

Optometry registrant data: September 2015

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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](http://www.ahpra.gov.au) (AHPRA). For information about legislation governing our operations see [About AHPRA](http://www.ahpra.gov.au/About-AHPRA/What-We-Do/Legislation.aspx) 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>

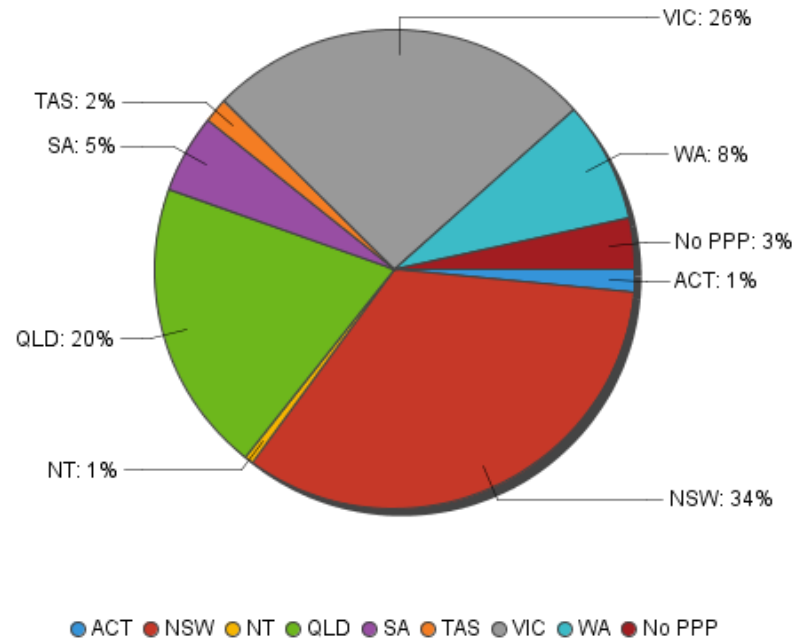
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Optometry practitioners – registration type and sub type by state or territory

| Optometry practitioner | | Principal place of practice | | | | | | | | | Total |
|------------------------|--|-----------------------------|-------|----|-----|-----|-----|-------|-----|--------|-------|
| Registration type | Registration sub type | ACT | NSW | NT | QLD | SA | TAS | VIC | WA | No PPP | |
| General | | 72 | 1,628 | 27 | 971 | 264 | 80 | 1,266 | 399 | 116 | 4,823 |
| Limited | Postgraduate training or supervised practice | | | | 1 | | | | | | 1 |
| | Teaching or research | | 1 | | | | | | | | 1 |
| Non-practising | | 2 | 44 | 1 | 17 | | | 30 | 9 | 55 | 158 |
| Total | | 74 | 1,673 | 28 | 989 | 264 | 80 | 1,296 | 408 | 171 | 4,983 |

Optometry practitioners – percentage by principal place of practice



Optometry practitioners – endorsement by principal place of practice

| Optometry practitioners | Principal place of practice | | | | | | | | | Total |
|---|-----------------------------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|---------|
| Endorsement type | ACT | NSW | NT | QLD | SA | TAS | VIC | WA | No PPP | |
| Scheduled Medicines | 27 | 481 | 17 | 405 | 140 | 54 | 793 | 176 | 22 | 2,115 |
| % of general registrants who are endorsed | 37.50% | 29.55% | 62.96% | 41.71% | 53.03% | 67.50% | 62.64% | 44.11% | 18.97% | 100.00% |

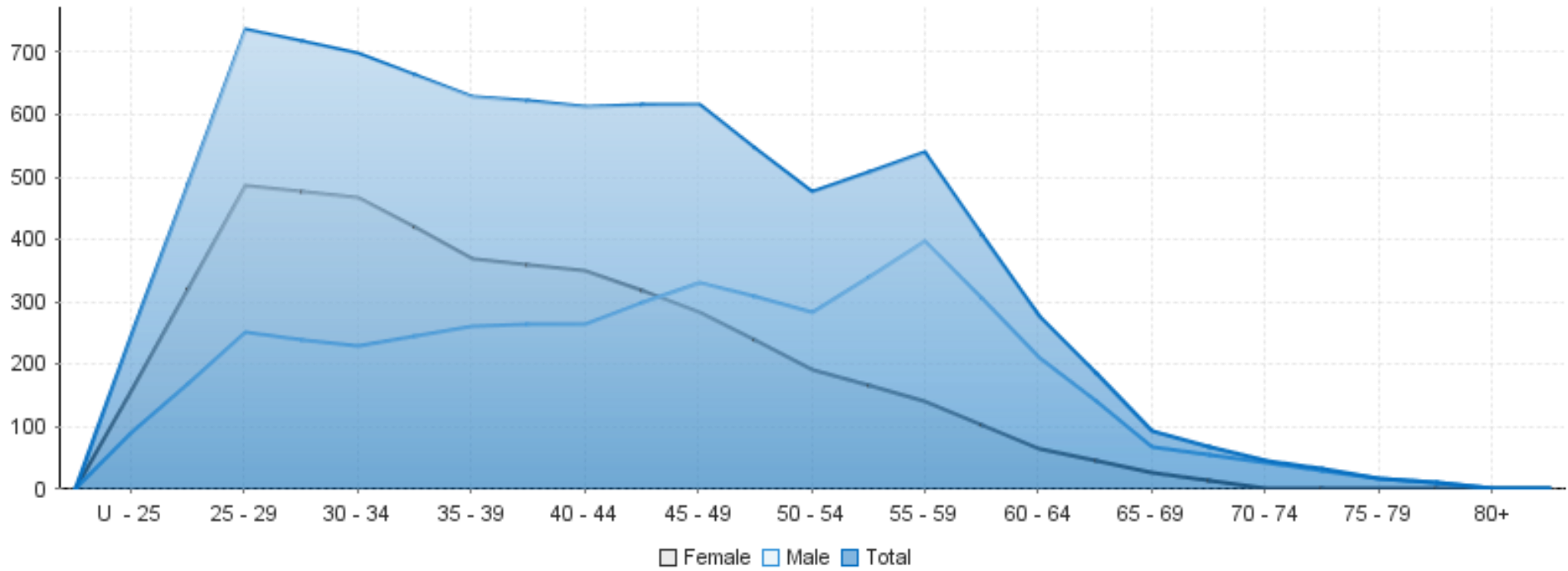
Optometry practitioners – endorsement by age group

| Optometry practitioners | Practitioners who hold Scheduled Medicines endorsement | |
|-------------------------|--|--------------------------|
| Age group | General registration | % of general registrants |
| U - 25 | 236 | 96.72% |
| 25 - 29 | 600 | 83.22% |
| 30 - 34 | 356 | 52.51% |
| 35 - 39 | 243 | 39.84% |
| 40 - 44 | 203 | 34.47% |
| 45 - 49 | 166 | 27.85% |
| 50 - 54 | 125 | 27.41% |
| 55 - 59 | 106 | 20.31% |
| 60 - 64 | 57 | 21.43% |
| 65 - 69 | 21 | 24.42% |
| 70 - 74 | 2 | 5.13% |
| 75 - 79 | | |
| 80+ | | |
| Total | 2,115 | 43.85% |

Optometry practitioners – registration type and sub type by age group

| Optometry practitioners | | Registration type/ Sub type | | | Total |
|-------------------------|---------|--|----------------------|----------------|-------|
| Age group | General | Limited | | Non-practising | |
| | | Postgraduate training or supervised practice | Teaching or research | | |
| U - 25 | 244 | | | | 244 |
| 25 - 29 | 721 | | | 15 | 736 |
| 30 - 34 | 678 | | 1 | 18 | 697 |
| 35 - 39 | 610 | 1 | | 19 | 630 |
| 40 - 44 | 589 | | | 25 | 614 |
| 45 - 49 | 596 | | | 20 | 616 |
| 50 - 54 | 456 | | | 19 | 475 |
| 55 - 59 | 522 | | | 17 | 539 |
| 60 - 64 | 266 | | | 10 | 276 |
| 65 - 69 | 86 | | | 7 | 93 |
| 70 - 74 | 39 | | | 5 | 44 |
| 75 - 79 | 16 | | | 2 | 18 |
| 80+ | | | | 1 | 1 |
| Total | 4,823 | 1 | 1 | 158 | 4,983 |

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+ |
|---------------|--------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|-----|
| Female | 156 | 486 | 468 | 369 | 350 | 284 | 191 | 141 | 65 | 25 | 1 | 1 | |
| Male | 88 | 250 | 229 | 261 | 264 | 332 | 284 | 398 | 211 | 68 | 43 | 17 | 1 |
| Total | 244 | 736 | 697 | 630 | 614 | 616 | 475 | 539 | 276 | 93 | 44 | 18 | 1 |

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 | | 39 | 881 | 13 | 474 | 114 | 24 | 671 | 176 | 58 | 2,450 |
| | Limited | Postgraduate training or supervised practice | | | | 1 | | | | | | 1 |
| | | Teaching or research | | | 1 | | | | | | | |
| | Non-practising | | 1 | 22 | 1 | 8 | | | 19 | 6 | 28 | 85 |
| Sub Total | | | 40 | 904 | 14 | 483 | 114 | 24 | 690 | 182 | 86 | 2,537 |
| Male | General | | 33 | 747 | 14 | 497 | 150 | 56 | 595 | 223 | 58 | 2,373 |
| | Limited | Postgraduate training or supervised practice | | | | | | | | | | |
| | | Teaching or research | | | | | | | | | | |
| | Non-practising | | 1 | 22 | | 9 | | | 11 | 3 | 27 | 73 |
| Sub Total | | | 34 | 769 | 14 | 506 | 150 | 56 | 606 | 226 | 85 | 2,446 |
| Total | | | 74 | 1,673 | 28 | 989 | 264 | 80 | 1,296 | 408 | 171 | 4,983 |

Optometry practitioners – percentage by gender

| Optometry practitioner | | Principal place of practice | | | | | | | | | Total |
|------------------------|--|-----------------------------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|
| Gender | | ACT | NSW | NT | QLD | SA | TAS | VIC | WA | No PPP | |
| Female | | 54.05% | 54.03% | 50.00% | 48.84% | 43.18% | 30.00% | 53.24% | 44.61% | 50.29% | 50.91% |
| Male | | 45.95% | 45.97% | 50.00% | 51.16% | 56.82% | 70.00% | 46.76% | 55.39% | 49.71% | 49.09% |