

Optometry Board of Australia

Registrant data

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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

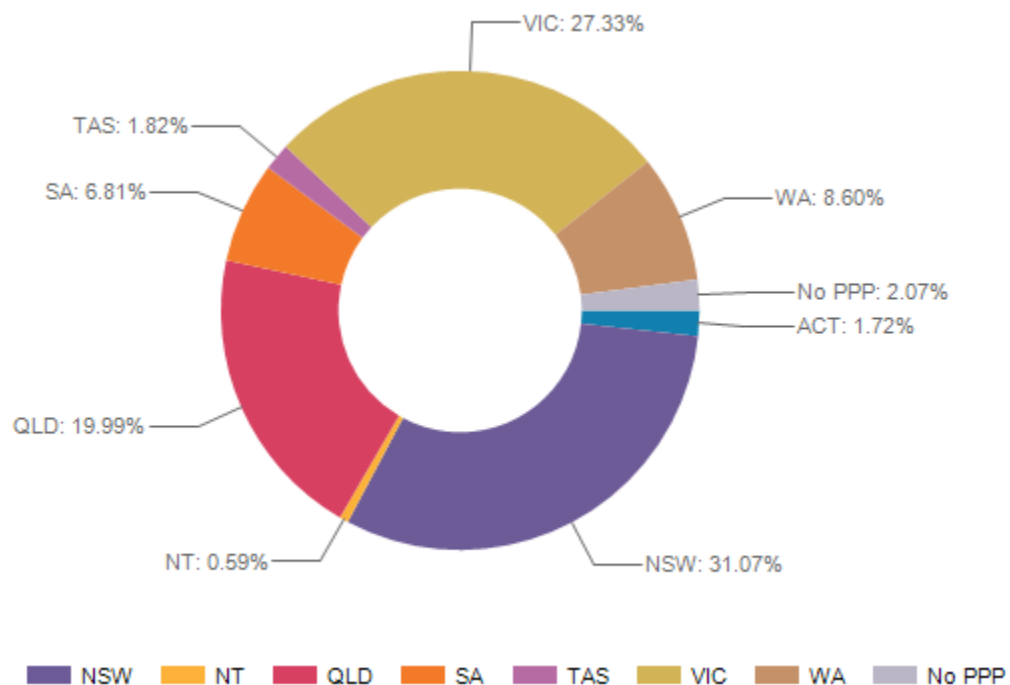
Principal place of practice

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		124	2,231	44	1,434	495	130	1,955	621	70	7,104
Limited	Postgraduate training or supervised practice		3		4	1	1	5	6	5	25
	Teaching or research		1								1
Non-practising		3	66		42	8	4	64	10	78	275
Total		127	2,301	44	1,480	504	135	2,024	637	153	7,405

Table 1.2 Principal place of practice percentages



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	1	4		3	2	1			1	12
Percentage of all practitioners	0.8 %	0.2 %		0.2 %	0.4 %	0.7 %			0.7 %	0.2 %

Endorsements

Table 1.4 Endorsements

Endorsement	ACT	NSW	NT	QLD	SA	TAS	VIC	WA	No PPP	Total
Scheduled Medicines	99	1,555	39	1,098	426	115	1,715	478	35	5,560
% of General Registrants who are Endorsed	79.8%	69.7%	88.6%	76.6%	86.1%	88.5%	87.7%	77.0%	50.0%	78.3%

Table 1.5 Endorsement by age group

Age group	Scheduled Medicines	% of general registrants who are endorsed
< 25	522	99.6%
25 - 29	1,451	100.0%
30 - 34	1,251	99.3%
35 - 39	693	91.2%
40 - 44	463	72.7%
45 - 49	372	64.2%
50 - 54	298	52.4%
55 - 59	234	46.1%
60 - 64	159	40.7%
65 - 69	83	27.8%
70 - 74	27	27.0%
75 - 79	6	30.0%
80+	1	16.7%
Total	5,560	78.3%

**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
< 25	357	167							357	167	524
25 - 29	1,021	430	3	1			7	2	1,031	433	1,464
30 - 34	859	401	5	1			17	5	881	407	1,288
35 - 39	496	264	4	5			24	10	524	279	803
40 - 44	430	207	3	1	1		21	7	455	215	670
45 - 49	326	253					31	10	357	263	620
50 - 54	314	255	2				16	10	332	265	597
55 - 59	225	283					21	8	246	291	537
60 - 64	134	257					13	20	147	277	424
65 - 69	59	240					7	23	66	263	329
70 - 74	20	80					3	9	23	89	112
75 - 79	3	17					1	7	4	24	28
80+		6						3	0	9	9
Total	4,244	2,860	17	8	1	0	161	114	4,423	2,982	7,405

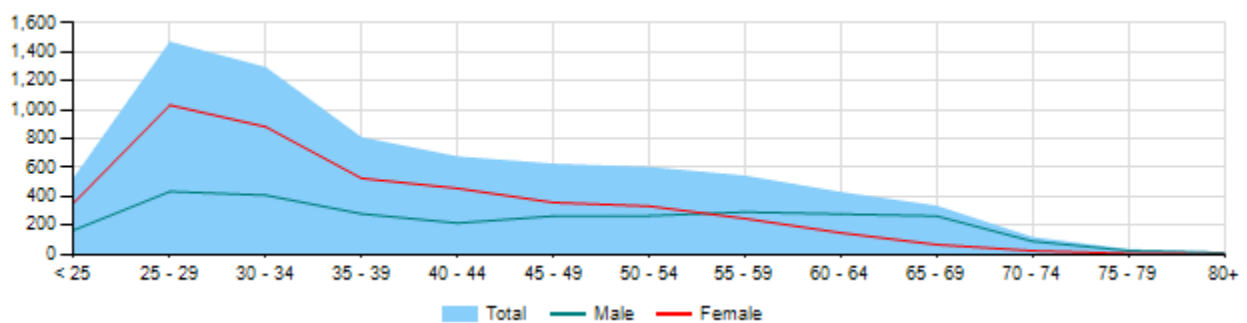
Table 2.2 Registrants age group, by principal place of practice and gender - General and Limited

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	
< 25	3	6	90	47	1	1	96	45	45	18	10	3	71	24	37	22	4	1	524
25 - 29	20	11	297	134	10		198	72	106	37	15	10	283	124	88	42	7	1	1,455
30 - 34	16	8	238	124	4	2	146	72	85	23	14	4	307	139	50	28	4	2	1,266
35 - 39	6	7	148	76	3	1	96	49	17	14	4	3	179	94	39	21	8	4	769
40 - 44	5	3	152	56	5	2	85	49	25	10	7	2	112	62	37	22	6	2	642
45 - 49	8	4	127	69	1	1	61	70	12	12	5	4	75	70	37	20		3	579
50 - 54	9	7	106	70	3	2	71	65	13	14	9	7	73	53	26	35	6	2	571
55 - 59	1	3	85	86			51	60	7	19	3	6	56	68	18	37	4	4	508
60 - 64	1	3	49	78	2	4	30	60	2	9	4	6	36	63	8	29	2	5	391
65 - 69		1	35	118		2	3	40	3	19	2	10	9	32	6	13	1	5	299
70 - 74	1	1	8	34			3	13		6		2	7	15		8	1	1	100
75 - 79			1	5				3					2	5		2		2	20
80+				2								1		1		2			6
Total	70	54	1,336	899	29	15	840	598	315	181	73	58	1,210	750	346	281	43	32	7,130

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	
< 25																			0
25 - 29			1				2			1			2				2	1	9
30 - 34			4				3	1	1				3	2		1	6	1	22
35 - 39			2	4			4	3		1			7	2			11		34
40 - 44			6	1			3	2					4	1		1	8	2	28
45 - 49	2		4	6			5	1					12	1	1		7	2	41
50 - 54			5	2			1	1	1				3	2			6	5	26
55 - 59			5				4	2	1				4	2	1		6	4	29
60 - 64			5	4				1	2	1	1		1	6		1	4	7	33
65 - 69		1	3	8			1	4			1	2		4		2	2	2	30
70 - 74			1	2				1					1	4		2	1		12
75 - 79			1	1				3						2				1	8
80+				1										1		1			3
Total	2	1	37	29	0	0	23	19	5	3	2	2	37	27	2	8	53	25	275

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	56.7%	59.7%	65.9%	58.3%	63.5%	55.6%	61.6%	54.6%	62.7%	59.7%
Male	43.3%	40.3%	34.1%	41.7%	36.5%	44.4%	38.4%	45.4%	37.3%	40.3%