

Optometry Registrant Data: December 2012

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Introduction

The functions of the Optometry Board of Australia include:

- registering optometrists and students
- developing standards, codes and guidelines for the optometry profession
- handling notifications, complaints, investigations and disciplinary hearings
- assessing overseas trained practitioners who wish to practise in Australia
- approving accreditation standards and accredited courses of study.

The Board's functions are supported by [Australian Health Practitioner Regulation Agency](http://www.ahpra.gov.au) (AHPRA). For information about legislation governing our operations see [AHPRA's Legislation & Publications](http://www.ahpra.gov.au/Legislation-and-Publications.aspx) at <http://www.ahpra.gov.au/Legislation-and-Publications.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

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Please Note: The numbers in this report reflect the National Board's registration data as at 31 December 2012. These statistics include approximately 85 registrants who did not renew their registration by the end of the registration renewal late period for this profession, and were removed from the register on 3 January 2013, as required by the National Law.

Optometrists: State and territory by registration type

| State | General | Non-practising | Total | % By State |
|--------------|--------------|----------------|--------------|------------|
| ACT | 70 | | 70 | 1.53% |
| NSW | 1,522 | 36 | 1,558 | 33.97% |
| NT | 27 | 1 | 28 | 0.61% |
| QLD | 909 | 7 | 916 | 19.97% |
| SA | 233 | 1 | 234 | 5.1% |
| TAS | 82 | | 82 | 1.79% |
| VIC | 1,121 | 29 | 1,150 | 25.08% |
| WA | 364 | 6 | 370 | 8.07% |
| Not Stated | 154 | 24 | 178 | 3.88% |
| Total | 4,482 | 104 | 4,586 | |

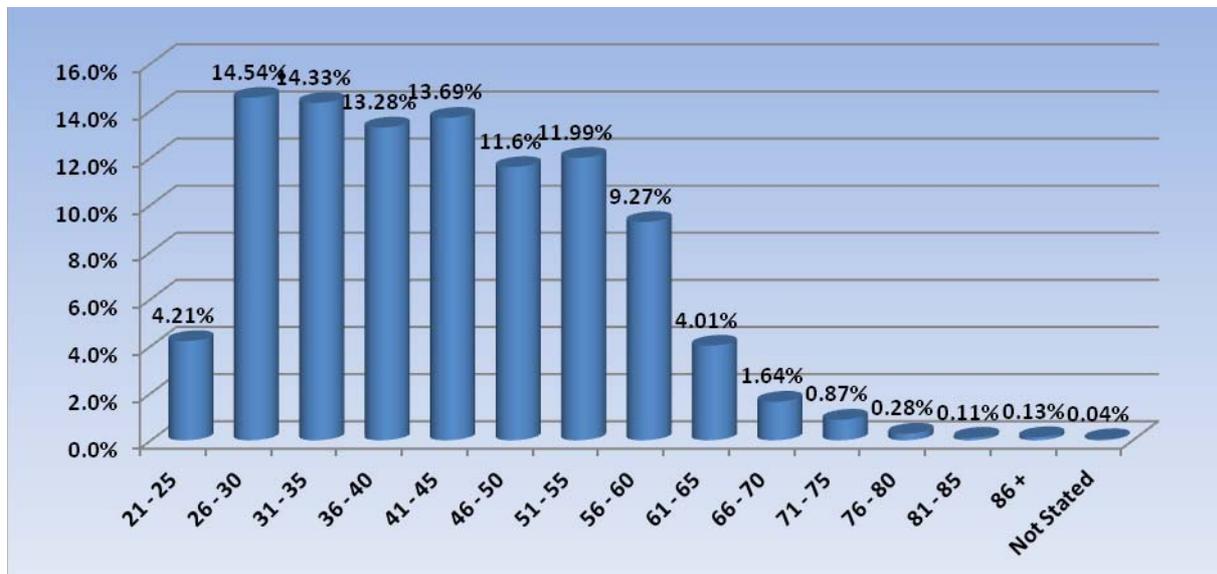
% By state and territory



Optometrists: Age by registration type

| Age Group | General | Non-practising | Total | % By Age Group |
|--------------|--------------|----------------|--------------|----------------|
| 21 - 25 | 192 | 1 | 193 | 4.21% |
| 26 - 30 | 661 | 6 | 667 | 14.54% |
| 31 - 35 | 642 | 15 | 657 | 14.33% |
| 36 - 40 | 590 | 19 | 609 | 13.28% |
| 41 - 45 | 610 | 18 | 628 | 13.69% |
| 46 - 50 | 524 | 8 | 532 | 11.6% |
| 51 - 55 | 535 | 15 | 550 | 11.99% |
| 56 - 60 | 416 | 9 | 425 | 9.27% |
| 61 - 65 | 180 | 4 | 184 | 4.01% |
| 66 - 70 | 71 | 4 | 75 | 1.64% |
| 71 - 75 | 39 | 1 | 40 | 0.87% |
| 76 - 80 | 12 | 1 | 13 | 0.28% |
| 81 - 85 | 5 | | 5 | 0.11% |
| 86 + | 3 | 3 | 6 | 0.13% |
| Not Stated | 2 | | 2 | 0.04% |
| Total | 4,482 | 104 | 4,586 | |

% By age



Optometrists: Gender by state and territory by registration type

| Sex | State | General | Non-practising | Total Count | % By Sex By State |
|--------------|------------|--------------|----------------|--------------|-------------------|
| Female | ACT | 36 | | 36 | 0.78% |
| | NSW | 778 | 15 | 793 | 17.29% |
| | NT | 14 | 1 | 15 | 0.33% |
| | QLD | 421 | 2 | 423 | 9.22% |
| | SA | 50 | 1 | 51 | 1.11% |
| | TAS | 26 | | 26 | 0.57% |
| | VIC | 568 | 17 | 585 | 12.76% |
| | WA | 151 | 5 | 156 | 3.4% |
| | Not Stated | 65 | 13 | 78 | 1.7% |
| | Sub total | 2,109 | 54 | 2,163 | 47.17% |
| Male | ACT | 34 | | 34 | 0.74% |
| | NSW | 737 | 21 | 758 | 16.53% |
| | NT | 13 | | 13 | 0.28% |
| | QLD | 486 | 5 | 491 | 10.71% |
| | SA | 69 | | 69 | 1.5% |
| | TAS | 55 | | 55 | 1.2% |
| | VIC | 550 | 12 | 562 | 12.25% |
| | WA | 210 | 1 | 211 | 4.6% |
| | Not Stated | 87 | 11 | 98 | 2.14% |
| | Sub total | 2,241 | 50 | 2,291 | 49.96% |
| Not Stated | NSW | 7 | | 7 | 0.15% |
| | QLD | 2 | | 2 | 0.04% |
| | SA | 114 | | 114 | 2.49% |
| | TAS | 1 | | 1 | 0.02% |
| | VIC | 3 | | 3 | 0.07% |
| | WA | 3 | | 3 | 0.07% |
| | Not Stated | 2 | | 2 | 0.04% |
| | Sub total | 132 | | 132 | 2.88% |
| Total | | 4,482 | 104 | 4,586 | |

Optometrists: Endorsement type by state/territory

| Endorsement | ACT | NSW | NT | QLD | SA | TAS | VIC | WA | Not Stated | Total |
|---------------------|-----------|------------|----------|------------|-----------|-----------|------------|-----------|------------|--------------|
| Scheduled Medicines | 18 | 257 | 8 | 240 | 78 | 52 | 587 | 86 | 23 | 1,349 |
| Total | 18 | 257 | 8 | 240 | 78 | 52 | 587 | 86 | 23 | 1,349 |