

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>

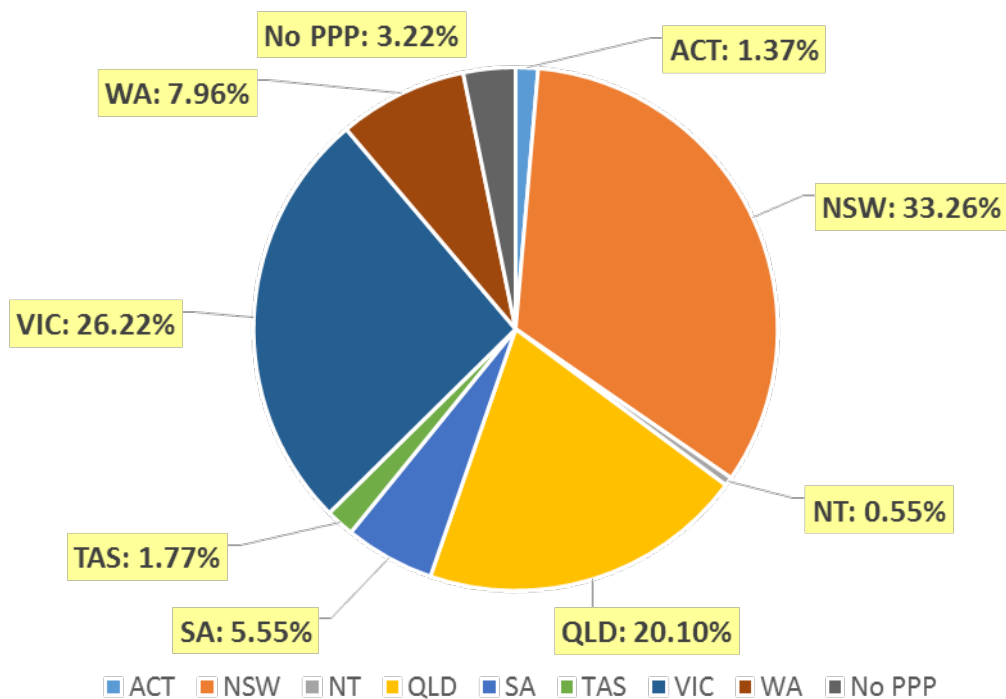
Principal Place of Practice

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		71	1,727	29	1,045	293	93	1,358	413	105	5,134
Limited	Postgraduate training or supervised practice				1				1		2
	Teaching or research		1								1
Non-practising		2	39		22	2	1	35	9	66	176
Total		73	1,767	29	1,068	295	94	1,393	423	171	5,313

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*	35	638	21	515	178	67	937	197	27	2,615
% of general registrants who are endorsed	49.3%	36.9%	72.4%	49.3%	60.8%	72.0%	69.0%	47.7%	25.7%	50.9%

Table 2.2 Endorsements by age group

Age Group	Scheduled Medicines*	% of General Registrants
U - 25	324	99.4%
25 - 29	741	92.2%
30 - 34	439	62.7%
35 - 39	309	48.2%
40 - 44	241	41.1%
45 - 49	194	32.6%
50 - 54	130	28%
55 - 59	139	27.3%
60 - 64	65	19.8%
65 - 69	27	25%
70 - 74	5	10.6%
75 - 79	1	5%
80+		
Total	2,615	50.9%

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

Age Group

Registration type

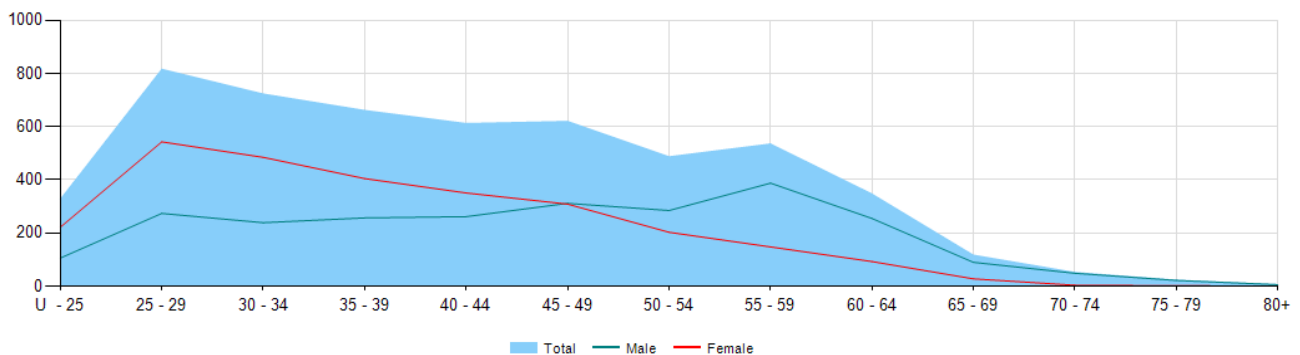
Table 3.1 Registrants by age group

Age Group	General	Limited		Non-practising	Total
		Postgraduate training or supervised practice	Teaching or research		
U - 25	326				326
25 - 29	804	1		10	815
30 - 34	700	1	1	20	722
35 - 39	641			19	660
40 - 44	587			24	611
45 - 49	596			23	619
50 - 54	464			22	486
55 - 59	510			24	534
60 - 64	328			18	346
65 - 69	108			8	116
70 - 74	47			4	51
75 - 79	20			2	22
80+	3			2	5
Total	5,134	2	1	176	5,313

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	6	101	2	82	34	5	74	20	2	326
25 - 29	11	260	6	134	52	7	292	46	7	815
30 - 34	6	220	2	150	36	9	226	52	21	722
35 - 39	12	237	3	123	31	6	162	65	21	660
40 - 44	15	171	4	141	34	14	164	48	20	611
45 - 49	11	214	2	132	28	10	134	64	24	619
50 - 54	2	140	2	117	14	9	128	45	29	486
55 - 59	7	228	6	84	28	20	95	40	26	534
60 - 64	3	139		63	27	6	72	22	14	346
65 - 69		38	1	24	4	4	32	9	4	116
70 - 74		9	1	16	4	3	8	8	2	51
75 - 79		10		1	2		5	3	1	22
80+				1	1	1	1	1		5
Total	73	1,767	29	1,068	295	94	1,393	423	171	5,313

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		39	946	14	535	140	34	737	186	52	2,683
	Limited	Postgraduate training or supervised practice				1				1		2
		Teaching or Research		1								1
	Non-practising		1	19		10	2		22	6	35	95
Total Female			40	966	14	546	142	34	759	193	87	2,781
Male	General		32	781	15	510	153	59	621	227	53	2,451
	Non-practising		1	20		12		1	13	3	31	81
Total Male			33	801	15	522	153	60	634	230	84	2,532
Total			73	1,767	29	1,068	295	94	1,393	423	171	5,313

Percentage

Table 4.2 Registrants by gender percentages

Gender	ACT	NSW	NT	QLD	SA	TAS	VIC	WA	No PPP	Total
Female	54.8%	54.7%	48.3%	51.1%	48.1%	36.2%	54.5%	45.6%	50.9%	52.3%
Male	45.2%	45.3%	51.7%	48.9%	51.9%	63.8%	45.5%	54.4%	49.1%	47.7%