

Optometry registrant data: December 2014

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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>

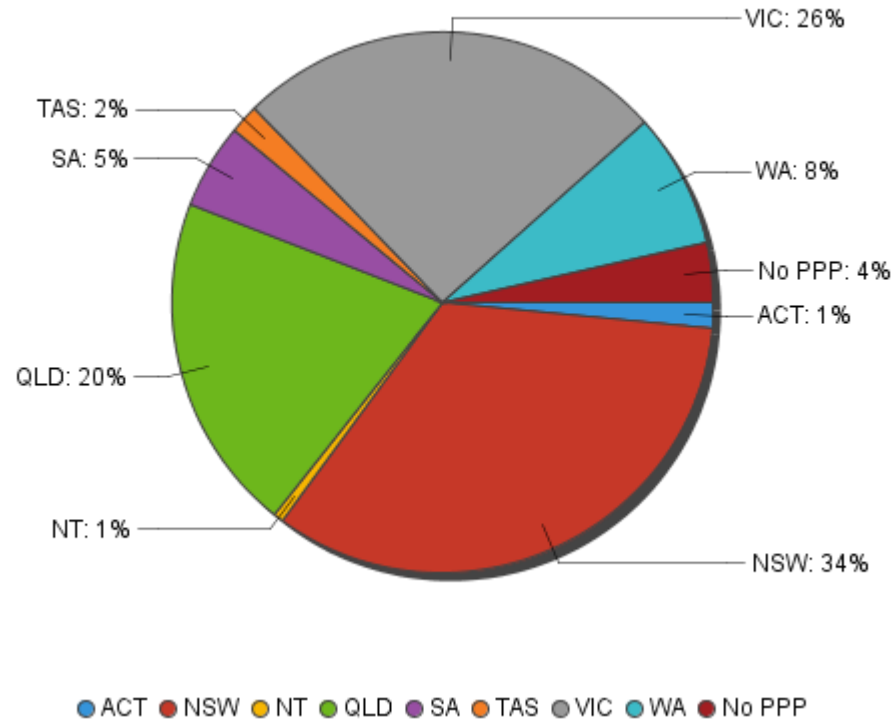
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Optometry practitioners – registration type and sub type by state or territory

Optometry practitioner		Principal place of practice									Total
Registration type	Registration sub type	ACT	NSW	NT	QLD	SA	TAS	VIC	WA	No PPP	
General		72	1,605	28	974	252	83	1,230	387	118	4,749
Limited	Postgraduate training or supervised practice										
	Teaching or research		3								3
Non-practising			41	1	16			28	7	57	150
Total		72	1,649	29	990	252	83	1,258	394	175	4,902

Optometry practitioners – percentage by principal place of practice



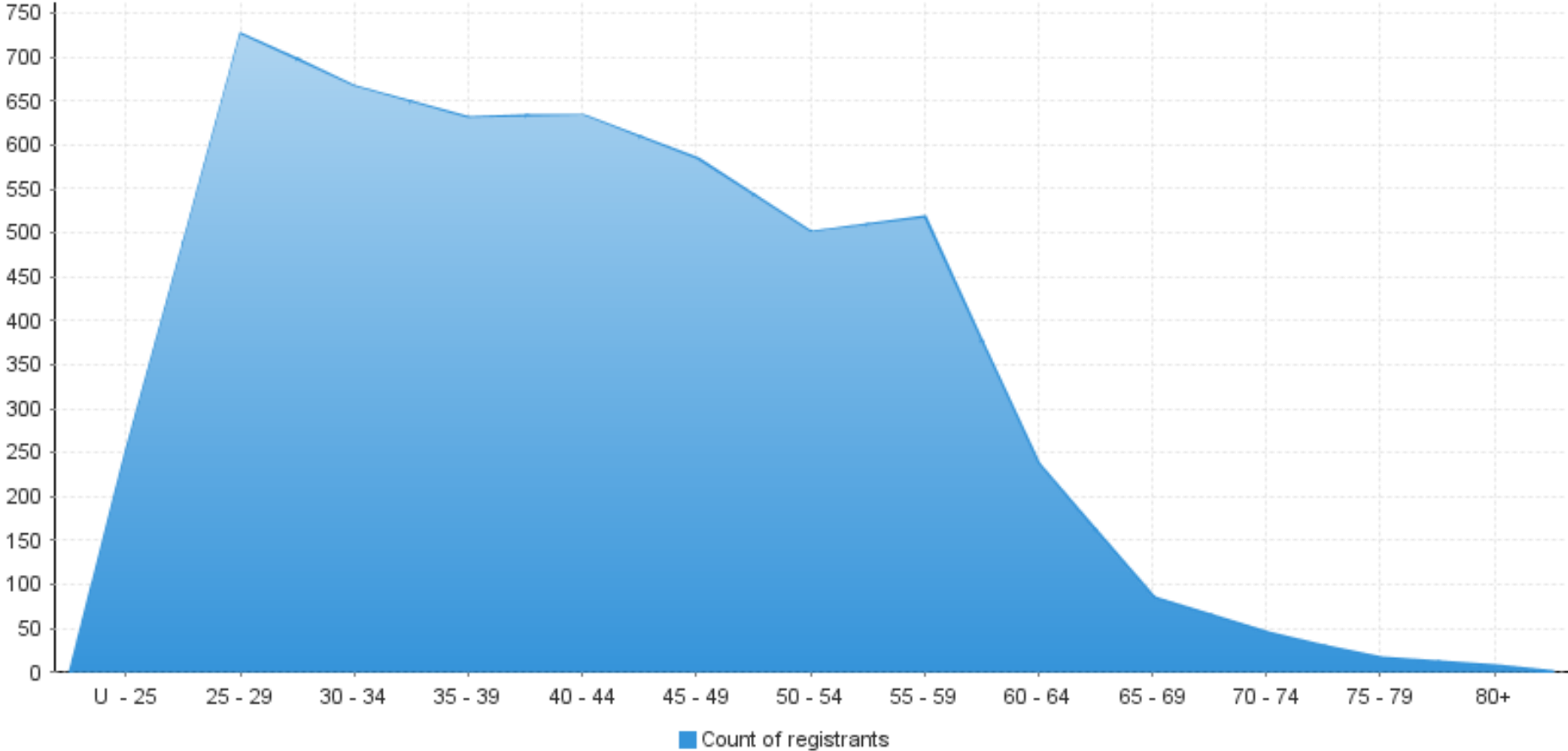
Optometry practitioners – endorsement by principal place of practice

Optometry practitioners		Principal place of practice									Total
Endorsement type	ACT	NSW	NT	QLD	SA	TAS	VIC	WA	No PPP		
Scheduled Medicines	25	407	15	387	127	54	727	158	21	1,921	
% of general registrants who are endorsed	34.72%	25.36%	53.57%	39.73%	50.40%	65.06%	59.11%	40.83%	17.80%	39.19%	

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	254				254
25 - 29	713		3	10	726
30 - 34	650			17	667
35 - 39	614			17	631
40 - 44	607			27	634
45 - 49	566			18	584
50 - 54	478			23	501
55 - 59	500			17	517
60 - 64	230			8	238
65 - 69	77			7	84
70 - 74	41			3	44
75 - 79	14			2	16
80+	5			1	6
Total	4,749		3	150	4,902

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	254	726	667	631	634	584	501	517	238	84	44	16	6

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		37	860	14	471	110	27	643	167	57	2,386
	Limited	Postgraduate training or supervised practice										
		Teaching or research		3								
	Non-practising			18	1	9			18	6	27	79
Sub Total			37	881	15	480	110	27	661	173	84	2,468
Male	General		35	745	14	503	142	56	587	220	61	2,363
	Limited	Postgraduate training or supervised practice										
		Teaching or research										
	Non-practising			23		7			10	1	30	71
Sub Total			35	768	14	510	142	56	597	221	91	2,434
Total			72	1,649	29	990	252	83	1,258	394	175	4,902

Optometry practitioners – percentage by gender

Optometry practitioner		Principal place of practice									Total
Gender		ACT	NSW	NT	QLD	SA	TAS	VIC	WA	No PPP	
Female		51.39%	53.43%	51.72%	48.48%	43.65%	32.53%	52.54%	43.91%	48.00%	50.35%
Male		48.61%	46.57%	48.28%	51.52%	56.35%	67.47%	47.46%	56.09%	52.00%	49.65%