

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

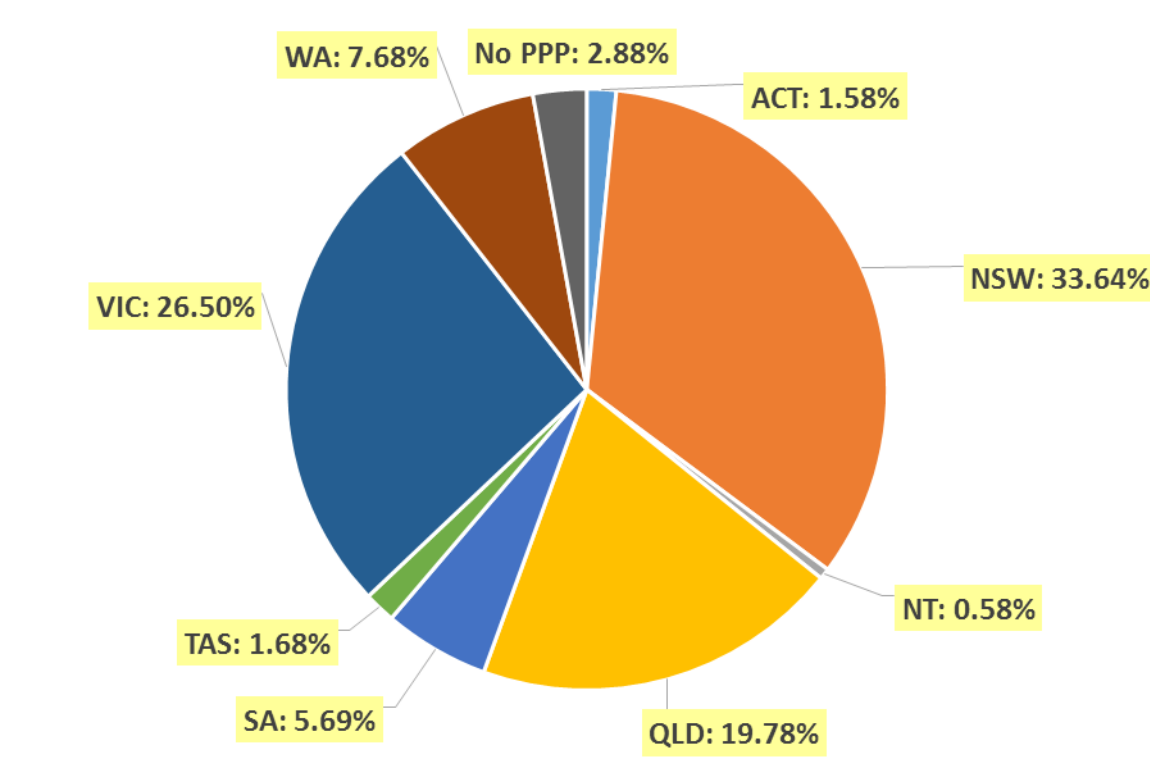
Principal place of practice

Registration type

Table 1.1 Registration type by principal place of practice

Registration Type	Registration Sub-type	ACT	NSW	NT	QLD	SA	TAS	VIC	WA	No PPP	Total
General		83	1,809	32	1,074	313	92	1,427	418	96	5,344
Limited	Postgraduate training or supervised practice	1	1						1		3
	Teaching or research		2								2
Non-practising		3	45		18	1	1	36	5	63	172
Total		87	1,857	32	1,092	314	93	1,463	424	159	5,521

Table 1.2 Registration type by principal place of practice percentages



Endorsements

Table 2.1 Endorsements

Endorsement	ACT	NSW	NT	QLD	SA	TAS	VIC	WA	No PPP	Total
Scheduled Medicines*	47	823	24	596	206	69	1,038	217	24	3,044
% of general registrants who are endorsed	56.6%	45.5%	75.0%	55.5%	65.8%	75.0%	72.7%	51.9%	25.0%	57.0%

Table 2.2 Endorsements by age group

Age Group	Scheduled Medicines*	% of General Registrants
U - 25	358	99.4%
25 - 29	869	96.7%
30 - 34	523	75.1%
35 - 39	363	55.7%
40 - 44	273	46.3%
45 - 49	217	37.1%
50 - 54	162	32.3%
55 - 59	161	31.8%
60 - 64	79	21.7%
65 - 69	34	26.2%
70 - 74	4	10.0%
75 - 79	1	5.6%
80+		
Total	3,044	57.0%

**Only Optometrists holding general registration are eligible to hold the scheduled medicines endorsement.*

Age group

Registration type

Table 3.1 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	264	96							264	96	360
25 - 29	597	302	1				6		604	302	906
30 - 34	472	224	1		1	1	21	2	495	227	722
35 - 39	411	241		1			13	5	424	247	671
40 - 44	326	264					15	8	341	272	613
45 - 49	318	267					11	10	329	277	606
50 - 54	220	281					14	11	234	292	526
55 - 59	154	352					5	16	159	368	527
60 - 64	80	284					6	12	86	296	382
65 - 69	36	94					4	5	40	99	139
70 - 74	2	38						6	2	44	46
75 - 79	1	17						2	1	19	20
80+		3								3	3
Total	2,881	2,463	2	1	1	1	95	77	2,979	2,542	5,521

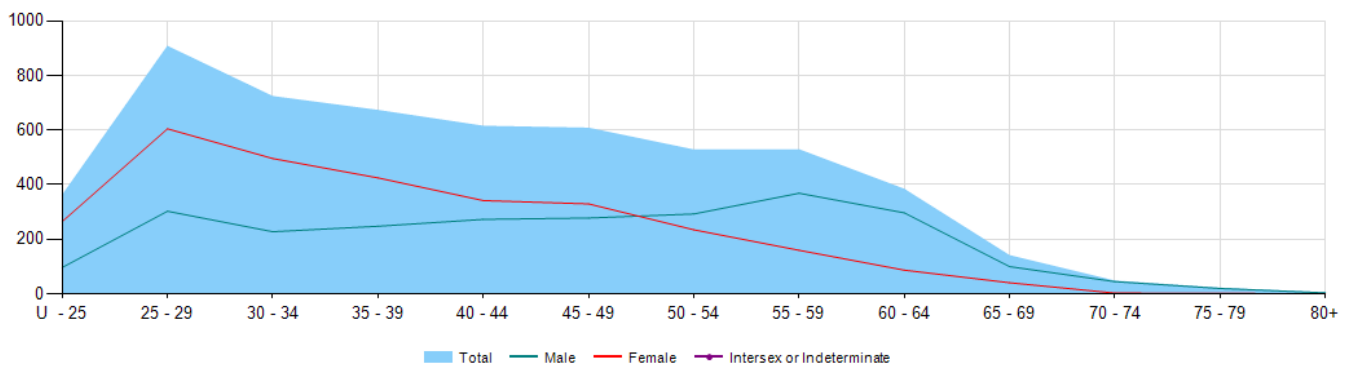
Registrants age group, by principal place of practice and gender – General and Limited

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	8	1	95	29	2	1	55	20	26	8	5	2	56	25	15	9	2	1	360
25 - 29	8	6	179	111	5	2	109	54	52	15	3	1	210	97	32	16			900
30 - 34	4	5	150	64	2		100	43	21	16	5	3	155	80	33	13	4	1	699
35 - 39	9	3	159	72	2	1	74	55	23	11	4	2	99	69	35	24	6	5	653
40 - 44	7	5	114	66	1	3	68	63	15	19	6	7	79	76	30	22	6	3	590
45 - 49	8	7	113	76	2	1	66	65	10	19	5	7	82	57	26	30	6	5	585
50 - 54	2	3	83	78		1	54	63	4	10	5	6	48	72	14	38	10	10	501
55 - 59		4	68	126	2	6	27	66	4	22	4	15	35	73	7	29	7	11	506
60 - 64	1	3	41	122			11	49	7	21	1	5	11	57	5	19	3	8	364
65 - 69			18	32	1		3	18	1	6		4	12	21		9	1	4	130
70 - 74			1	7				9		2		2	1	7		8		3	40
75 - 79				6				2		1			1	4		4			18
80+				2												1			3
Total	47	37	1,021	791	17	15	567	507	163	150	38	54	789	638	197	222	45	51	5,349

Table 3.2 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																			
25 - 29			1										2				3		6
30 - 34			4	1			2	1					7				8		23
35 - 39	1		4	1				1					3	2	2		3	1	18
40 - 44			1	3			1	1					5	3			8	1	23
45 - 49			6	2									2	2			3	6	21
50 - 54			3	2			3		1				1	3	1		5	6	25
55 - 59		1	1	5											1		4	9	21
60 - 64		1		5			2	3				1	1		1		2	2	18
65 - 69			1	2			1	1					2	1				1	9
70 - 74				2				2						2					6
75 - 79				1														1	2
80+																			
Total	1	2	21	24			9	9	1			1	23	13	4	1	36	27	172

Table 3.3 Registrants by age group



Gender

Percentage

Table 4.1 Registrants by gender percentages

Gender	ACT	NSW	NT	QLD	SA	TAS	VIC	WA	No PPP	Total
Female	55.2%	56.1%	53.1%	52.7%	52.2%	40.9%	55.5%	47.4%	50.9%	54.0%
Male	44.8%	43.9%	46.9%	47.3%	47.8%	59.1%	44.5%	52.6%	49.1%	46.0%