

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

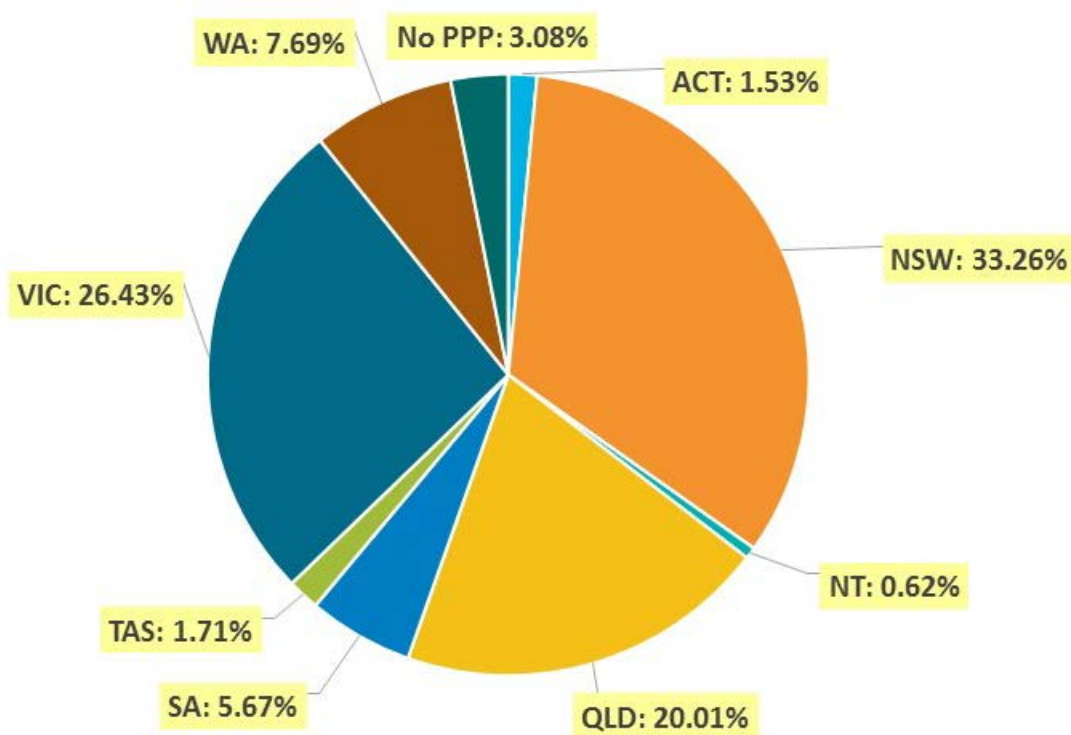
Principal place of practice

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		81	1,776	34	1,076	309	93	1,410	414	103	5,296
Limited	Postgraduate training or supervised practice		1						1		2
	Teaching or research		2								2
Non-practising		3	46		22	2	1	40	7	66	187
Total		84	1,825	34	1,098	311	94	1,450	422	169	5,487

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*	44	766	26	578	200	69	1,009	210	27	2,929
% of general registrants who are endorsed	54.3%	43.1%	76.5%	53.7%	64.7%	74.2%	71.6%	50.7%	26.2%	55.3%

Table 2.2 Endorsements by age group

Age Group	Scheduled Medicines*	% of General Registrants
U - 25	329	99.7%
25 - 29	821	95.7%
30 - 34	504	71.8%
35 - 39	356	55.2%
40 - 44	265	44.9%
45 - 49	222	37.6%
50 - 54	156	31.1%
55 - 59	157	31.3%
60 - 64	79	21.4%
65 - 69	34	24.6%
70 - 74	5	10.9%
75 - 79	1	5.6%
80+		.0%
Total	2,929	55.3%

**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	236	94							236	94	330
25 - 29	565	293	1				6		572	293	865
30 - 34	476	226	1		1	1	24	3	502	230	732
35 - 39	405	240					17	5	422	245	667
40 - 44	325	265					16	10	341	275	616
45 - 49	318	273					14	9	332	282	614
50 - 54	221	281					11	9	232	290	522
55 - 59	149	353					7	19	156	372	528
60 - 64	86	284					7	13	93	297	390
65 - 69	38	100					5	3	43	103	146
70 - 74	3	43						6	3	49	52
75 - 79	1	17						2	1	19	20
80+		4						1		5	5
Total	2,823	2,473	2		1	1	107	80	2,933	2,554	5,487

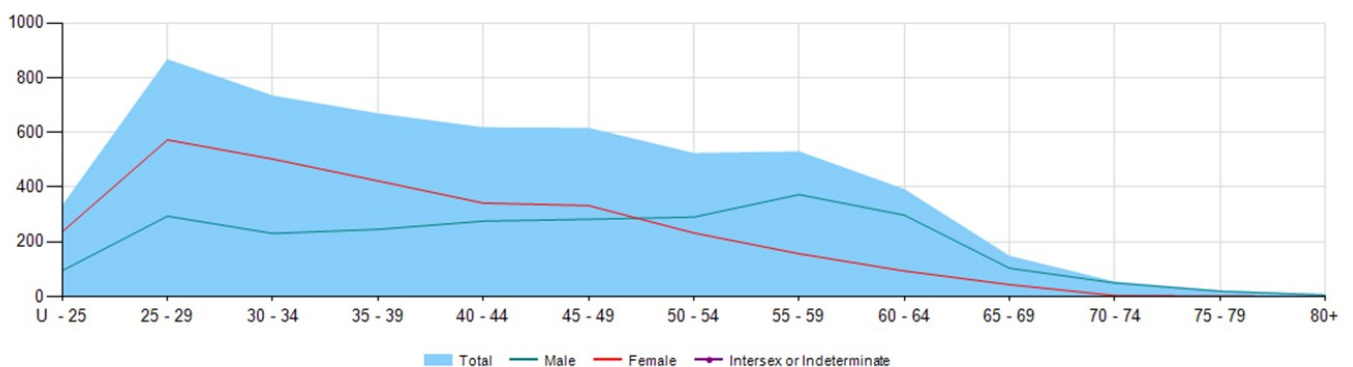
Registrants age group, by principal place of practice and gender – General and Limited

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	7		70	27	2	1	55	20	25	7	5	2	58	28	13	9	1		330
25 - 29	5	8	169	104	6	3	105	52	48	20	3	1	199	85	30	17	1	3	859
30 - 34	3	5	158	66	2		101	46	19	14	6	3	152	81	32	11	5	1	705
35 - 39	11	3	155	73	2	1	71	51	23	11	4	2	98	69	34	25	7	5	645
40 - 44	7	5	112	64	2	3	68	62	16	19	5	8	79	76	30	23	6	5	590
45 - 49	7	8	112	79	1	1	68	66	8	20	5	6	83	57	26	32	8	4	591
50 - 54	2	3	84	77		1	53	64	4	9	5	6	50	73	13	36	10	12	502
55 - 59		3	69	131	2	6	25	65	4	24	4	15	32	70	7	29	6	10	502
60 - 64	1	3	39	120			13	50	9	20	1	6	14	58	5	19	4	8	370
65 - 69			19	33	1		4	22		6		4	13	21	1	10		4	138
70 - 74			1	8			1	13		2		2	1	7		8		3	46
75 - 79				7				1		1			1	4		4			18
80+				2										1		1			4
Total	43	38	988	791	18	16	564	512	156	153	38	55	780	630	191	224	48	55	5,300

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										3				2		6
30 - 34			3	2			3	1					8				10		27
35 - 39	1		6	1			1	1	1				1	2	3		4	1	22
40 - 44			1	3			1	2					5	3			9	2	26
45 - 49			6	1			1						2	2			5	6	23
50 - 54			3	1			2		1				1	3	1		3	5	20
55 - 59		1	2	5				2							1	1	4	10	26
60 - 64		1	1	5			2	3			1	1	2	1			2	1	20
65 - 69			1	1			1					3	1				1		8
70 - 74				2				2					2						6
75 - 79				1													1		2
80+													1						1
Total	1	2	24	22			11	11	2			1	24	16	6	1	39	27	187

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	52.4%	55.5%	52.9%	52.4%	50.8%	40.4%	55.4%	46.7%	51.5%	53.5%
Male	47.6%	44.5%	47.1%	47.6%	49.2%	59.6%	44.6%	53.3%	48.5%	46.5%