

Medical Board of Australia

Registrant data

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Introduction

The role of the Medical Board of Australia (the Board) is to:

- register medical practitioners and medical students
- develop standards, codes and guidelines for the medical profession
- investigate notifications and complaints
- where necessary, conduct panel hearings and refer serious matters to Tribunal hearings
- oversee the assessment of overseas trained practitioners who wish to practise in Australia, and
- approve 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 <http://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 quarterly.

Pandemic response sub-register

In April 2020, Ahpra and National Boards established a temporary pandemic response sub-register (the 2020 sub-register) that has been extended to 5 April 2022 to help fast track the return to the workforce of experienced and qualified health practitioners to assist with the COVID-19 pandemic. The 2020 sub-register health practitioners are restricted to COVID-19 related practice.

In September 2021, Ahpra and the National Boards established a new temporary sub-register (the 2021 sub-register) in response to the COVID-19 related healthcare needs. Nearly 29,000 health practitioners who recently stopped practising were returned to the register until 21 September 2022. The 2021 sub-register health practitioners can practise in the full scope of their registration (subject to any notations on the register). Medical practitioners from both sub-registers are included in these statistics. For more information see the [COVID-19](#) page on Ahpra's website.

For more information on medical registration, please see the Board's website: <http://www.medicalboard.gov.au/Registration.aspx>

Medical practitioners by state and territory

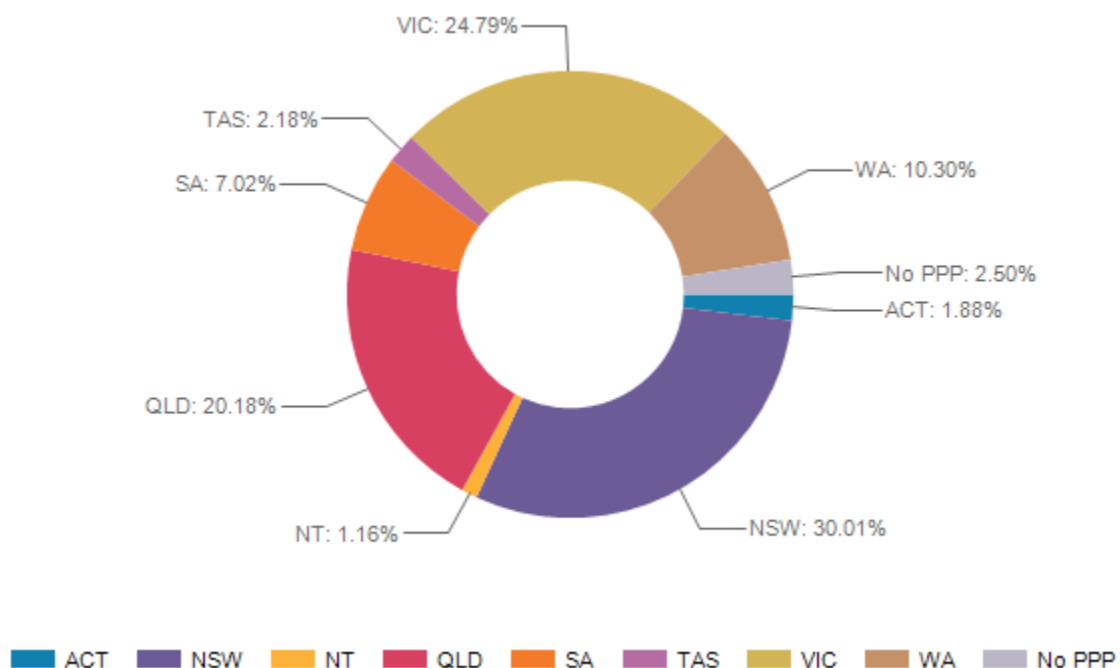
Registration type

Table 1.1 Medical practitioners - registration type by state or territory

Registration types	Registration subtypes	ACT	NSW	NT	QLD	SA	TAS	VIC	WA	No PPP	Total
General		793	12,297	585	8,469	2,672	768	9,799	4,317	782	40,482
General (Teaching and Assessing)			9		15	2	6	7	2		41
General and Specialist		1,260	21,491	648	13,145	5,060	1,532	17,582	6,081	760	67,559
Specialist		227	2,392	129	2,740	683	275	2,444	1,711	513	11,114
Provisional		111	1,422	86	1,244	388	105	1,264	851	45	5,516
Limited	Area of need	1	37	16	46	11	7	162	30		310
	Postgraduate training or supervised practice	25	743	29	333	186	108	546	228	28	2,226
	Public interest										0
	Teaching or research		3		5	2	1	4	5		20
Non-practising		33	758	16	327	155	44	538	208	1,129	3,208
Total		2,450	39,152	1,509	26,324	9,159	2,846	32,346	13,433	3,257	130,476*

* Total figure includes 4,475 medical practitioners on the 2020 and 2021 Pandemic response sub-registers. For more information go to the [COVID-19](#) page on the Ahpra website.

Table 1.2 Medical practitioners - percentage by state or territory



Specialist registration

Table 2.1 Medical practitioners - by area of specialist practice

Speciality name	Field of speciality practice	ACT	NSW	NT	QLD	SA	TAS	VIC	WA	No PPP	Total
Addiction medicine		4	85	5	34	15	5	32	16	2	198
Anaesthesia		97	1,714	47	1,223	431	146	1,394	638	135	5,825
Dermatology		6	226	1	112	52	6	166	55	8	632
Emergency medicine	Paediatric emergency medicine	1	7		12	2	1	5	2	1	31
	No sub-specialty	54	758	61	695	163	73	697	317	85	2,903
Subtotal - Emergency medicine		55	765	61	707	165	74	702	319	86	2,934
General practice		663	10,409	385	7,382	2,557	878	8,561	3,647	260	34,742
Intensive care medicine	Paediatric intensive care medicine		6		7	1	1	9	1		25
	No sub-specialty	25	310	12	237	77	21	253	95	40	1,070
Subtotal - Intensive care medicine		25	316	12	244	78	22	262	96	40	1,095
Medical administration		11	115	3	90	14	10	76	31	12	362
Obstetrics and gynaecology	Gynaecological oncology		17		12	4	1	13	5		52
	Maternal-fetal medicine	1	15	1	12	3		9	4	2	47
	Obstetrics and gynaecological ultrasound		12		4	2		42	3	1	64
	Reproductive endocrinology and infertility		25	1	4	6	2	13	2	1	54
	Urogynaecology		11		9	1		9	5		35
	No sub-specialty	39	581	22	413	149	50	539	196	50	2,039
Subtotal - Obstetrics and gynaecology		40	661	24	454	165	53	625	215	54	2,291
Occupational and environmental medicine		15	97	3	53	32	6	64	55	7	332
Ophthalmology		16	399	7	196	75	26	280	90	15	1,104

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Speciality name	Field of speciality practice	ACT	NSW	NT	QLD	SA	TAS	VIC	WA	No PPP	Total
Paediatrics and child health	Clinical genetics		22		7	3		17	3	1	53
	Community child health	2	45		19	1	3	25	8	1	104
	General paediatrics	33	752	30	448	150	45	572	231	38	2,299
	Neonatal and perinatal medicine	7	64	2	48	21	4	75	38	7	266
	Paediatric cardiology		15	1	12	3		16	9	2	58
	Paediatric clinical pharmacology		1		1			1		1	4
	Paediatric emergency medicine	1	20	2	33	12	1	23	14	4	110
	Paediatric endocrinology	1	22	1	12	4	1	8	7	1	57
	Paediatric gastroenterology and hepatology	1	9		7	1		13	7	1	39
	Paediatric haematology		6		6	1		5	4		22
	Paediatric immunology and allergy	1	14		10	9		13	3		50
	Paediatric infectious diseases		9	3	8	3		11	9	2	45
	Paediatric intensive care medicine		4		3			1			8
	Paediatric medical oncology	1	17		15	5		16	12	4	70
	Paediatric nephrology		10		2	2		5	2		21
	Paediatric neurology		20		9	2	1	15	4	3	54
	Paediatric nuclear medicine		1								1
	Paediatric palliative medicine		1		2			2	1		6
	Paediatric rehabilitation medicine		4		5	1			2		12
	Paediatric respiratory and sleep medicine	1	20		14	4		8	8		55
Paediatric rheumatology		3		4	3		5	4		19	
No sub-specialty	2	49	6	19	13	3	63	19	13	187	
Subtotal - Paediatrics and child health		50	1,108	45	684	238	58	894	385	78	3,540

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Speciality name	Field of speciality practice	ACT	NSW	NT	QLD	SA	TAS	VIC	WA	No PPP	Total
Pain medicine		5	118	1	70	37	13	83	40	2	369
Palliative medicine		9	149	6	77	32	16	106	43	4	442
Pathology	Anatomical pathology (including cytopathology)	23	358	4	204	73	25	213	114	11	1,025
	Chemical pathology	4	31		15	6	1	21	19	6	103
	Forensic pathology		14	1	16	5	3	14	8	3	64
	General pathology	1	40		19	4	6	19	4	2	95
	Haematology	14	206	3	118	46	15	169	56	14	641
	Immunology	6	51		15	10	2	21	20	2	127
	Microbiology	7	94	3	55	18	8	55	41	3	284
	No sub-specialty	3	23		11	3		8	9	3	60
Subtotal - Pathology		58	817	11	453	165	60	520	271	44	2,399
Physician	Cardiology	23	527	10	327	131	29	421	106	51	1,625
	Clinical genetics		34		9	10	1	21	4	3	82
	Clinical pharmacology		17		12	17		14	6	2	68
	Endocrinology	14	280	11	150	48	18	256	67	12	856
	Gastroenterology and hepatology	24	319	6	215	75	17	296	92	16	1,060
	General medicine	33	416	31	492	259	54	620	194	40	2,139
	Geriatric medicine	18	324	3	137	81	20	330	111	11	1,035
	Haematology	15	218	5	129	49	19	213	50	20	718
	Immunology and allergy	7	73		22	14	3	39	30	5	193
	Infectious diseases	12	135	17	84	37	12	213	52	14	576
	Medical oncology	14	267	5	134	63	19	286	58	19	865
	Nephrology	16	208	17	113	31	13	218	49	18	683
	Neurology	12	266	2	108	47	13	243	54	18	763
	Nuclear medicine	8	112	1	33	29	7	65	25	2	282
	Respiratory and sleep medicine	15	275	4	163	68	16	222	85	11	859
	Rheumatology	11	137	3	66	40	10	131	35	8	441
No sub-specialty	5	109	4	28	4	8	52	47	12	269	
Subtotal - Physician		227	3,717	119	2,222	1,003	259	3,640	1,065	262	12,514

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Speciality name	Field of speciality practice	ACT	NSW	NT	QLD	SA	TAS	VIC	WA	No PPP	Total
Psychiatry		86	1,261	30	889	329	89	1,224	410	74	4,392
Public health medicine		34	144	19	86	29	11	84	48	12	467
Radiation Oncology		13	164	2	89	20	10	110	28	9	445
Radiology	Diagnostic radiology	51	759	8	502	196	50	646	284	129	2,625
	Diagnostic ultrasound				1			3			4
	Nuclear medicine	6	48		54	12	3	74	13	1	211
	No sub-specialty	5	24		8	2	1	19	8	8	75
Subtotal - Radiology		62	831	8	565	210	54	742	305	138	2,915
Rehabilitation medicine		7	256	3	89	50	13	154	17	7	596
Sexual health medicine		5	63	1	21	10	3	27	8	1	139
Sport and exercise medicine		11	52	2	17	4	2	47	15	1	151
Surgery	Cardio-thoracic surgery	6	60		42	12	4	62	16	11	213
	General surgery	32	743	23	429	178	35	619	178	42	2,279
	Neurosurgery	9	93	1	55	19	7	77	21	6	288
	Oral and maxillofacial surgery	6	42	1	46	14	2	44	14	3	172
	Orthopaedic surgery	28	499	6	370	131	28	360	153	26	1,601
	Otolaryngology - head and neck surgery	8	176	3	110	47	10	139	49	10	552
	Paediatric surgery	6	36		18	10	3	27	9	2	111
	Plastic surgery	4	146	2	85	48	15	169	56	3	528
	Urology	8	156	1	105	38	14	137	46	4	509
	Vascular surgery	4	84	1	52	23	5	68	21	3	261
No sub-specialty	1	23	1	2				12	4	1	44
Subtotal - Surgery		112	2,058	39	1,314	520	123	1,714	567	111	6,558
Total		1,611	25,525	834	17,071	6,231	1,937	21,507	8,364	1,362	84,442

Endorsements by type

Table 2.2 Medical practitioners - endorsements by state or territory

Endorsement	ACT	NSW	NT	QLD	SA	TAS	VIC	WA	No PPP	Total
Acupuncture	6	167	2	110	38	13	240	41		617

Medical practitioners by age group

Age by registration type

Table 3.1 Medical practitioners - registration type by age group

Age group	General	General (TA)	General and Specialist	Specialist	Provisional	Limited	Non-practising	Total
U - 25	206				877			1,083
25 - 29	10,801		241		3,168	87	133	14,430
30 - 34	13,393		4,054	154	813	551	320	19,285
35 - 39	6,556	2	9,014	790	380	853	261	17,856
40 - 44	3,106	3	10,235	1,891	169	573	220	16,197
45 - 49	1,657	1	9,282	2,383	59	260	236	13,878
50 - 54	1,173	1	7,772	2,140	33	136	231	11,486
55 - 59	1,018	4	7,206	1,738	14	57	261	10,298
60 - 64	927	7	7,071	1,087	3	26	307	9,428
65 - 69	620	9	5,598	577		12	312	7,128
70 - 74	413	8	3,832	255		1	307	4,816
75 - 79	297	4	2,052	70			261	2,684
80+	315	2	1,202	29			359	1,907
Total	40,482	41	67,559	11,114	5,516	2,556	3,208	130,476

Table 3.2 Medical practitioners - by age group

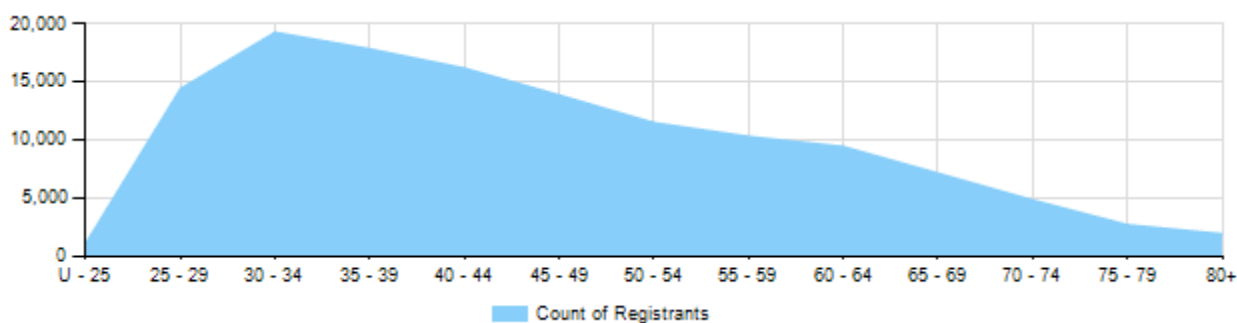


Table 3.3 Medical practitioners - limited registration by age group

Age group	Limited			Total
	Area of need	Postgraduate training or supervised practice	Teaching or research	
U - 25				0
25 - 29		86	1	87
30 - 34	19	530	2	551
35 - 39	56	791	6	853
40 - 44	86	481	6	573
45 - 49	71	187	2	260
50 - 54	41	92	3	136
55 - 59	19	38		57
60 - 64	11	15		26
65 - 69	6	6		12
70 - 74	1			1
75 - 79				0
80+				0
Total	310	2,226	20	2,556

Medical practitioners by gender

Gender by registration type

Table 4.1 Medical practitioners - gender by state and territory by registration type

Gender	Registration types	Registration subtypes	ACT	NSW	NT	QLD	SA	TAS	VIC	WA	No PPP	Total	
Female	General		426	6,132	325	4,065	1,403	368	5,003	2,291	353	20,366	
	General TA			6		5	1	3	4	1		20	
	General and Specialist		588	8,872	332	5,349	2,031	682	7,337	2,500	291	27,982	
	Specialist		83	880	40	951	233	96	890	626	169	3,968	
	Provisional		59	763	55	629	214	64	697	482	20	2,983	
	Limited	Area of need		1	22	7	17	1	6	75	13		142
		Postgraduate training or supervised practice		12	376	9	146	86	58	266	120	10	1,083
		Teaching or research			2		3			2	5		12
	Non-practising		15	337	8	146	61	17	218	92	492	1,386	
Total Female			1,184	17,390	776	11,311	4,030	1,294	14,492	6,130	1,335	57,942	
Male	General		367	6,165	260	4,404	1,269	400	4,794	2,026	429	20,114	
	General TA			3		10	1	3	3	1		21	
	General and Specialist		672	12,619	316	7,796	3,029	850	10,244	3,580	469	39,575	
	Specialist		144	1,512	89	1,789	450	179	1,554	1,085	344	7,146	
	Provisional		52	659	31	615	174	41	567	369	25	2,533	
	Limited	Area of need			15	9	29	10	1	87	17		168
		Postgraduate training or supervised practice		13	367	20	187	100	50	280	108	18	1,143
		Teaching or research			1		2	2	1	2			8
Non-practising		18	421	8	181	94	27	320	116	637	1,822		
Total Male			1,266	21,762	733	15,013	5,129	1,552	17,851	7,302	1,922	72,530	

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Gender	Registration types	Registration subtypes	ACT	NSW	NT	QLD	SA	TAS	VIC	WA	No PPP	Total
Not stated or Intersex or Indeterminate	General								2			2
	General and Specialist								1	1		2
Total			2,450	39,152	1,509	26,324	9,159	2,846	32,346	13,433	3,257	130,476

Gender percentages

Table 4.2 Medical practitioners - percentage by gender

Gender	ACT	NSW	NT	QLD	SA	TAS	VIC	WA	No PPP	Total
Female	48.3%	44.4%	51.4%	43.0%	44.0%	45.5%	44.8%	45.6%	41.0%	44.4%
Male	51.7%	55.6%	48.6%	57.0%	56.0%	54.5%	55.2%	54.4%	59.0%	55.6%
Not stated or Intersex or Indeterminate							<0.1%	<0.1%		<0.1%

Specialist registration by gender

Table 4.3 Medical practitioners - by area of specialist practice by gender

Speciality	Female	Male	Not stated or Intersex or Indeterminate
Addiction medicine	26.3%	73.7%	
Anaesthesia	32.7%	67.3%	
Dermatology	49.1%	50.9%	
Emergency medicine	37.5%	62.5%	
General practice	47.3%	52.7%	<0.1%
Intensive care medicine	22.1%	77.9%	
Medical administration	34.8%	65.2%	
Obstetrics and gynaecology	51.8%	48.2%	
Occupational and environmental medicine	21.1%	78.9%	
Ophthalmology	23.6%	76.4%	
Paediatrics and child health	54.9%	45.1%	
Pain medicine	28.7%	71.3%	
Palliative medicine	60.2%	39.8%	
Pathology	45.4%	54.6%	
Physician	33.7%	66.3%	
Psychiatry	41.8%	58.2%	<0.1%
Public health medicine	44.8%	55.2%	
Radiation Oncology	44.0%	56.0%	
Radiology	28.2%	71.8%	
Rehabilitation medicine	50.5%	49.5%	
Sexual health medicine	57.6%	42.4%	
Sport and exercise medicine	25.2%	74.8%	
Surgery	13.4%	86.6%	
Total	39.9%	60.1%	<0.1%