

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

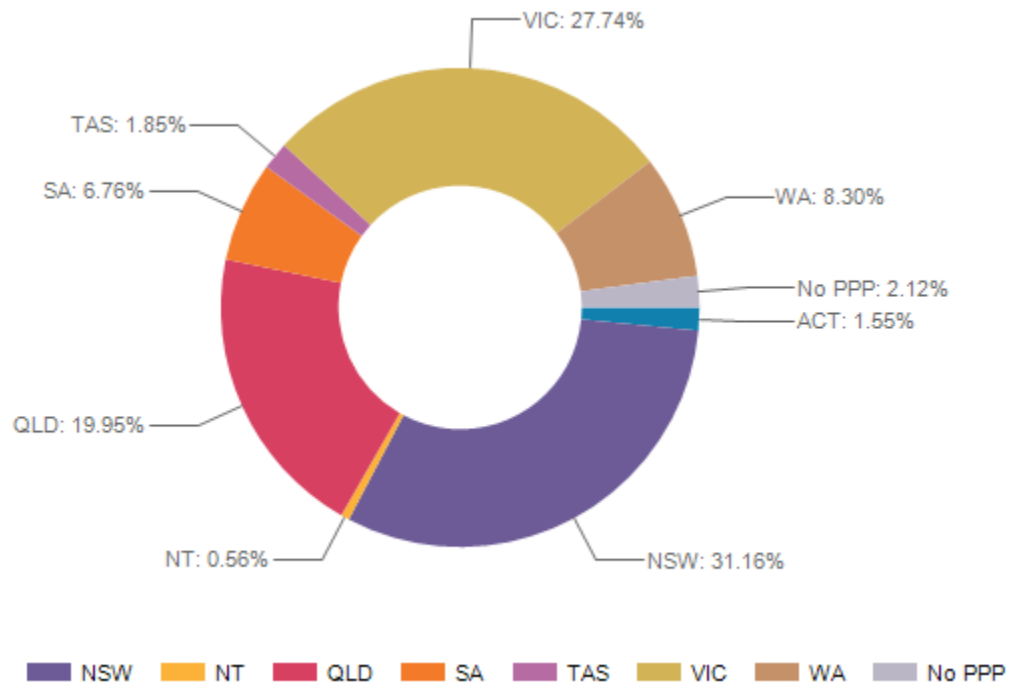
Principal place of practice

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		107	2,134	40	1,365	471	127	1,897	571	69	6,781
Limited	Postgraduate training or supervised practice		3		1		1	4	7	1	17
Non-practising		3	70		47	8	3	64	10	80	285
Total		110	2,207	40	1,413	479	131	1,965	588	150	7,083

Table 1.2 Principal place of practice percentages



Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander practitioners

Table 1.3 Optometrists who identify as Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander by principal place of practice

PPP	ACT	NSW	NT	QLD	SA	TAS	VIC	WA	No PPP	Total
Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander practitioners		5		2	1	1	3	1	1	14
Percentage of all practitioners		0.2 %		0.1 %	0.2 %	0.8 %	0.2 %	0.2 %	0.7 %	0.2 %

Endorsements

Table 1.4 Endorsements

Endorsement	ACT	NSW	NT	QLD	SA	TAS	VIC	WA	No PPP	Total
Scheduled Medicines	83	1,425	35	1,018	395	108	1,635	417	31	5,147
% of General Registrants who are Endorsed	77.6%	66.8%	87.5%	74.6%	83.9%	85.0%	86.2%	73.0%	44.9%	75.9%

Table 1.5 Endorsement by age group

Age group	Scheduled Medicines	% of general registrants who are endorsed
< 25	491	100.0%
25 - 29	1,394	100.0%
30 - 34	1,105	98.4%
35 - 39	620	87.9%
40 - 44	443	67.6%
45 - 49	350	62.5%
50 - 54	273	48.6%
55 - 59	207	42.2%
60 - 64	164	39.3%
65 - 69	76	26.8%
70 - 74	20	25.6%
75 - 79	4	22.2%
80+		.0%
Total	5,147	75.9%

**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						
	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female	Male	Total
< 25	350	141				1	350	142	492
25 - 29	985	409	2		5	3	992	412	1,404
30 - 34	747	376	7	2	23	3	777	381	1,158
35 - 39	470	235	1		28	7	499	242	741
40 - 44	429	226	2	1	20	8	451	235	686
45 - 49	312	248			27	11	339	259	598
50 - 54	295	267	2		22	11	319	278	597
55 - 59	215	275			16	14	231	289	520
60 - 64	131	286			17	23	148	309	457
65 - 69	56	228			5	22	61	250	311
70 - 74	18	60			2	7	20	67	87
75 - 79	1	17				7	1	24	25
80+		4				3	0	7	7
Total	4,009	2,772	14	3	165	120	4,188	2,895	7,083

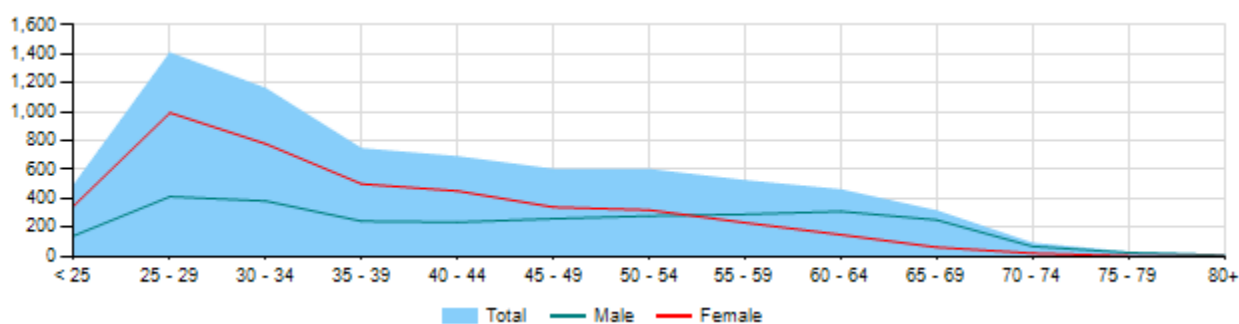
Table 2.2 Registrants age group, by principal place of practice and gender - General and Limited

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	2	87	38	3		85	40	48	13	6	2	79	27	36	19	3		491
25 - 29	17	5	292	119	9		195	64	102	41	20	9	279	135	66	34	7	2	1,396
30 - 34	14	7	202	123	3	2	129	66	65	18	11	5	285	124	41	32	4	1	1,132
35 - 39	6	6	137	67	4		94	45	18	14	4	2	167	83	37	17	4	1	706
40 - 44	9	2	162	70	4	1	82	53	25	9	5	1	98	65	38	24	8	2	658
45 - 49	7	4	111	59	1	1	61	66	14	16	6	4	77	74	34	21	1	3	560
50 - 54	7	7	103	75	2	2	63	66	11	19	8	8	69	53	29	34	5	3	564
55 - 59	1	3	76	80			53	63	5	10	5	7	57	70	14	38	4	4	490
60 - 64	1	3	55	94	2	4	26	61	2	18	6	8	30	63	7	28	2	7	417
65 - 69	1	2	34	111		2	2	38	4	17		7	9	35	5	12	1	4	284
70 - 74			10	26			2	10		2		3	5	11		7	1	1	78
75 - 79				5				1				1	1	3		5		2	18
80+				1				1						2					4
Total	66	41	1,269	868	28	12	792	574	294	177	71	57	1,156	745	307	271	40	30	6,798

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								1											1
25 - 29			1				2	1		1			1	1			1		8
30 - 34			4				4	2	1				6				8	1	26
35 - 39			4	4			5	2					6		1	13			35
40 - 44			7	1			2	2					7	1			4	4	28
45 - 49	2		4	6			5	1					10	3			6	1	38
50 - 54			8	1			1	1					5	2			8	7	33
55 - 59			3	2			3	2	1				2	5	1		6	5	30
60 - 64		1	7	4			1	3	2	2	1		1	3		2	5	8	40
65 - 69			1	6			1	4		1		2	2	5		3	1	1	27
70 - 74			2	2				1						1		2		1	9
75 - 79				1				3						3					7
80+				2												1			3
Total	2	1	41	29	0	0	24	23	4	4	1	2	40	24	1	9	52	28	285

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	61.8%	59.4%	70.0%	57.7%	62.2%	55.0%	60.9%	52.4%	61.3%	59.1%
Male	38.2%	40.6%	30.0%	42.3%	37.8%	45.0%	39.1%	47.6%	38.7%	40.9%