

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.

Pandemic response sub-register

In April 2020, Ahpra and National Boards established a temporary pandemic response sub-register for up to 12 months to help fast track the return to the workforce of experienced and qualified health practitioners to assist with the COVID-19 pandemic. In early April 2021, the Commonwealth Health Minister requested that optometrists (as well as nurses, midwives and pharmacists and Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander health practitioners) be added to the sub-register for up to 12 months to help with the COVID-19 response. These optometrists are included in these statistics. Please see the [COVID-19](#) page on Ahpra's website for more info.

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

Principal place of practice

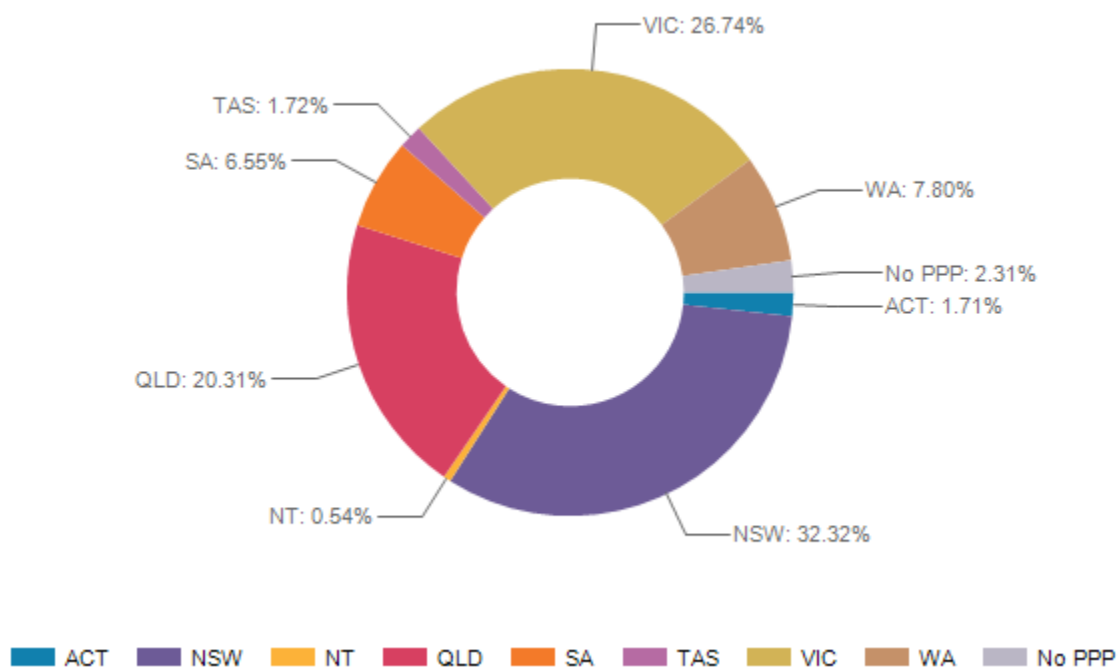
Registration type

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	2,050	35	1,288	419	110	1,680	496	70	6,255
Limited	Postgraduate training or supervised practice	2	2		2	1	1	7	4	2	21
Non-practising		2	49		30	6	1	51	7	78	224
Total		111	2,101	35	1,320	426	112	1,738	507	150	6,500*

* Total figure includes 35 optometrists on the Pandemic response sub-register. For more information go to the [COVID-19](#) page on the Ahpra website.

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	76	1,266	27	898	327	91	1,379	327	25	4,416
% of General Registrants who are Endorsed	71.0%	61.8%	77.1%	69.7%	78.0%	82.7%	82.1%	65.9%	35.7%	70.6%

Table 1.4 Endorsement by age group

Age group	Scheduled Medicines	% of general registrants who are endorsed
U - 25	337	100.0%
25 - 29	1,293	99.7%
30 - 34	881	96.2%
35 - 39	535	77.9%
40 - 44	394	62.7%
45 - 49	316	55.5%
50 - 54	255	44.2%
55 - 59	171	37.9%
60 - 64	158	35.0%
65 - 69	54	21.8%
70 - 74	19	28.4%
75 - 79	3	13.0%
80+		.0%
Total	4,416	70.6%

**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
U - 25	244	93					244	93	337
25 - 29	914	383	4	1	6	1	924	385	1,309
30 - 34	603	313	5	1	22	7	630	321	951
35 - 39	461	226	5	1	17	8	483	235	718
40 - 44	394	234	1	2	12	10	407	246	653
45 - 49	317	252	1		20	11	338	263	601
50 - 54	292	285			22	11	314	296	610
55 - 59	193	258			10	9	203	267	470
60 - 64	122	329			8	17	130	346	476
65 - 69	49	199			5	12	54	211	265
70 - 74	16	51			1	8	17	59	76
75 - 79	1	22				5	1	27	28
80+		4				2	0	6	6
Total	3,606	2,649	16	5	123	101	3,745	2,755	6,500

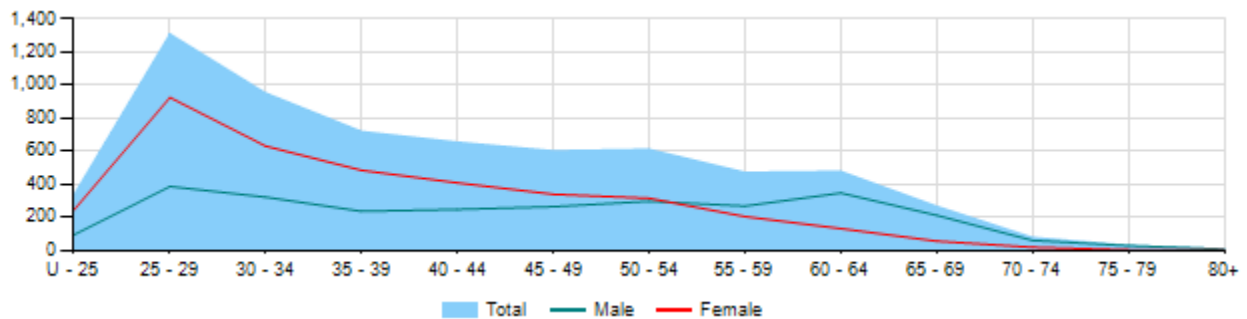
Table 2.2 Registrants age group, by principal place of practice and gender - General and Limited

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	4	1	91	35	1		65	30	31	8	3		32	13	15	6	2		337
25 - 29	24	5	271	115	7	1	185	68	96	35	18	7	253	118	60	34	4	1	1,302
30 - 34	6	7	170	107	3	2	113	55	41	15	6	1	239	104	28	22	2	1	922
35 - 39	10	4	141	64	3		96	47	17	20	7	3	148	74	38	10	6	5	693
40 - 44	9	3	165	67	2	1	69	54	25	9	2	2	83	72	33	26	7	2	631
45 - 49	9	6	93	64	2	3	75	59	16	19	9	7	79	70	32	24	3		570
50 - 54	4	7	109	77	1	1	63	68	8	18	5	6	71	65	23	38	8	5	577
55 - 59	2	2	69	70			49	68	4	7	6	6	46	70	13	32	4	3	451
60 - 64	1	3	62	134	2	5	17	57	3	22	3	13	24	58	9	29	1	8	451
65 - 69	1	1	25	89		1	4	36	6	16		4	8	35	2	14	3	3	248
70 - 74			9	18			1	7		2		2	6	13		7		2	67
75 - 79				5				4		2		1	1	4		4		2	23
80+				2										1		1			4
Total	70	39	1,205	847	21	14	737	553	247	173	59	52	990	697	253	247	40	32	6,276

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			1				2		1				1				2		7
30 - 34			4	1			2	1	1				7	1		1	8	3	29
35 - 39			3	3			2	3	1				4			1	7	1	25
40 - 44			2	3			1	3					5				4	4	22
45 - 49			1	5			1	2					9	2			9	2	31
50 - 54			7	1			1						6	2	1		7	8	33
55 - 59			2				3	1	1				2	4			2	4	19
60 - 64	1		2	4						2			1	1			5	9	25
65 - 69	1		3	1			1	3			1		2		3		1	1	17
70 - 74			1	2				2					2		1			1	9
75 - 79				1				2					2						5
80+				2															2
Total	0	2	26	23	0	0	13	17	4	2	0	1	34	17	1	6	45	33	224

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	63.1%	58.6%	60.0%	56.8%	58.9%	52.7%	58.9%	50.1%	56.7%	57.6%
Male	36.9%	41.4%	40.0%	43.2%	41.1%	47.3%	41.1%	49.9%	43.3%	42.4%