

# 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](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: [www.optometryboard.gov.au/Registration.aspx](http://www.optometryboard.gov.au/Registration.aspx)

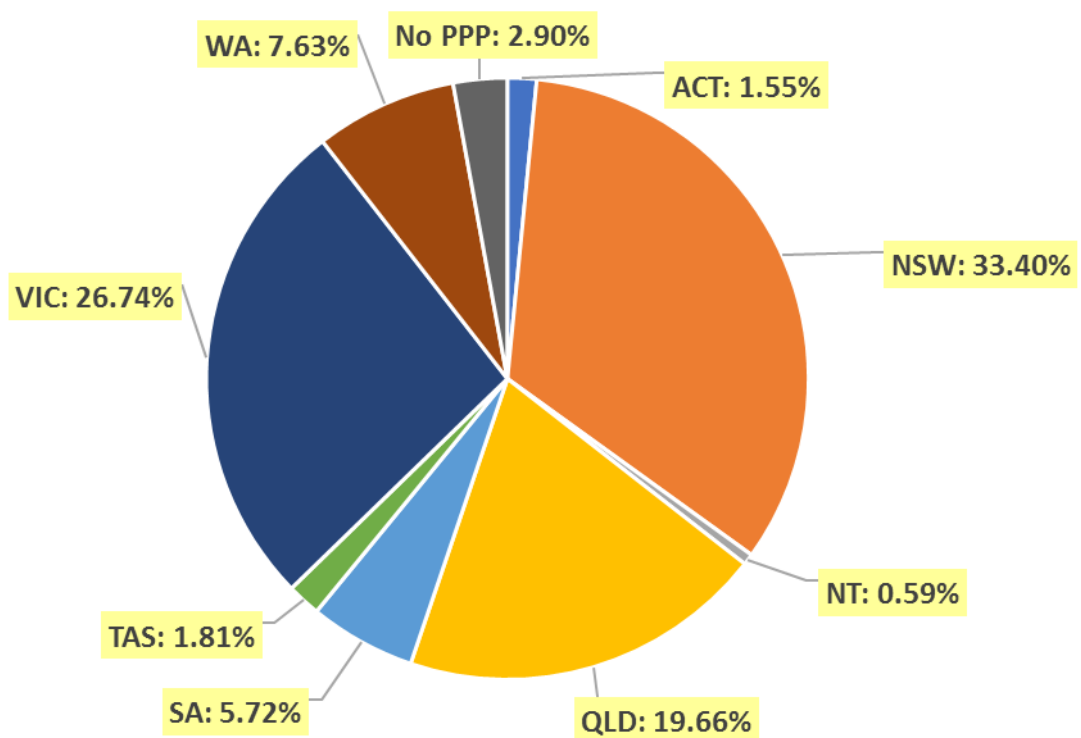
## Principal place of practice

### 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		83	1,819	33	1,081	318	100	1,462	419	98	<b>5,413</b>
Limited	Postgraduate training or supervised practice	1	3		1	1		1	4	1	<b>12</b>
	Teaching or research		2								<b>2</b>
Non-practising		3	45		18	1	1	33	4	63	<b>168</b>
<b>Total</b>		<b>87</b>	<b>1,869</b>	<b>33</b>	<b>1,100</b>	<b>320</b>	<b>101</b>	<b>1,496</b>	<b>427</b>	<b>162</b>	<b>5,595</b>

**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	845	25	607	216	77	1,085	222	27	<b>3,151</b>
% of general registrants who are endorsed	56.6%	46.5%	75.8%	56.2%	67.9%	77.0%	74.2%	53.0%	27.6%	<b>58.2%</b>

**Table 2.2 Endorsements by age group**

Age Group	Scheduled Medicines*	% of General Registrants
U - 25	301	100.0%
25 - 29	925	97.2%
30 - 34	562	79.5%
35 - 39	383	57.6%
40 - 44	281	48.7%
45 - 49	234	39.1%
50 - 54	166	32.5%
55 - 59	164	32.9%
60 - 64	93	23.4%
65 - 69	35	24.6%
70 - 74	6	15.0%
75 - 79	1	4.3%
80+		0%
<b>Total</b>	<b>3,151</b>	<b>58.2%</b>

*\*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	224	77							224	77	301
25 - 29	636	316	2	1			5		643	317	960
30 - 34	477	230	3	1	1	1	17	1	498	233	731
35 - 39	428	237	1	3			13	4	442	244	686
40 - 44	324	253	1				14	10	339	263	602
45 - 49	324	274					11	10	335	284	619
50 - 54	225	285					15	11	240	296	536
55 - 59	167	331					5	15	172	346	518
60 - 64	87	310					7	12	94	322	416
65 - 69	40	102					4	6	44	108	152
70 - 74	1	39						5	1	44	45
75 - 79	2	21						3	2	24	26
80+		3								3	3
<b>Total</b>	<b>2,935</b>	<b>2,478</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>91</b>	<b>77</b>	<b>3,034</b>	<b>2,561</b>	<b>5,595</b>

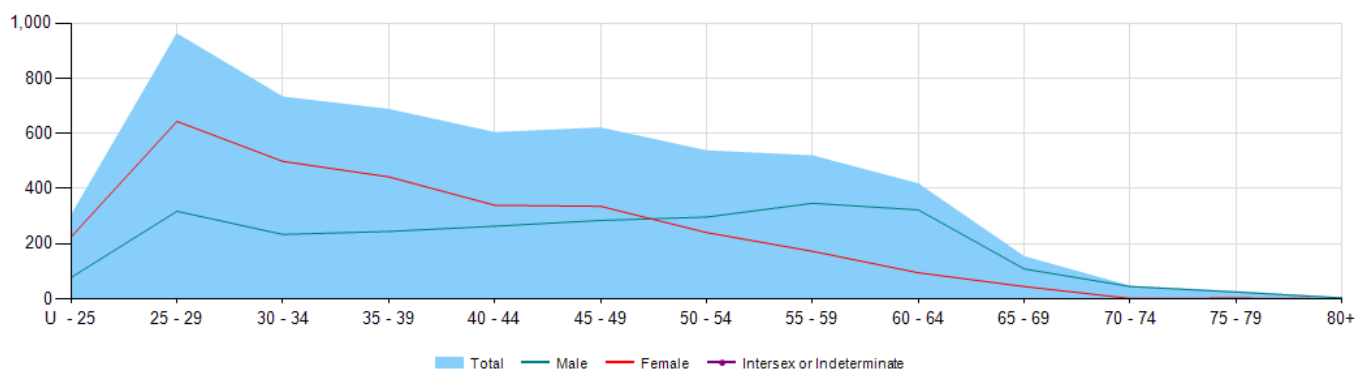
## Registrants age group, by principal place of practice and gender – General and Limited

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	5		78	21	3	1	42	18	17	8	8	3	56	19	13	6	2	1	<b>301</b>
25 - 29	11	6	189	113	5	2	120	56	62	18	5	1	209	100	35	20	2	1	<b>955</b>
30 - 34	3	6	150	68	2		94	39	21	15	4	4	171	85	33	13	3	2	<b>713</b>
35 - 39	8	3	167	74	2	1	80	55	24	10	4	2	101	68	36	22	7	5	<b>669</b>
40 - 44	9	5	111	57	1	2	65	67	15	16	7	7	82	77	29	19	6	3	<b>578</b>
45 - 49	8	7	117	78	2	2	68	64	11	21	5	6	79	57	28	35	6	4	<b>598</b>
50 - 54	2	3	84	84		1	52	63	5	11	3	7	55	73	15	36	9	7	<b>510</b>
55 - 59		4	68	111	2	5	34	68	4	22	7	11	38	70	6	29	8	11	<b>498</b>
60 - 64	1	3	47	134		1	10	50	7	22	1	8	12	63	6	19	3	10	<b>397</b>
65 - 69			20	37	1		5	20	1	6		5	12	19		11	1	4	<b>142</b>
70 - 74				7				9		1		1	1	10		7		4	<b>40</b>
75 - 79			1	6				3		2		1	1	5		4			<b>23</b>
80+				2												1			<b>3</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>47</b>	<b>37</b>	<b>1,032</b>	<b>792</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>570</b>	<b>512</b>	<b>167</b>	<b>152</b>	<b>44</b>	<b>56</b>	<b>817</b>	<b>646</b>	<b>201</b>	<b>222</b>	<b>47</b>	<b>52</b>	<b>5,427</b>

**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																			0	
25 - 29			1										1				3		5	
30 - 34			3	1			2						5				7		18	
35 - 39			5				2						3	2	1		4		17	
40 - 44	1		1	4			1	1					5	3			6	2	24	
45 - 49			4	2									2	2			5	6	21	
50 - 54			5	2			3		1				1	3	1		4	6	26	
55 - 59		1	1	4											1		4	9	20	
60 - 64		1		5			2	3				1	1		1		3	2	19	
65 - 69			1	3			1	1					2	1				1	10	
70 - 74				1				2						2					5	
75 - 79				2														1	3	
80+																			0	
<b>Total</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>24</b>			<b>9</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>1</b>				<b>1</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>36</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>168</b>

**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%	56.3%	54.5%	52.6%	52.5%	43.6%	55.9%	47.8%	51.2%	<b>54.2%</b>
Male	44.8%	43.7%	45.5%	47.4%	47.5%	56.4%	44.1%	52.2%	48.8%	<b>45.8%</b>