

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 \(AHPRA\)](http://www.ahpra.gov.au/About-AHPRA/What-We-Do/Legislation.aspx). 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>

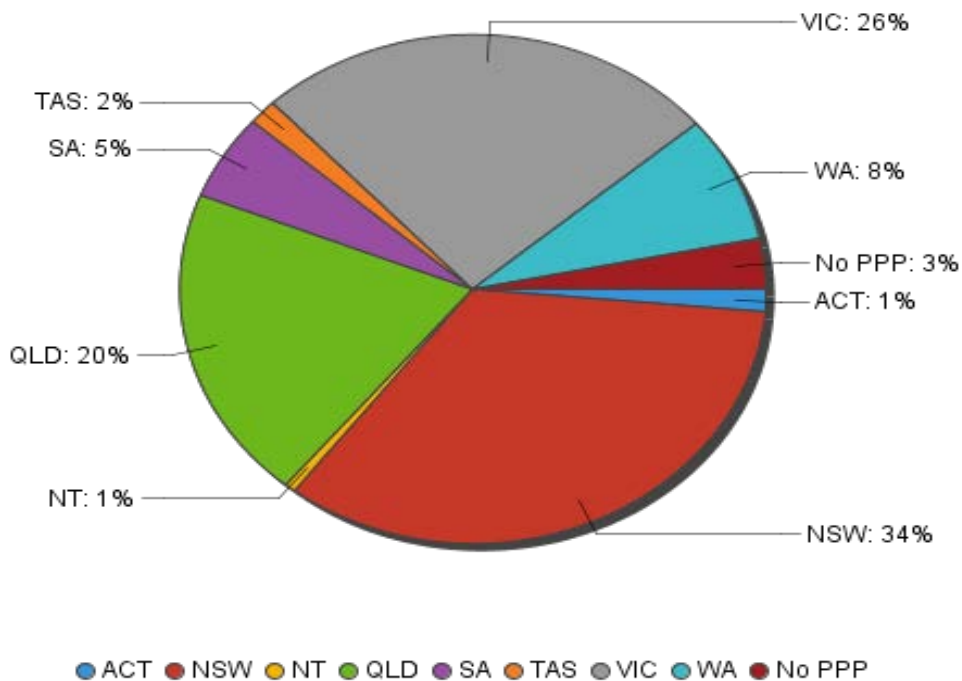
Principal Place of Practice

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		73	1,700	29	1,012	277	83	1,280	406	106	4,966
Limited	Postgraduate training or supervised practice				1						1
	Teaching or research		3								3
Non-practising		1	41	1	14	2	1	34	10	56	160
Total		74	1,744	30	1,027	279	84	1,314	416	162	5,130

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*	32	590	19	466	156	59	835	188	25	2,370
% of general registrants who are endorsed	44%	35%	66%	46%	56%	71%	65%	46%	24%	48%

Table 2.2 Endorsements by age group

Age Group	Scheduled Medicines*	% of General Registrants
U - 25	330	99%
25 - 29	660	88%
30 - 34	392	57%
35 - 39	267	43%
40 - 44	214	37%
45 - 49	182	30%
50 - 54	116	26%
55 - 59	123	24%
60 - 64	60	21%
65 - 69	24	27%
70 - 74	2	5%
75 - 79		
80+		
Total	2,370	48%

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

Age Group

Registration type

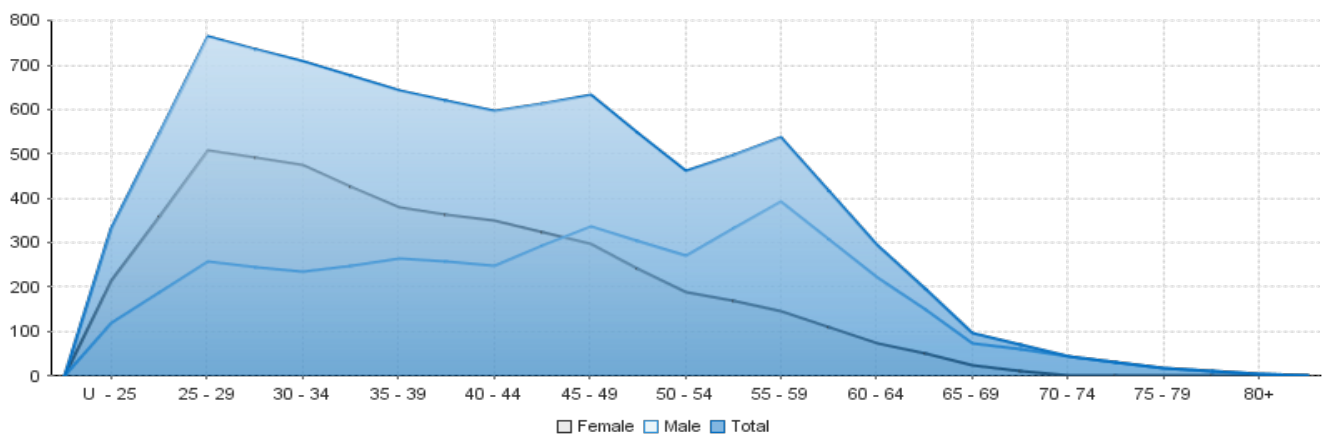
Table 3.1 Registrants by age group

Age Group	General	Limited		Non-practising	Total
		Postgraduate training or supervised practice	Teaching or research		
U - 25	332				332
25 - 29	747		2	15	764
30 - 34	687		1	19	707
35 - 39	625	1		16	642
40 - 44	575			22	597
45 - 49	609			23	632
50 - 54	442			18	460
55 - 59	518			20	538
60 - 64	282			13	295
65 - 69	90			7	97
70 - 74	42			3	45
75 - 79	15			3	18
80+	2			1	3
Total	4,966	1	3	160	5,130

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	4	125	1	76	35	2	59	27	3	332
25 - 29	13	239	5	134	41	5	272	45	10	764
30 - 34	7	236	4	137	38	8	210	51	16	707
35 - 39	12	224	2	124	25	8	170	61	16	642
40 - 44	15	173	5	139	33	10	150	53	19	597
45 - 49	9	216	1	137	31	10	140	63	25	632
50 - 54	3	131	6	109	14	11	119	38	29	460
55 - 59	7	242	4	83	27	20	88	41	26	538
60 - 64	3	112	1	55	25	5	64	17	13	295
65 - 69	1	29		20	3	1	32	9	2	97
70 - 74		7	1	12	4	3	7	9	2	45
75 - 79		10			2		3	2	1	18
80+				1	1	1				3
Total	74	1,744	30	1,027	279	84	1,314	416	162	5,130

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		41	925	14	510	124	27	686	179	53	2,559
	Limited	Postgraduate training or supervised practice				1						1
		Teaching or Research		3								3
	Non-practising			20	1	7	2	1	20	7	29	87
Total Female			41	948	15	518	126	28	706	186	82	2,650
Male	General		32	775	15	502	153	56	594	227	53	2,407
	Non-practising		1	21		7			14	3	27	73
Total Male			33	796	15	509	153	56	608	230	80	2,480
Total			74	1,744	30	1,027	279	84	1,314	416	162	5,130

Percentage

Table 4.2 Registrants by gender percentages

Gender	ACT	NSW	NT	QLD	SA	TAS	VIC	WA	No PPP	Total
Female	55%	54%	50%	50%	45%	33%	54%	45%	51%	52%
Male	45%	46%	50%	50%	55%	67%	46%	55%	49%	48%