

Optometry Registrant Data: June 2014

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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
- overseeing the assessment of 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](#) (AHPRA). For information about legislation governing our operations see [AHPRA's Legislation & Publications](#) at 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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Optometry practitioners – registration type and sub type by state or territory										
Optometry Practitioner	ACT	NSW	NT	QLD	SA	TAS	VIC	WA	No PPP	Total
General	74	1,592	28	934	246	86	1,199	377	118	4,654
Limited	-	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3
Postgraduate Training or Supervised Practice	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
Teaching or Research	-	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2
Non-Practising	-	37	1	16	-	-	25	9	43	131
Total Practitioners	74	1,632	29	950	246	86	1,224	386	161	4,788

Table 1: Optometry practitioners – registration type and sub type by state or territory

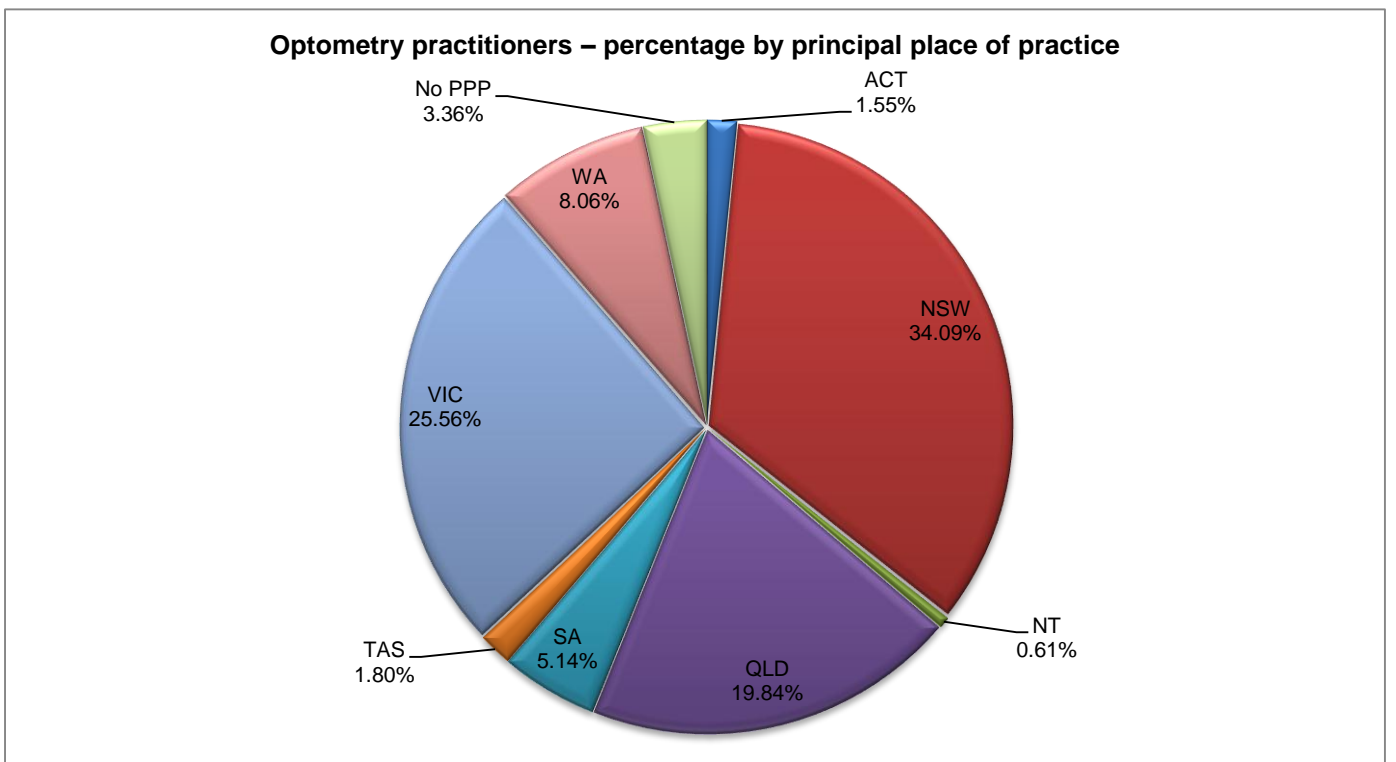


Chart 1: Optometry practitioners – percentage by principal place of practice

Optometry practitioners – endorsement by state or territory										
Optometry Practitioner	ACT	NSW	NT	QLD	SA	TAS	VIC	WA	No PPP	Total
Scheduled Medicines	21	387	13	320	119	58	687	128	20	1,753
% of general registrants who are endorsed	28.38%	24.31%	46.43%	34.26%	48.37%	67.44%	57.30%	33.95%	16.95%	37.67%

Table 2: Optometry practitioners – endorsement by state or territory

Optometry practitioners – registration type and sub type by age group

Optometry Practitioner	Type				Total	% by Age Group
	General	Limited		Non-Practising		
		Postgraduate Training or Supervised Practice	Teaching or Research			
U-25	190	-	-	-	190	3.97%
25-29	688	-	2	9	699	14.60%
30-34	638	-	-	15	653	13.64%
35-39	610	-	-	15	625	13.05%
40-44	607	-	-	24	631	13.18%
45-49	567	-	-	16	583	12.18%
50-54	477	1	-	23	501	10.46%
55-59	505	-	-	13	518	10.82%
60-64	232	-	-	6	238	4.97%
65-69	79	-	-	5	84	1.75%
70-74	42	-	-	2	44	0.92%
75-79	14	-	-	2	16	0.33%
80+	5	-	-	1	6	0.13%
Total	4,654	1	2	131	4,788	100.00%

Table 3: Optometry practitioners – registration type and sub type by age group

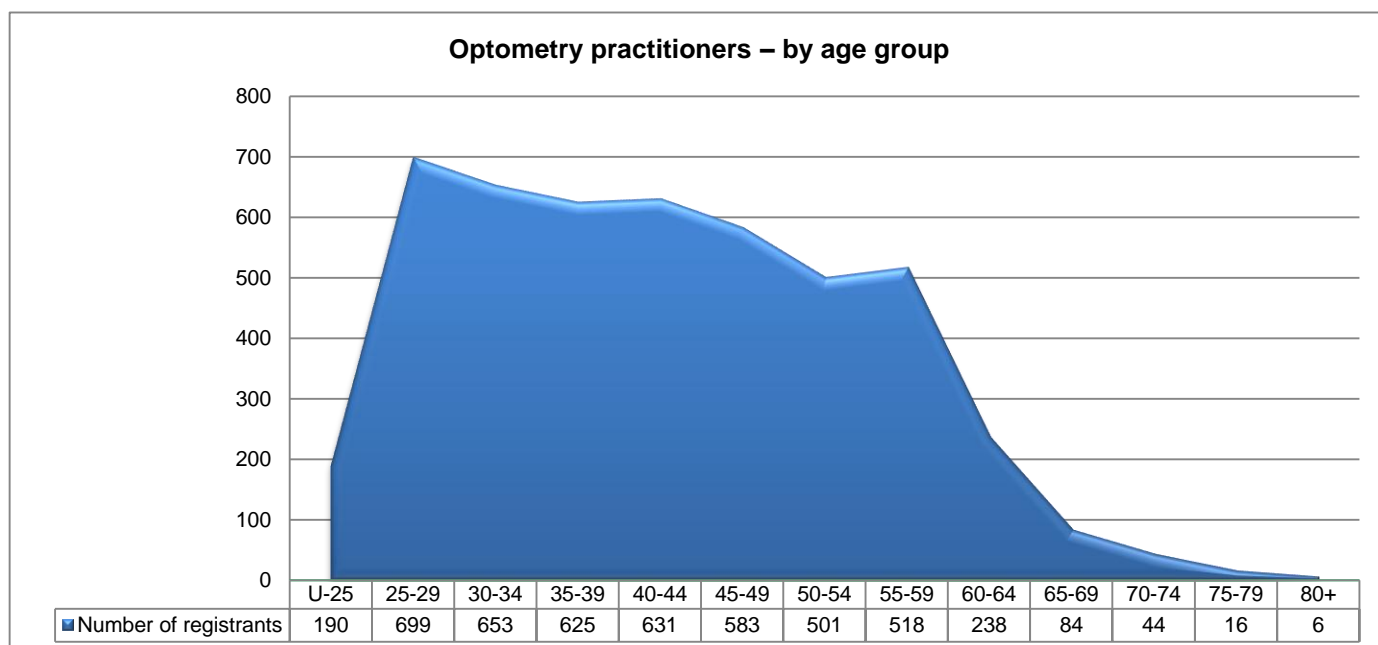


Chart 2: Optometry practitioners – by age group

Optometry practitioners – registration type and sub type by gender										
Optometry Practitioner	ACT	NSW	NT	QLD	SA	TAS	VIC	WA	No PPP	Total
Female	38	869	15	458	108	31	642	168	75	2,404
General	38	850	14	450	108	31	627	160	53	2,331
Limited	-	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2
Postgraduate Training or Supervised Practice	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Teaching or Research	-	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2
Non-Practising	-	17	1	8	-	-	15	8	22	71
Male	36	763	14	492	138	55	582	218	86	2,384
General	36	742	14	484	138	55	572	217	65	2,323
Limited	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
Postgraduate Training or Supervised Practice	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
Teaching or Research	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Non-Practising	-	20	-	8	-	-	10	1	21	60
Total Practitioners	74	1,632	29	950	246	86	1,224	386	161	4,788

Table 4: Optometry practitioners – registration type and sub type by gender

Optometry practitioners – percentage by gender										
Optometry Practitioner	ACT	NSW	NT	QLD	SA	TAS	VIC	WA	No PPP	Total
Female	51.35%	53.25%	51.72%	48.21%	43.90%	36.05%	52.45%	43.52%	46.58%	50.21%
Male	48.65%	46.75%	48.28%	51.79%	56.10%	63.95%	47.55%	56.48%	53.42%	49.79%

Table 5: Optometry practitioners – percentage by gender