

# 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)

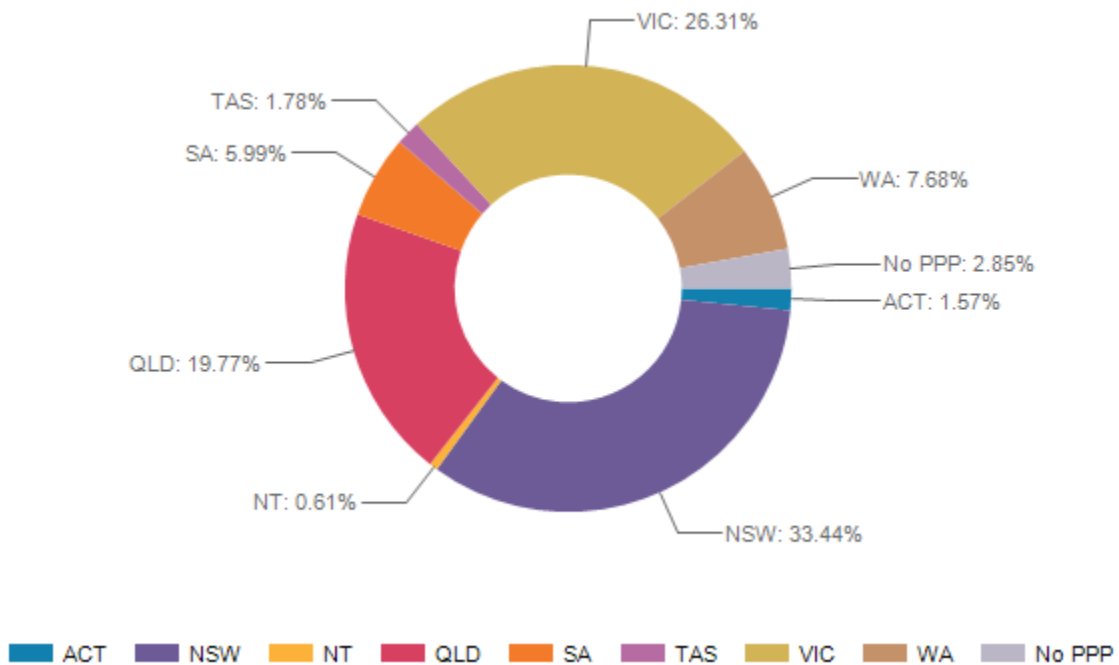
# Principal place of practice

## Registration type

**Table 1.1 Registration type by principal place of practice**

Registration types	Registration subtypes	ACT	NSW	NT	QLD	SA	TAS	VIC	WA	No PPP	Total
General		88	1,890	35	1,119	343	102	1,487	436	99	<b>5,599</b>
Limited	Postgraduate training or supervised practice	1	5		4	1		4	5	1	<b>21</b>
	Teaching or research					1					<b>1</b>
Non-practising		2	38		20	1	1	30	3	65	<b>160</b>
<b>Total</b>		<b>91</b>	<b>1,933</b>	<b>35</b>	<b>1,143</b>	<b>346</b>	<b>103</b>	<b>1,521</b>	<b>444</b>	<b>165</b>	<b>5,781</b>

**Table 1.2 Principal place of practice percentages**



## Endorsements

**Table 1.3 Endorsements**

Endorsement	ACT	NSW	NT	QLD	SA	TAS	VIC	WA	No PPP	Total
Scheduled Medicines	53	980	27	660	243	79	1,133	243	36	<b>3,454</b>
% of General Registrants who are Endorsed	60.2%	51.9%	77.1%	59.0%	70.8%	77.5%	76.2%	55.7%	36.4%	<b>61.7%</b>

**Table 1.4 Endorsement by age group**

Age group	Scheduled Medicines	% of general registrants who are endorsed
U - 25	320	100.0%
25 - 29	1,029	98.0%
30 - 34	642	85.5%
35 - 39	412	62.2%
40 - 44	291	50.4%
45 - 49	255	41.9%
50 - 54	199	37.1%
55 - 59	165	34.9%
60 - 64	96	24.0%
65 - 69	36	22.9%
70 - 74	8	19.0%
75 - 79	1	5.3%
80+		.0%
<b>Total</b>	<b>3,454</b>	<b>61.7%</b>

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

## Age group

### Registration type

**Table 2.1 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	238	82							238	82	320
25 - 29	710	340	5	3			4		719	343	1,062
30 - 34	491	260	4			1	15	1	510	262	772
35 - 39	440	222		4			12	3	452	229	681
40 - 44	333	244	3	2			12	10	348	256	604
45 - 49	336	272					13	7	349	279	628
50 - 54	238	299					16	9	254	308	562
55 - 59	165	308					6	18	171	326	497
60 - 64	93	307					6	14	99	321	420
65 - 69	40	117					1	3	41	120	161
70 - 74	2	40					1	6	3	46	49
75 - 79	1	18						3	1	21	22
80+		3								3	3
<b>Total</b>	<b>3,087</b>	<b>2,512</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>9</b>		<b>1</b>	<b>86</b>	<b>74</b>	<b>3,185</b>	<b>2,596</b>	<b>5,781</b>

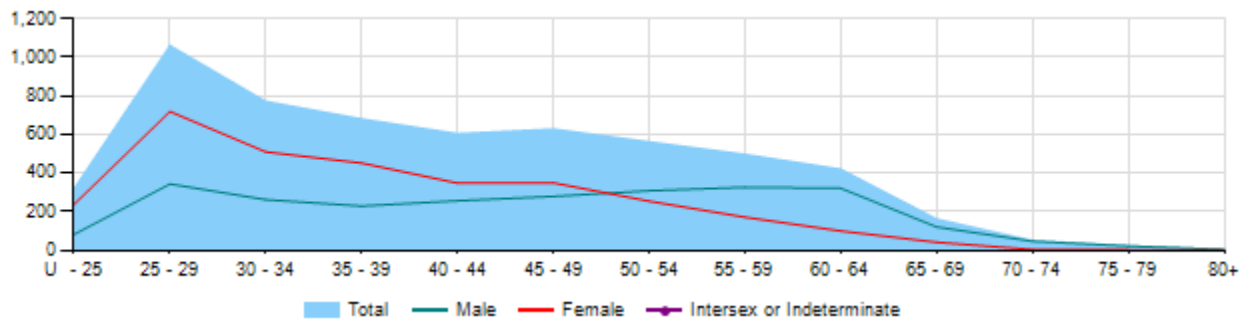
**Table 2.2 Registrants age group, by principal place of practice and gender - General and Limited**

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	4	1	94	27	3	2	57	18	24	11	6	2	35	13	14	7	1	1	<b>320</b>
25 - 29	12	5	218	110	4	2	128	65	68	21	10	2	238	102	33	30	4	6	<b>1,058</b>
30 - 34	5	8	152	85	4		89	47	23	17	4	4	182	89	31	10	5	1	<b>756</b>
35 - 39	9	3	164	64	2	1	81	55	26	10	4	2	110	65	37	21	7	5	<b>666</b>
40 - 44	9	4	125	63	1	2	68	60	13	14	4	5	76	76	34	19	6	3	<b>582</b>
45 - 49	8	8	115	71	2	2	71	64	15	18	7	9	83	58	28	36	7	6	<b>608</b>
50 - 54	1	3	89	88		1	52	67	5	18	3	6	63	76	16	36	9	4	<b>537</b>
55 - 59	1	3	66	94	2	5	34	70	5	16	6	10	38	71	7	29	6	10	<b>473</b>
60 - 64	1	3	48	142		1	10	47	6	21	3	9	13	53	8	25	4	6	<b>400</b>
65 - 69		1	19	42	1		5	22	2	10		4	11	23		11	2	4	<b>157</b>
70 - 74			1	9				10				1	1	11		7		2	<b>42</b>
75 - 79			1	5				3		2		1		4		2		1	<b>19</b>
80+				3															<b>3</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>50</b>	<b>39</b>	<b>1,092</b>	<b>803</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>595</b>	<b>528</b>	<b>187</b>	<b>158</b>	<b>47</b>	<b>55</b>	<b>850</b>	<b>641</b>	<b>208</b>	<b>233</b>	<b>51</b>	<b>49</b>	<b>5,621</b>

**Table 2.3 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													2				2		4
30 - 34			2	1			4						3				6		16
35 - 39			5					2					1				6	1	15
40 - 44				5			1						6	3			5	2	22
45 - 49			4	1									3	1			6	5	20
50 - 54			6	1			3		1				1	4	1		4	4	25
55 - 59				4			1						1		1		5	12	24
60 - 64	2		4				1	4			1	2		1		2	3	20	
65 - 69				1			1	1										1	4
70 - 74			1	1				2					3						7
75 - 79				2														1	3
80+																			
<b>Total</b>		<b>2</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>20</b>			<b>11</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>1</b>			<b>1</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>36</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>160</b>

**Table 2.4 Registrants by age group**





# Gender

## Percentage

**Table 3.1 Registrants by gender percentages**

Gender	ACT	NSW	NT	QLD	SA	TAS	VIC	WA	No PPP	Total
Female	54.9%	57.4%	54.3%	53.0%	54.3%	45.6%	57.1%	47.3%	52.7%	<b>55.1%</b>
Male	45.1%	42.6%	45.7%	47.0%	45.7%	54.4%	42.9%	52.7%	47.3%	<b>44.9%</b>