

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

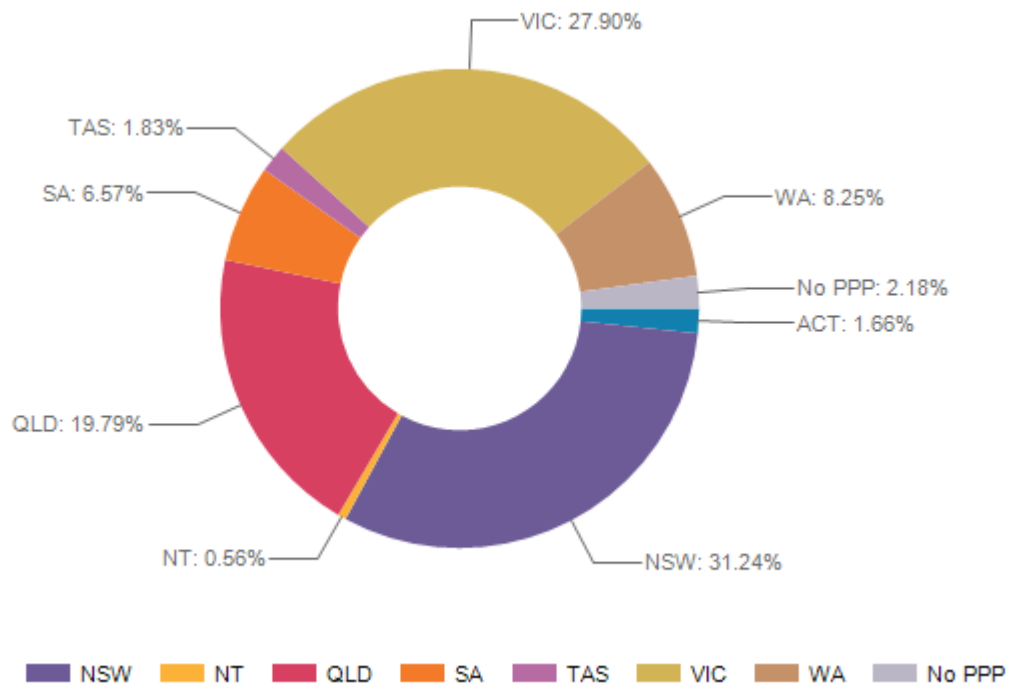
Principal place of practice

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		116	2,173	40	1,375	464	127	1,935	576	75	6,881
Limited	Postgraduate training or supervised practice		4		3	1	1	7	7	7	30
	Teaching or research		1								1
Non-practising		3	56		37	5	3	53	7	74	238
Total		119	2,234	40	1,415	470	131	1,995	590	156	7,150

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		5		2	1	1	3		1	13
Percentage of all practitioners		0.2 %		0.1 %	0.2 %	0.8 %	0.2 %		0.6 %	0.2 %

Endorsements

Table 1.4 Endorsements

Endorsement	ACT	NSW	NT	QLD	SA	TAS	VIC	WA	No PPP	Total
Scheduled Medicines	93	1,490	35	1,039	391	111	1,690	431	40	5,320
% of General Registrants who are Endorsed	80.2%	68.6%	87.5%	75.6%	84.3%	87.4%	87.3%	74.8%	53.3%	77.3%

Table 1.5 Endorsement by age group

Age group	Scheduled Medicines	% of general registrants who are endorsed
< 25	427	100.0%
25 - 29	1,396	100.0%
30 - 34	1,199	99.2%
35 - 39	682	90.3%
40 - 44	458	71.3%
45 - 49	368	63.9%
50 - 54	289	50.9%
55 - 59	229	44.9%
60 - 64	161	41.8%
65 - 69	80	27.2%
70 - 74	24	25.8%
75 - 79	6	28.6%
80+	1	20.0%
Total	5,320	77.3%

**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	291	136							291	136	427
25 - 29	994	402	3				3	2	1,000	404	1,404
30 - 34	816	393	9	2			17	2	842	397	1,239
35 - 39	489	266	5	4			20	5	514	275	789
40 - 44	431	211	4	1	1		19	6	455	218	673
45 - 49	326	250					28	10	354	260	614
50 - 54	308	260	2				15	10	325	270	595
55 - 59	227	283					18	7	245	290	535
60 - 64	127	258					14	21	141	279	420
65 - 69	60	234					4	19	64	253	317
70 - 74	19	74					2	6	21	80	101
75 - 79	2	19					1	7	3	26	29
80+		5						2	0	7	7
Total	4,090	2,791	23	7	1	0	141	97	4,255	2,895	7,150

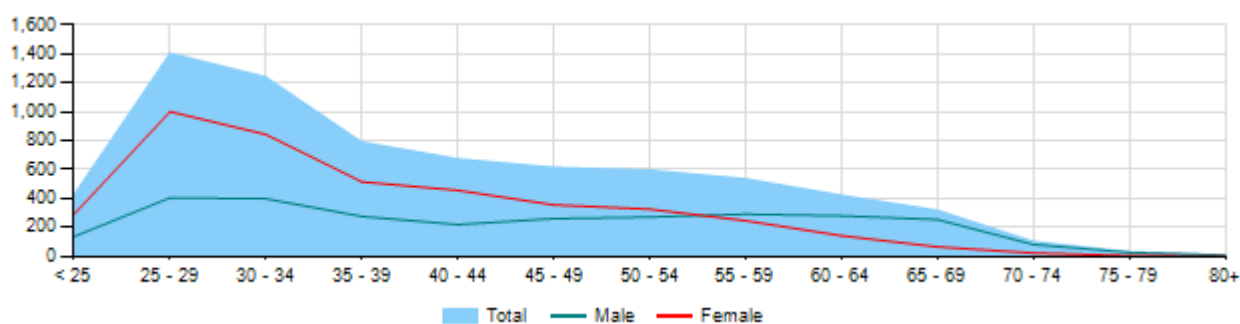
Table 2.2 Registrants age group, by principal place of practice and gender - General and Limited

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	5	6	73	37	2		68	37	31	8	9	3	79	26	23	18	1	1	427
25 - 29	16	7	300	127	9		197	63	108	36	14	8	269	123	72	33	12	5	1,399
30 - 34	16	6	221	122	4	1	139	69	77	22	14	5	302	134	47	32	5	4	1,220
35 - 39	6	8	143	82	3	1	97	48	17	14	5	2	180	93	37	19	6	3	764
40 - 44	7	2	154	56	4	1	85	51	25	11	6	2	109	65	38	22	8	2	648
45 - 49	8	3	122	68	1	1	65	67	12	11	5	4	75	73	38	20		3	576
50 - 54	8	7	105	71	3	2	68	64	15	18	8	7	71	52	26	37	6	2	570
55 - 59	1	3	86	84			50	63	5	16	3	6	61	71	18	36	3	4	510
60 - 64	1	3	48	81	2	4	28	60	2	11	5	7	31	59	8	28	2	5	385
65 - 69	1	1	35	115		2	3	37	3	18	2	9	9	33	6	14	1	5	294
70 - 74		1	9	32			3	13		5		2	6	13		7	1	1	93
75 - 79				6				3				1	2	4		3		2	21
80+				1								1		2		1			5
Total	69	47	1,296	882	28	12	803	575	295	170	71	57	1,194	748	313	270	45	37	6,912

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							2	1		1							1		5
30 - 34			4				3	1					3	1			7		19
35 - 39			2	3			4	2					4				10		25
40 - 44			5	1			3	2					5		1	6	2		25
45 - 49	2		4	6			4						11	2			7	2	38
50 - 54			5	2				1					3	1			7	6	25
55 - 59			3				4	1	1				4	3			6	3	25
60 - 64			6	4				1	2	1	1		1	6	2	4	7		35
65 - 69		1		6			1	3				2	1	4	1	2	2		23
70 - 74			1	1				1					2		2	1			8
75 - 79			1	1				3					2				1		8
80+				1											1				2
Total	2	1	31	25	0	0	21	16	3	2	1	2	32	21	0	7	51	23	238

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	59.7%	59.4%	70.0%	58.2%	63.4%	55.0%	61.5%	53.1%	61.5%	59.5%
Male	40.3%	40.6%	30.0%	41.8%	36.6%	45.0%	38.5%	46.9%	38.5%	40.5%