

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>

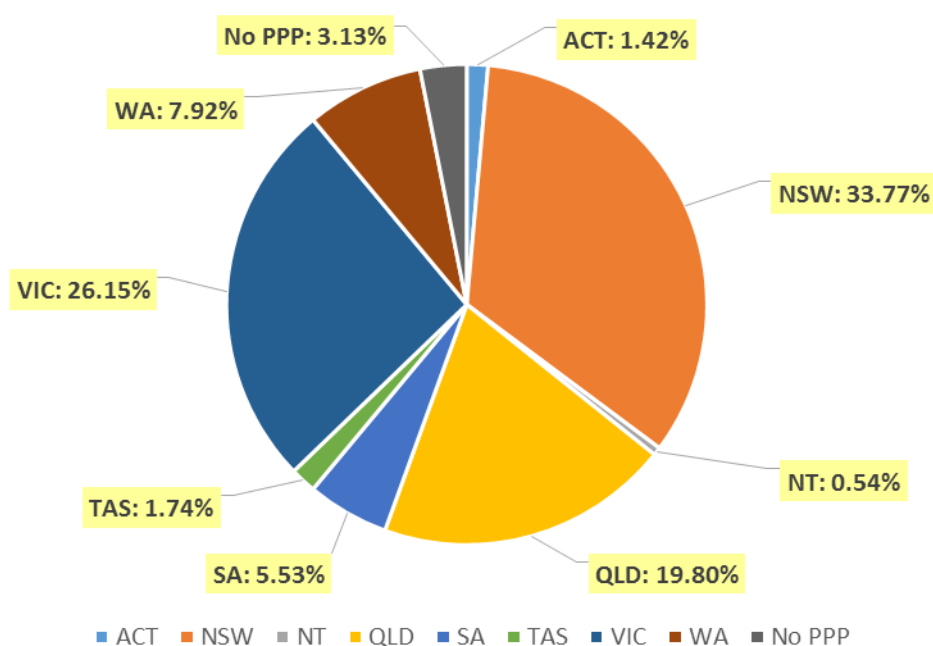
Principal Place of Practice

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		74	1,760	29	1,036	293	92	1,358	415	103	5,160
Limited	Postgraduate training or supervised practice				1				1		2
	Teaching or research		2								2
Non-practising		2	41		20	2	1	38	7	64	175
Total		76	1,803	29	1,057	295	93	1,396	423	167	5,339

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*	38	689	21	519	184	68	948	200	25	2,692
% of general registrants who are endorsed	51.4%	39.1%	72.4%	50.1%	62.8%	73.9%	69.8%	48.2%	24.3%	52.2%

Table 2.2 Endorsements by age group

Age Group	Scheduled Medicines*	% of General Registrants
U - 25	340	99.7%
25 - 29	771	93.9%
30 - 34	437	64.0%
35 - 39	321	49.7%
40 - 44	240	41.5%
45 - 49	204	34.0%
50 - 54	133	28.4%
55 - 59	144	28.2%
60 - 64	67	19.9%
65 - 69	29	26.4%
70 - 74	5	10.9%
75 - 79	1	5.6%
80+		
Total	2,692	52.2%

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

Age Group

Registration type

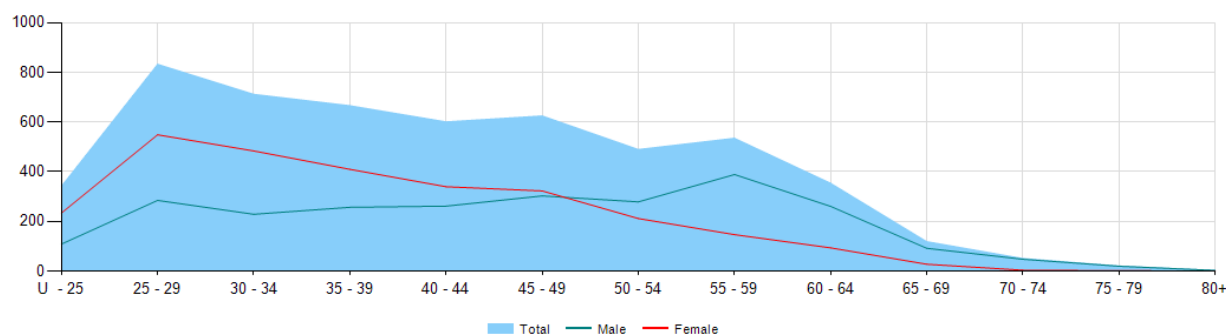
Table 3.1 Registrants by age group

Age Group	General	Limited		Non-practising	Total
		Postgraduate training or supervised practice	Teaching or research		
U - 25	341				341
25 - 29	821	1		10	832
30 - 34	683	1	2	25	711
35 - 39	646			19	665
40 - 44	579			21	600
45 - 49	600			24	624
50 - 54	468			21	489
55 - 59	511			23	534
60 - 64	336			17	353
65 - 69	110			8	118
70 - 74	46			4	50
75 - 79	18			2	20
80+	1			1	2
Total	5,160	2	2	175	5,339

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	7	126	2	76	32	6	66	25	1	341
25 - 29	12	263	6	139	57	7	296	45	7	832
30 - 34	7	217	2	148	34	8	228	49	18	711
35 - 39	13	247	3	120	33	5	161	63	20	665
40 - 44	13	167	4	136	35	13	162	50	20	600
45 - 49	11	209	2	134	28	10	142	62	26	624
50 - 54	4	144	1	118	12	11	125	47	27	489
55 - 59	6	226	7	84	29	20	97	39	26	534
60 - 64	3	145		63	26	6	74	22	14	353
65 - 69		41	1	23	5	4	30	9	5	118
70 - 74		9	1	15	3	3	9	8	2	50
75 - 79		9		1	1		5	3	1	20
80+							1	1		2
Total	76	1,803	29	1,057	295	93	1,396	423	167	5,339

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		40	971	14	532	142	35	738	191	51	2,714
	Limited	Postgraduate training or supervised practice				1				1		2
		Teaching or Research		1								1
	Non-practising			1	22		9	2		24	5	35
Total Female			41	994	14	542	144	35	762	197	86	2,815
Male	General		34	789	15	504	151	57	620	224	52	2,446
	Limited	Teaching or research		1								1
	Non-practising		1	19		11		1	14	2	29	77
Total Male			35	809	15	515	151	58	634	226	81	2,524
Total			76	1,803	29	1,057	295	93	1,396	423	167	5,339

Percentage

Table 4.2 Registrants by gender percentages

Gender	ACT	NSW	NT	QLD	SA	TAS	VIC	WA	No PPP	Total
Female	53.9%	55.1%	48.3%	51.3%	48.8%	37.6%	54.6%	46.6%	51.5%	52.7%
Male	46.1%	44.9%	51.7%	48.7%	51.2%	62.4%	45.4%	53.4%	48.5%	47.3%