

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 <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 regularly.

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

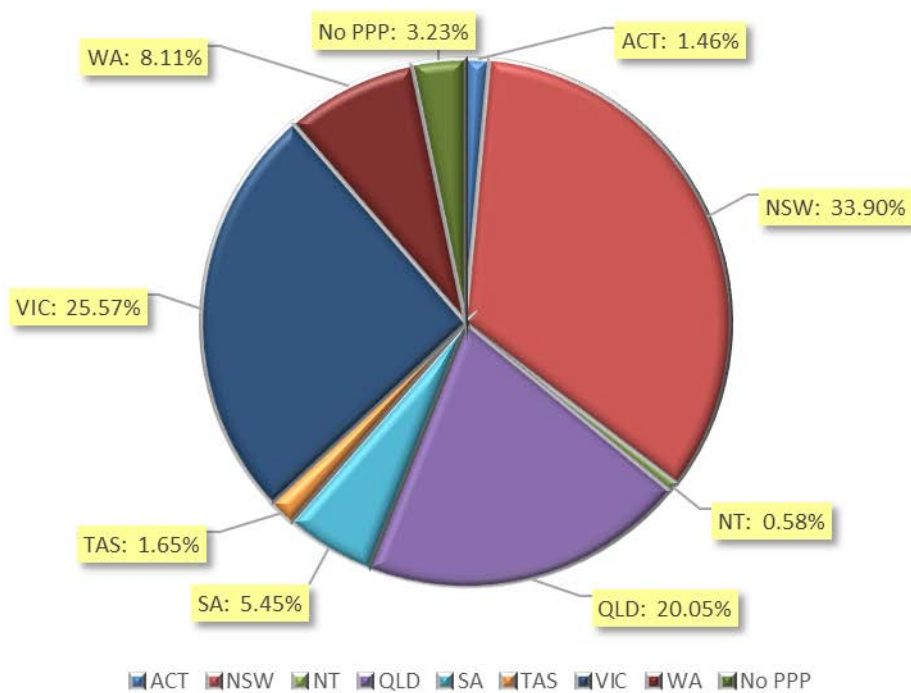
Principal Place of Practice

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		74	1,699	29	1,017	278	84	1,280	407	109	4,977
Limited	Postgraduate training or supervised practice				1				1		2
	Teaching or research		3								3
Non-practising		1	41	1	13	2	1	35	9	57	160
Total		75	1,743	30	1,031	280	85	1,315	417	166	5,142

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*	32	596	19	469	157	60	839	189	26	2,387
% of general registrants who are endorsed	43.2%	35.1%	65.5%	46.1%	56.5%	71.4%	65.5%	46.4%	23.9%	48%

Table 2.2 Endorsements by age group

Age Group	Scheduled Medicines*	% of General Registrants
U - 25	295	99.3%
25 - 29	673	89.9%
30 - 34	405	58.6%
35 - 39	282	43.8%
40 - 44	216	37.9%
45 - 49	172	28.8%
50 - 54	127	28%
55 - 59	129	24.5%
60 - 64	59	20.4%
65 - 69	27	27%
70 - 74	2	5%
75 - 79		0%
80+		0%
Total	2,387	48%

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

Age Group

Registration type

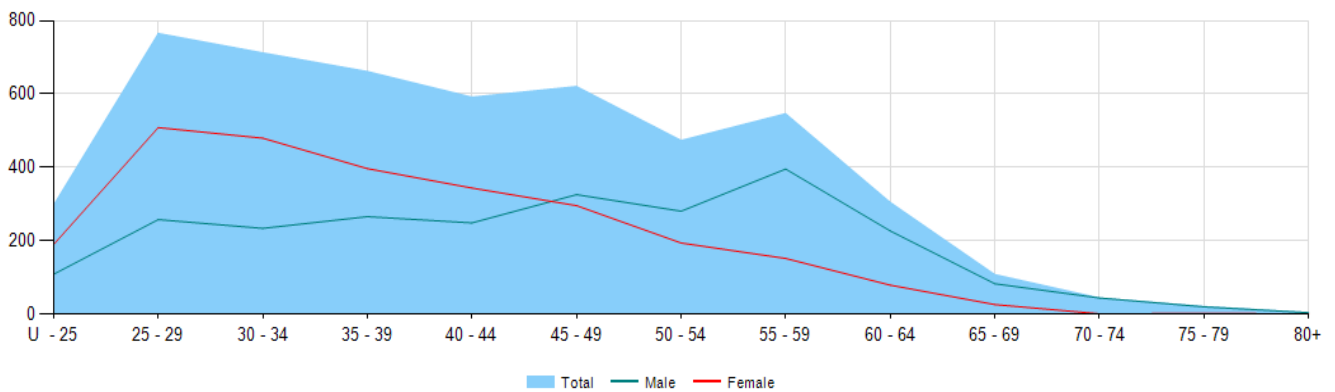
Table 3.1 Registrants by age group

Age Group	General	Limited		Non-practising	Total
		Postgraduate training or supervised practice	Teaching or research		
U - 25	297				297
25 - 29	749	1	2	13	765
30 - 34	691		1	20	712
35 - 39	644	1		16	661
40 - 44	570			21	591
45 - 49	598			22	620
50 - 54	454			19	473
55 - 59	526			20	546
60 - 64	289			15	304
65 - 69	100			7	107
70 - 74	40			3	43
75 - 79	17			3	20
80+	2			1	3
Total	4,977	2	3	160	5,142

Table 3.2 Registrants age group, by principal place of practice

Age Group	ACT	NSW	NT	QLD	SA	TAS	VIC	WA	No PPP	Total
U - 25	4	112	1	73	30	2	52	22	1	297
25 - 29	13	239	4	134	43	5	270	48	9	765
30 - 34	7	234	5	136	39	9	213	51	18	712
35 - 39	12	233	2	126	26	8	170	63	21	661
40 - 44	15	170	5	138	35	10	150	50	18	591
45 - 49	10	214	1	136	29	10	132	62	26	620
50 - 54	3	130	6	112	16	9	129	40	28	473
55 - 59	7	245	4	83	26	21	91	43	26	546
60 - 64	3	117	1	58	25	4	66	18	12	304
65 - 69	1	32		22	4	3	32	9	4	107
70 - 74		7	1	11	4	3	6	9	2	43
75 - 79		10		1	2		4	2	1	20
80+				1	1	1				3
Total	75	1,743	30	1,031	280	85	1,315	417	166	5,142

Table 3.3 Registrants by age group



Gender

Registration Type

Table 4.1 Gender by state and territory by registration type

Gender	Registration Type	Sub Type	ACT	NSW	NT	QLD	SA	TAS	VIC	WA	No PPP	Total
Female	General		42	926	14	513	125	28	684	180	54	2,566
	Limited	Postgraduate training or supervised practice				1				1		2
		Teaching or Research		3								3
	Non-practising			20	1	6	2	1	21	6	30	87
Total Female			42	949	15	520	127	29	705	187	84	2,658
Male	General		32	773	15	504	153	56	596	227	55	2,411
	Non-practising		1	21		7			14	3	27	73
Total Male			33	794	15	511	153	56	610	230	82	2,484
Total			75	1,743	30	1,031	280	85	1,315	417	166	5,142

Percentage

Table 4.2 Registrants by gender percentages

Gender	ACT	NSW	NT	QLD	SA	TAS	VIC	WA	No PPP	Total
Female	56%	54.4%	50%	50.4%	45.4%	34.1%	53.6%	44.8%	50.6%	51.7%
Male	44%	45.6%	50%	49.6%	54.6%	65.9%	46.4%	55.2%	49.4%	48.3%