

## Optometry registrant data: March 2015

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### Introduction

The role of the Optometry Board of Australia (the Board) include:

- registering optometrist 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>

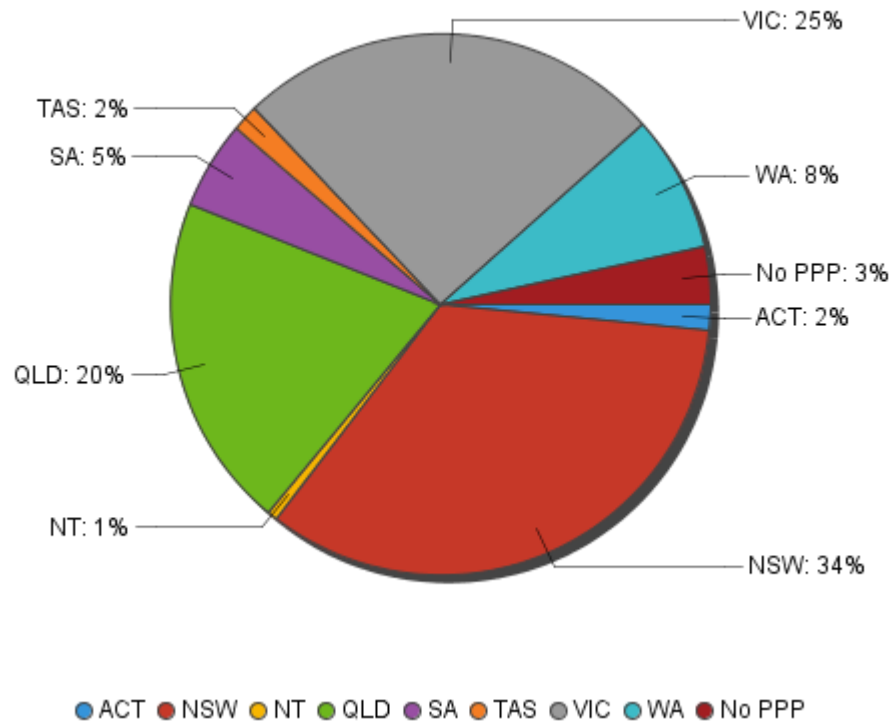
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### Optometry practitioners – registration type and sub type by state or territory

Optometry practitioner		Principal place of practice									Total
Registration type	Registration sub type	ACT	NSW	NT	QLD	SA	TAS	VIC	WA	No PPP	
General		73	1,616	29	968	256	80	1,221	392	113	4,748
Limited	Postgraduate training or supervised practice										
	Teaching or research		4								4
Non-practising		1	45	1	15		1	29	8	55	155
<b>Total</b>		74	1,665	30	983	256	81	1,250	400	168	4,907

### Optometry practitioners – percentage by principal place of practice



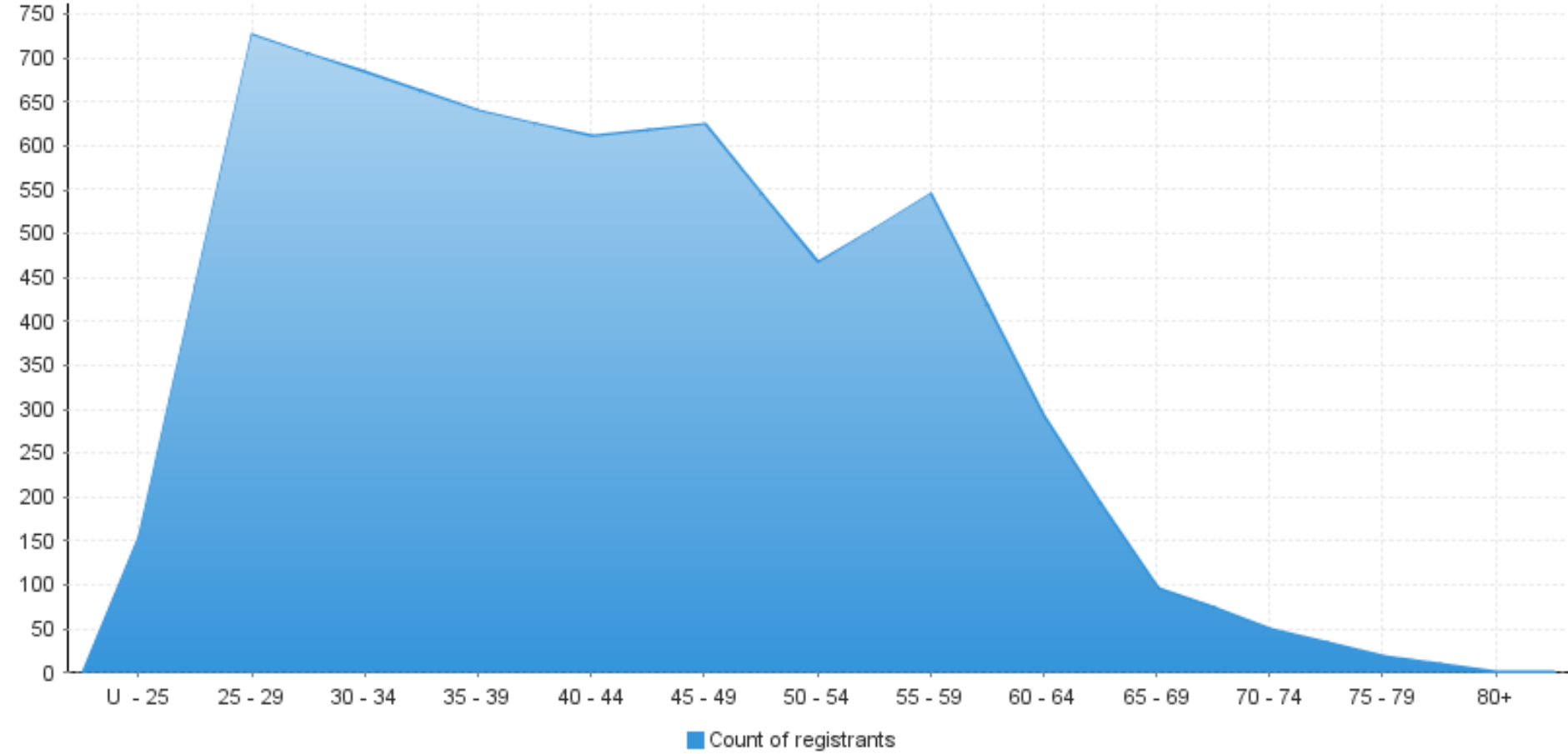
### Optometry practitioners – endorsement by principal place of practice

Optometry practitioners		Principal place of practice								Total
Endorsement type	ACT	NSW	NT	QLD	SA	TAS	VIC	WA	No PPP	
Scheduled Medicines	26	446	16	394	132	53	725	166	19	1,977
% of general registrants who are endorsed	35.62%	27.60%	55.17%	40.70%	51.56%	66.25%	59.38%	42.35%	16.81%	40.29%

### 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	156				156
25 - 29	711			2	726
30 - 34	661			2	683
35 - 39	624				640
40 - 44	585				610
45 - 49	604				624
50 - 54	446				466
55 - 59	529				545
60 - 64	283				292
65 - 69	87				95
70 - 74	45				50
75 - 79	17				19
80+					1
<b>Total</b>	<b>4,748</b>			<b>4</b>	<b>4,907</b>

**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+
Count of registrants	156	726	683	640	610	624	466	545	292	95	50	19	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	875	15	471	111	24	637	171	56	2,399
	Limited	Postgraduate training or supervised practice										
		Teaching or research		4								
	Non-practising		1	21	1	8			19	6	27	83
Sub Total			40	900	16	479	111	24	656	177	83	2,486
Male	General		34	741	14	497	145	56	584	221	57	2,349
	Limited	Postgraduate training or supervised practice										
		Teaching or research										
	Non-practising			24		7		1	10	2	28	72
Sub Total			34	765	14	504	145	57	594	223	85	2,421
<b>Total</b>			<b>74</b>	<b>1,665</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>983</b>	<b>256</b>	<b>81</b>	<b>1,250</b>	<b>400</b>	<b>168</b>	<b>4,907</b>

### 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%	54.05%	53.33%	48.73%	43.36%	29.63%	52.48%	44.25%	49.40%	50.66%
Male		45.95%	45.95%	46.67%	51.27%	56.64%	70.37%	47.52%	55.75%	50.60%	49.34%