810 |
| 35 - 39 | 446 | 222 | 3 | 4 | | 1 | 15 | 3 | 464 | 230 | 694 |
| 40 - 44 | 362 | 249 | 3 | 1 | | | 14 | 11 | 379 | 261 | 640 |
| 45 - 49 | 328 | 250 | | 1 | | | 16 | 7 | 344 | 258 | 602 |
| 50 - 54 | 254 | 310 | | | | | 17 | 9 | 271 | 319 | 590 |
| 55 - 59 | 179 | 263 | | | | | 4 | 17 | 183 | 280 | 463 |
| 60 - 64 | 99 | 345 | | | | | 4 | 14 | 103 | 359 | 462 |
| 65 - 69 | 45 | 146 | | | | | 1 | 3 | 46 | 149 | 195 |
| 70 - 74 | 9 | 36 | | | | | 2 | 9 | 11 | 45 | 56 |
| 75 - 79 | 1 | 20 | | | | | | 4 | 1 | 24 | 25 |
| 80+ | | 3 | | | | | | 1 | 0 | 4 | 4 |
| Total | 3,276 | 2,571 | 12 | 10 | 0 | 1 | 92 | 81 | 3,380 | 2,663 | 6,043 |

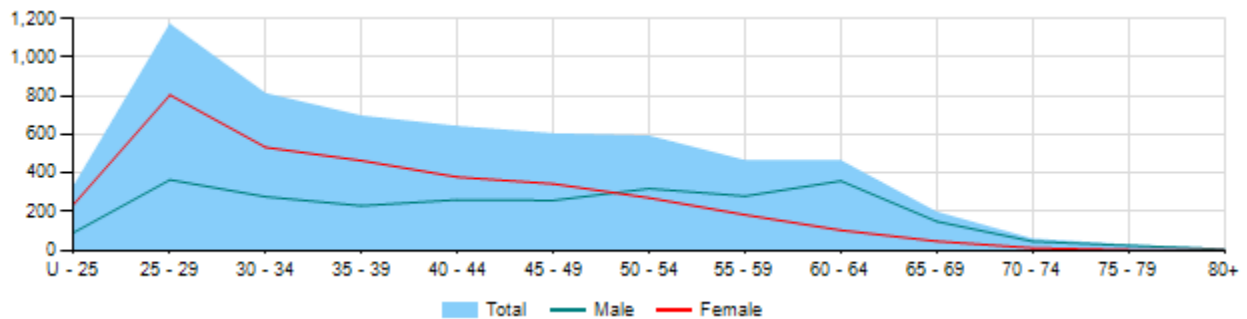
Table 2.2 Registrants age group, by principal place of practice and gender - General and Limited

| 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 | 5 | 1 | 89 | 30 | 3 | 1 | 74 | 27 | 22 | 9 | 7 | 2 | 30 | 15 | 9 | 7 | 1 | | 332 |
| 25 - 29 | 14 | 6 | 246 | 118 | 6 | 3 | 141 | 65 | 87 | 27 | 13 | 3 | 252 | 111 | 38 | 30 | 3 | 2 | 1,165 |
| 30 - 34 | 4 | 7 | 154 | 78 | 2 | 1 | 102 | 51 | 19 | 17 | 4 | 3 | 197 | 99 | 34 | 16 | 3 | 2 | 793 |
| 35 - 39 | 8 | 3 | 162 | 67 | 3 | 1 | 79 | 49 | 30 | 10 | 6 | 3 | 120 | 69 | 35 | 19 | 6 | 6 | 676 |
| 40 - 44 | 11 | 6 | 139 | 68 | 1 | 1 | 71 | 60 | 13 | 15 | 3 | 5 | 89 | 72 | 33 | 21 | 5 | 2 | 615 |
| 45 - 49 | 10 | 6 | 109 | 66 | 4 | 2 | 73 | 59 | 15 | 16 | 9 | 9 | 77 | 57 | 26 | 31 | 5 | 5 | 579 |
| 50 - 54 | 1 | 5 | 96 | 88 | | 3 | 52 | 68 | 7 | 21 | 3 | 5 | 66 | 76 | 19 | 39 | 10 | 5 | 564 |
| 55 - 59 | 1 | 2 | 66 | 72 | 2 | 4 | 40 | 65 | 4 | 12 | 5 | 8 | 46 | 67 | 10 | 24 | 5 | 9 | 442 |
| 60 - 64 | | 4 | 53 | 154 | | 1 | 9 | 57 | 7 | 23 | 3 | 13 | 14 | 56 | 8 | 30 | 5 | 7 | 444 |
| 65 - 69 | 1 | 1 | 22 | 59 | 1 | | 6 | 23 | 2 | 12 | | 5 | 10 | 28 | 1 | 14 | 2 | 4 | 191 |
| 70 - 74 | | | 3 | 10 | | | | 7 | | | | | 6 | 11 | | 5 | | 3 | 45 |
| 75 - 79 | | | 1 | 5 | | | | 3 | | 2 | | 1 | | 4 | | 4 | | 1 | 21 |
| 80+ | | | | 3 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | 3 |
| Total | 55 | 41 | 1,140 | 818 | 22 | 17 | 647 | 534 | 206 | 164 | 53 | 57 | 907 | 665 | 213 | 240 | 45 | 46 | 5,870 |

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 | | | 2 | | | | 1 | | | | | | | | | | 2 | | 5 |
| 30 - 34 | | | 2 | 2 | | | 2 | 1 | | | | | 3 | | | | 7 | | 17 |
| 35 - 39 | | | 7 | | | | 1 | 2 | | | | | 3 | | | 1 | 4 | | 18 |
| 40 - 44 | | | 1 | 3 | | | 1 | 2 | | | | | 6 | 3 | 1 | | 5 | 3 | 25 |
| 45 - 49 | | | 5 | 2 | | | 1 | | | | | | 5 | 2 | | | 5 | 3 | 23 |
| 50 - 54 | | | 5 | 1 | | | 3 | | 1 | | | | 1 | 2 | 1 | | 6 | 6 | 26 |
| 55 - 59 | | | | 3 | | | | 1 | | | | | | 3 | | | 4 | 10 | 21 |
| 60 - 64 | | 2 | | 3 | | | 3 | 4 | | | | 1 | | | | 1 | 1 | 3 | 18 |
| 65 - 69 | | | | 1 | | | | 1 | | | | | | | | | 1 | 1 | 4 |
| 70 - 74 | | | 2 | 2 | | | | 4 | | | | | | 3 | | | | | 11 |
| 75 - 79 | | | | 1 | | | | 1 | | | | | | 1 | | | | 1 | 4 |
| 80+ | | | | 1 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | 1 |
| Total | 0 | 2 | 24 | 19 | 0 | 0 | 12 | 16 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 18 | 14 | 2 | 2 | 35 | 27 | 173 |

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 | 56.1% | 58.2% | 56.4% | 54.5% | 55.8% | 47.7% | 57.7% | 47.0% | 52.3% | 55.9% |
| Male | 43.9% | 41.8% | 43.6% | 45.5% | 44.2% | 52.3% | 42.3% | 53.0% | 47.7% | 44.1% |