

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

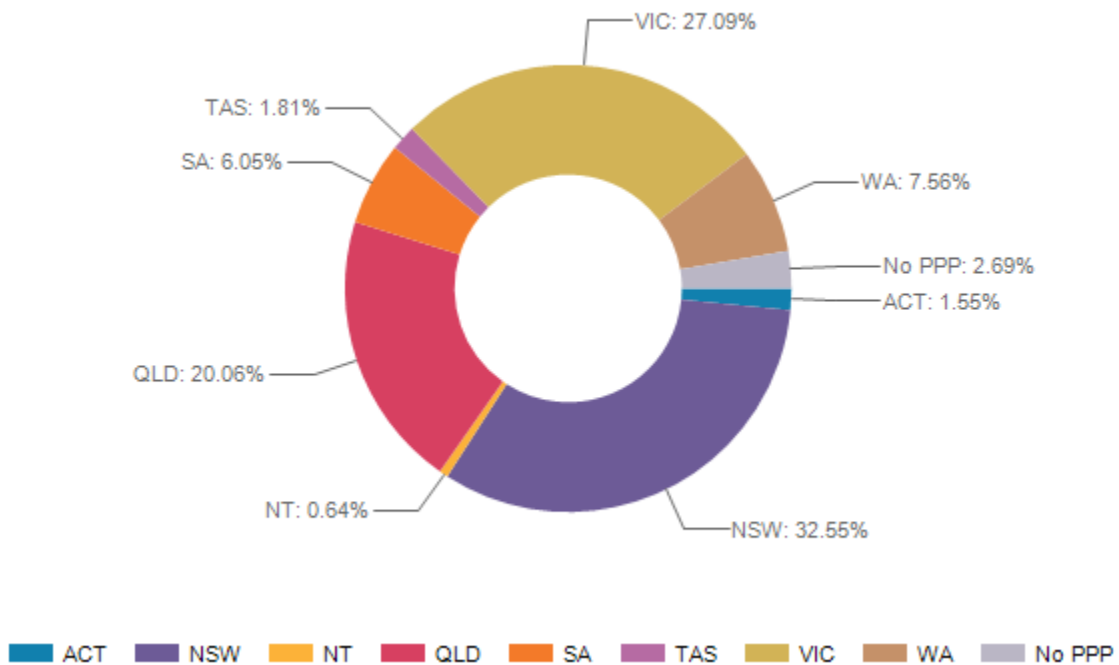
Principal place of practice

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		90	1,894	38	1,165	359	107	1,579	443	93	5,768
Limited	Postgraduate training or supervised practice	1	5		3	1		5	4	3	22
	Teaching or research					1					1
Non-practising		2	48		32	1	1	36	5	65	190
Total		93	1,947	38	1,200	362	108	1,620	452	161	5,981

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	56	1,015	29	721	260	84	1,232	252	27	3,676
% of General Registrants who are Endorsed	62.2%	53.6%	76.3%	61.9%	72.4%	78.5%	78.0%	56.9%	29.0%	63.7%

Table 1.4 Endorsement by age group

Age group	Scheduled Medicines	% of general registrants who are endorsed
U - 25	335	99.7%
25 - 29	1,119	98.8%
30 - 34	677	87.9%
35 - 39	412	64.0%
40 - 44	328	54.0%
45 - 49	271	45.5%
50 - 54	217	39.7%
55 - 59	162	35.3%
60 - 64	103	24.1%
65 - 69	42	23.1%
70 - 74	8	19.0%
75 - 79	2	9.1%
80+		.0%
Total	3,676	63.7%

**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
U - 25	242	94							242	94	336
25 - 29	773	360	4	4			8		785	364	1,149
30 - 34	499	271	4	1			13	4	516	276	792
35 - 39	436	208		4		1	17	2	453	215	668
40 - 44	351	256	2	2			14	12	367	270	637
45 - 49	334	262		1			16	9	350	272	622
50 - 54	248	299					17	9	265	308	573
55 - 59	167	292					6	19	173	311	484
60 - 64	102	325					7	15	109	340	449
65 - 69	44	138					3	5	47	143	190
70 - 74	4	38					1	10	5	48	53
75 - 79	1	21						2	1	23	24
80+		3						1	0	4	4
Total	3,201	2,567	10	12	0	1	102	88	3,313	2,668	5,981

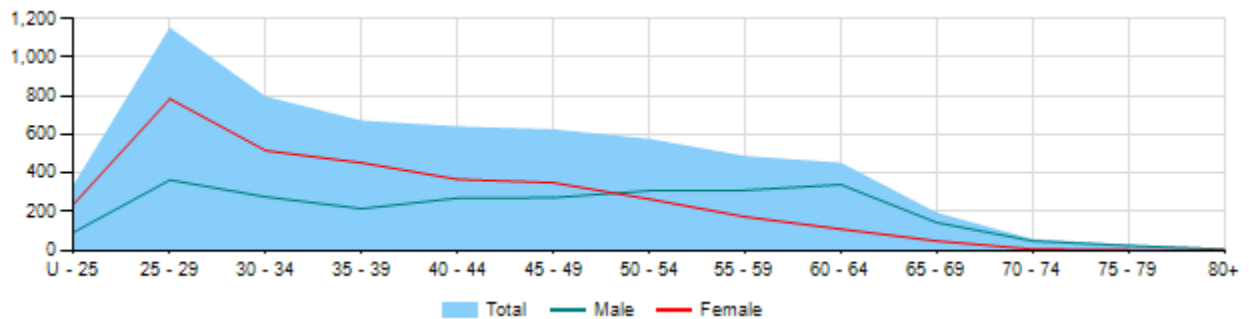
Table 2.2 Registrants age group, by principal place of practice and gender - General and Limited

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		77	23	4	1	75	27	26	11	6	3	40	22	10	7			336
25 - 29	15	7	226	113	4	3	137	66	77	24	13	1	266	115	36	32	3	3	1,141
30 - 34	4	6	152	83	2	1	96	51	23	16	2	4	187	97	33	13	4	1	775
35 - 39	6	3	159	56	3	1	80	47	27	11	6	2	113	69	35	19	7	5	649
40 - 44	11	5	135	70	1	2	64	64	13	14	4	6	83	75	35	20	7	2	611
45 - 49	9	8	113	69	4	2	73	63	14	16	8	9	83	56	24	33	6	7	597
50 - 54	1	3	95	90		1	51	63	7	21	3	5	63	74	20	37	8	5	547
55 - 59	1	3	62	85	2	5	37	70	5	12	6	8	39	71	8	29	7	9	459
60 - 64		3	54	147		1	10	53	6	24	3	12	16	54	8	24	5	7	427
65 - 69	1	1	19	51	1		6	24	2	10		4	13	30		14	2	4	182
70 - 74			2	9				8					2	12		6		3	42
75 - 79			1	5				3		2		2		4		4		1	22
80+				3															3
Total	52	39	1,095	804	21	17	629	539	200	161	51	56	905	679	209	238	49	47	5,791

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			4				1										3		8
30 - 34			1	2			2	2					4				6		17
35 - 39			7				1	1					3		1	1	5		19
40 - 44			1	4			1	2					7	3			5	3	26
45 - 49			5	2			1	1					4	2			6	4	25
50 - 54			6	1			3	1	1				1	2	1		5	5	26
55 - 59				4			1						1	3		1	4	11	25
60 - 64		2		4			3	4				1	2		1		1	4	22
65 - 69			1	1			1	3									1	1	8
70 - 74			1	2				4						4					11
75 - 79				1														1	2
80+				1															1
Total	0	2	26	22	0	0	14	18	1	0	0	1	22	14	3	2	36	29	190

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	55.9%	57.6%	55.3%	53.6%	55.5%	47.2%	57.2%	46.9%	52.8%	55.4%
Male	44.1%	42.4%	44.7%	46.4%	44.5%	52.8%	42.8%	53.1%	47.2%	44.6%