

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.

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

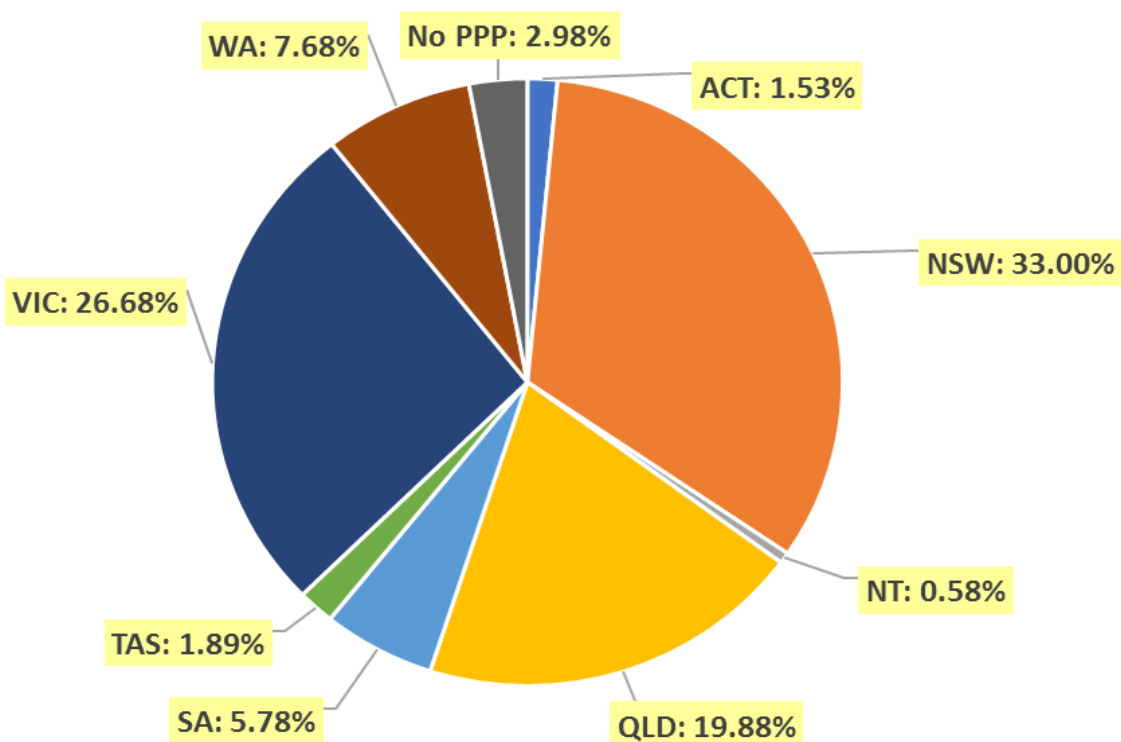
Principal place of practice

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		84	1,825	33	1,109	325	106	1,479	429	102	5,492
Limited	Postgraduate training or supervised practice	1	3		2	1		1	3	1	12
	Teaching or research		1			1					2
Non-practising		2	44		17	1	1	34	4	66	169
Total		87	1,873	33	1,128	328	107	1,514	436	169	5,675

Table 1.2 Principal place of practice percentages



Endorsements

Table 2.1 Endorsements

Endorsement	ACT	NSW	NT	QLD	SA	TAS	VIC	WA	No PPP	Total
Scheduled Medicines*	47	853	25	635	224	80	1,104	230	34	3,232
% of general registrants who are endorsed	56.0%	46.7%	75.8%	57.3%	68.9%	75.5%	74.6%	53.6%	33.3%	58.8%

Table 2.2 Endorsements by age group

Age Group	Scheduled Medicines*	% of General Registrants
U - 25	295	99.7%
25 - 29	963	97.2%
30 - 34	583	81.2%
35 - 39	390	57.9%
40 - 44	286	48.9%
45 - 49	235	39.8%
50 - 54	178	34.2%
55 - 59	164	33.3%
60 - 64	93	22.9%
65 - 69	38	25.2%
70 - 74	6	14.6%
75 - 79	1	4.3%
80+		0.0%
Total	3,232	58.8%

**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						
	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female	Male	Total
U - 25	228	68							228	68	296
25 - 29	661	330	3	1			4		668	331	999
30 - 34	477	241	2	1	1	1	18	1	498	244	742
35 - 39	440	233	1	3			13	4	454	240	694
40 - 44	331	254	1				12	9	344	263	607
45 - 49	318	273					13	10	331	283	614
50 - 54	229	292					14	12	243	304	547
55 - 59	173	319					6	15	179	334	513
60 - 64	89	317					7	13	96	330	426
65 - 69	43	108					3	6	46	114	160
70 - 74	1	40					1	5	2	45	47
75 - 79	2	21						3	2	24	26
80+		4								4	4
Total	2,992	2,500	7	5	1	1	91	78	3,091	2,584	5,675

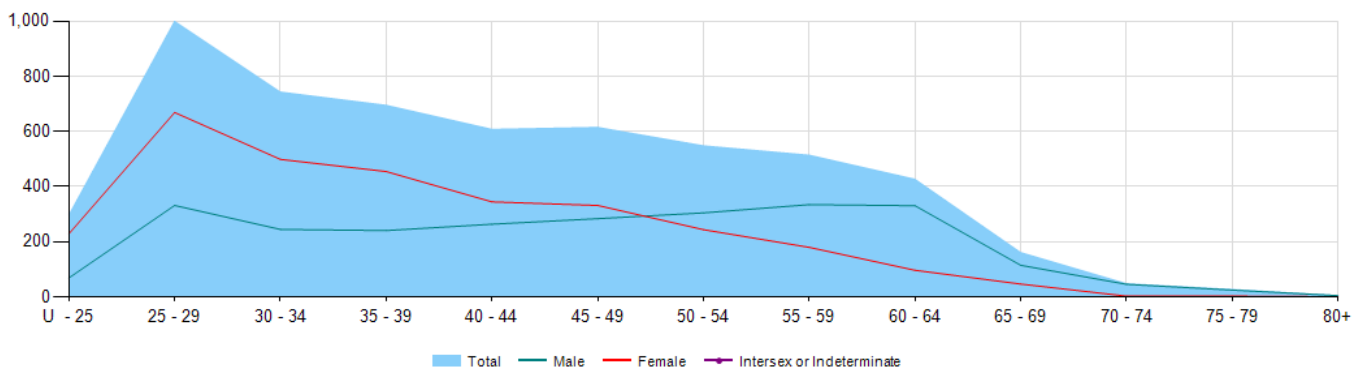
Registrants age group, by principal place of practice and gender – General and Limited

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		69	17	3	1	57	19	18	9	8	2	57	14	12	6			296
25 - 29	11	6	198	111	4	2	121	58	63	17	8	3	219	104	36	25	4	5	995
30 - 34	4	6	149	73	3		92	48	23	16	4	4	170	82	31	12	4	2	723
35 - 39	9	3	171	70	2	1	80	53	26	10	4	2	103	70	38	21	8	6	677
40 - 44	9	5	117	60	1	2	65	64	15	17	6	5	82	77	31	21	6	3	586
45 - 49	8	7	113	75	2	2	68	66	11	20	5	9	78	56	27	33	6	5	591
50 - 54	1	3	83	86		1	52	65	5	12	4	7	60	75	15	37	9	6	521
55 - 59	1	4	69	104	2	5	36	68	5	20	7	10	38	69	7	29	8	10	492
60 - 64	1	3	50	139		1	9	50	6	23	1	10	14	61	6	22	2	8	406
65 - 69			20	38	1		6	21	2	6		5	12	22		11	2	5	151
70 - 74				7				10		1		1	1	10		7		4	41
75 - 79			1	7				3		2		1	1	5		3			23
80+				2												2			4
Total	48	37	1,040	789	18	15	586	525	174	153	47	59	835	645	203	229	49	54	5,506

Table 3.2 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																			0	
25 - 29													2				2		4	
30 - 34			3	1			2						5				8		19	
35 - 39			5					2					3	1	1		4	1	17	
40 - 44			1	4			1						5	3			5	2	21	
45 - 49			4	2									2	2			7	6	23	
50 - 54			5	2			3		1				1	4	1		3	6	26	
55 - 59		1	1	4											1		5	9	21	
60 - 64		1		5			2	3				1	1		1		3	3	20	
65 - 69			1	3			1	1					1	1				1	9	
70 - 74				1				2					1	2					6	
75 - 79				2														1	3	
80+																			0	
Total		2	20	24			9	8	1				1	21	13	3	1	37	29	169

Table 3.3 Registrants by age group



Gender

Percentage

Table 4.1 Registrants by gender percentages

Gender	ACT	NSW	NT	QLD	SA	TAS	VIC	WA	No PPP	Total
Female	55.2%	56.6%	54.5%	52.7%	53.4%	43.9%	56.5%	47.2%	50.9%	54.5%
Male	44.8%	43.4%	45.5%	47.3%	46.6%	56.1%	43.5%	52.8%	49.1%	45.5%