

Optometry Registrant Data: September 2014

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Introduction

The functions of the Optometry Board of Australia 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
- approving accreditation standards and accredited courses of study.

The Board's functions are supported by the [Australian Health Practitioner Regulation Agency](http://www.ahpra.gov.au) (AHPRA). For information about legislation governing our operations see [AHPRA's Legislation & Publications](http://www.ahpra.gov.au/Legislation-and-Publications.aspx) at www.ahpra.gov.au/Legislation-and-Publications.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

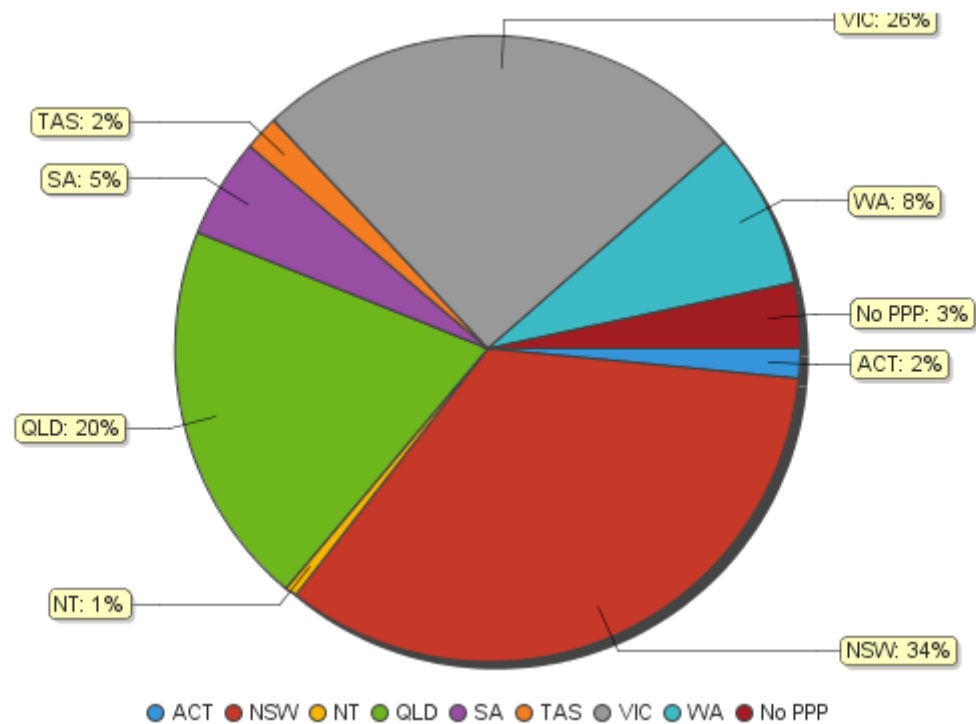
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Optometry practitioners – registration type and sub type by state or territory

Optometry practitioner		Principal place of practice									Total
Registration type	Registration sub type	ACT	NSW	NT	QLD	SA	TAS	VIC	WA	No PPP	
General		74	1,594	28	939	247	87	1,202	379	117	4,667
Limited	Postgraduate training or supervised practice										
	Teaching or research		3								3
Non-practising			36	1	17			25	8	45	132
Total		74	1,633	29	956	247	87	1,227	387	162	4,802

Optometry practitioners – percentage by principal place of practice



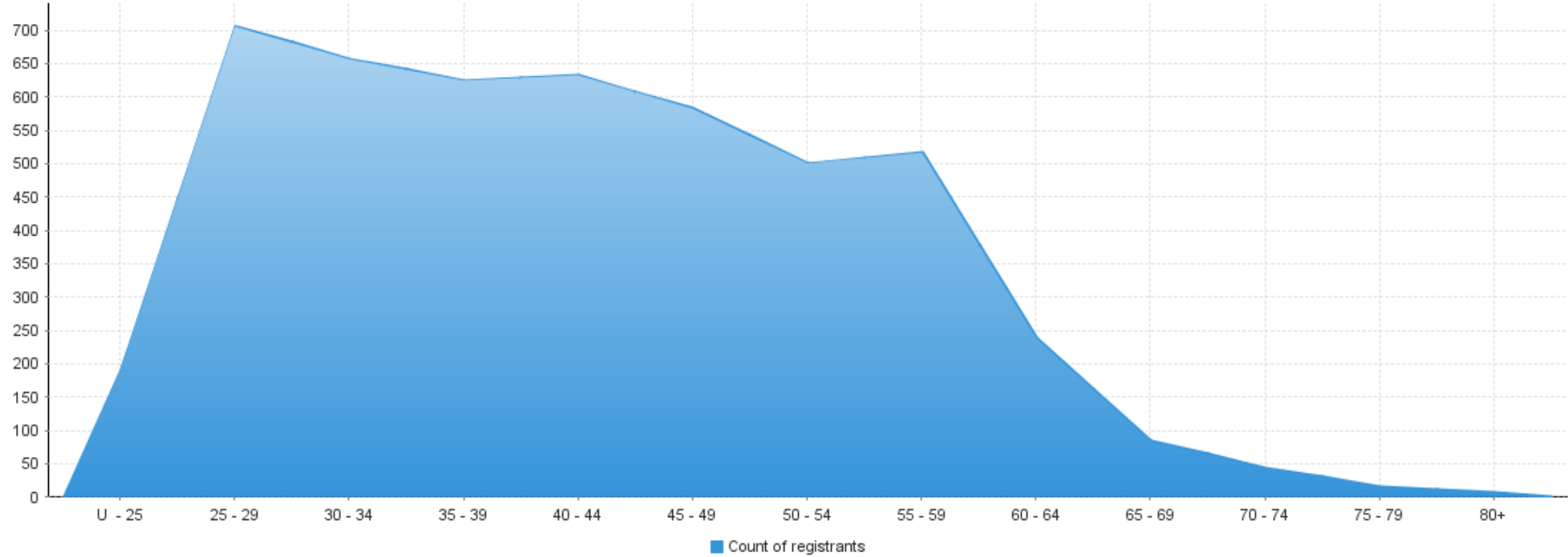
Optometry practitioners – endorsement by state or territory

Optometry Practitioner	ACT	NSW	NT	QLD	SA	TAS	VIC	WA	No PPP	Total
Scheduled Medicines	21	392	13	351	119	58	699	129	21	1,803
% of general registrants who are endorsed	28.38%	24.59%	46.43%	37.38%	48.18%	66.67%	58.15%	34.04%	17.95%	37.55%

Optometry practitioners – registration type and sub type by age group

Optometry practitioners	General	Limited	Non-practising	Total
Age group		Postgraduate training or supervised practice	Teaching or research	
U - 25	192			192
25 - 29	694		3	706
30 - 34	643			657
35 - 39	609			625
40 - 44	609			633
45 - 49	566			583
50 - 54	479			501
55 - 59	503			517
60 - 64	232			238
65 - 69	79			84
70 - 74	42			44
75 - 79	14			16
80+	5			6
Total	4,667		3	4,802

Optometry practitioners – by age group



Age group	U - 25	25 - 29	30 - 34	35 - 39	40 - 44	45 - 49	50 - 54	55 - 59	60 - 64	65 - 69	70 - 74	75 - 79	80+
Count of registrants	192	706	657	625	633	583	501	517	238	84	44	16	6

Optometry practitioners – registration type and sub type by gender

Optometry Practitioner			Principal place of practice									Total
Gender	Registration type	Registration sub type	ACT	NSW	NT	QLD	SA	TAS	VIC	WA	No PPP	
Female	General		38	852	15	451	109	30	630	161	54	2,340
	Limited	Postgraduate training or supervised practice										
		Teaching or research		3								
	Non-practising			17	1	8			15	7	21	69
Sub Total			38	872	16	459	109	30	645	168	75	2,412
Male	General		36	742	13	488	138	57	572	218	63	2,327
	Limited	Postgraduate training or supervised practice										
		Teaching or research										
	Non-practising			19		9			10	1	24	63
Sub Total			36	761	13	497	138	57	582	219	87	2,390
Total			74	1,633	29	956	247	87	1,227	387	162	4,802

Optometry practitioners – percentage by gender

Optometry Practitioner	ACT	NSW	NT	QLD	SA	TAS	VIC	WA	No PPP	Total
Female	51.35%	53.40%	55.17%	48.01%	44.13%	34.48%	52.57%	43.41%	46.30%	50.23%
Male	48.65%	46.60%	44.83%	51.99%	55.87%	65.52%	47.43%	56.59%	53.70%	49.77%