

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](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 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

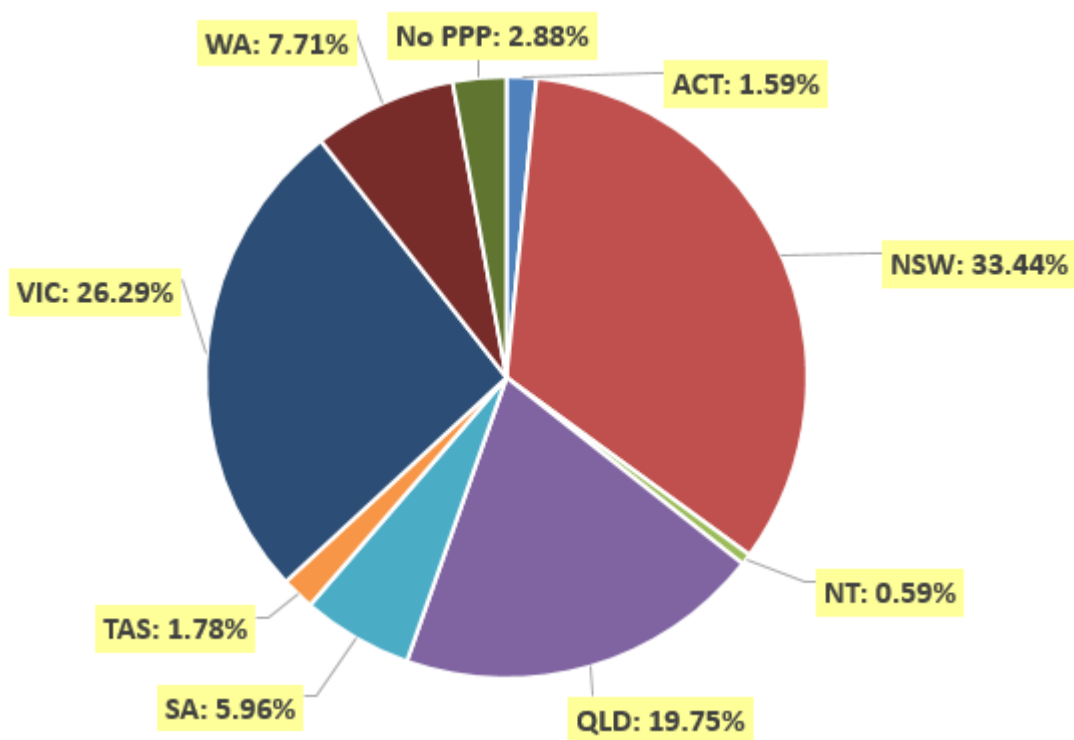
Principal place of practice

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		89	1,888	34	1,117	341	102	1,484	437	99	5,591
Limited	Postgraduate training or supervised practice	1	4		3	1		3	5	2	19
	Teaching or research					1					1
Non-practising		2	38		20	1	1	30	3	65	160
Total		92	1,930	34	1,140	344	103	1,517	445	166	5,771

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*	54	965	26	658	239	79	1,131	243	35	3,430
% of general registrants who are endorsed	60.7%	51.1%	76.5%	58.9%	70.1%	77.5%	76.2%	55.6%	35.4%	61.3%

Table 2.2 Endorsements by age group

Age Group	Scheduled Medicines*	% of General Registrants
U - 25	367	99.2%
25 - 29	1,003	97.7%
30 - 34	627	84.7%
35 - 39	409	61.1%
40 - 44	288	49.5%
45 - 49	246	41.1%
50 - 54	191	36.0%
55 - 59	167	35.2%
60 - 64	87	22.4%
65 - 69	38	24.7%
70 - 74	6	16.7%
75 - 79	1	5.0%
80+		.0%
Total	3,430	61.3%

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

Age group

Registration type

Table 3.1 Registrants by age group and gender

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	276	94							276	94	370
25 - 29	686	341	5	3			5		696	344	1,040
30 - 34	488	252	3	1		1	18	1	509	255	764
35 - 39	443	226	1	2			9	4	453	232	685
40 - 44	333	249	2	2			13	9	348	260	608
45 - 49	325	273					14	9	339	282	621
50 - 54	238	292					14	10	252	302	554
55 - 59	166	308					6	17	172	325	497
60 - 64	85	304					5	12	90	316	406
65 - 69	41	113					2	3	43	116	159
70 - 74	1	35						6	1	41	42
75 - 79	1	19						3	1	22	23
80+		2								2	2
Total	3,083	2,508	11	8	0	1	86	74	3,180	2,591	5,771

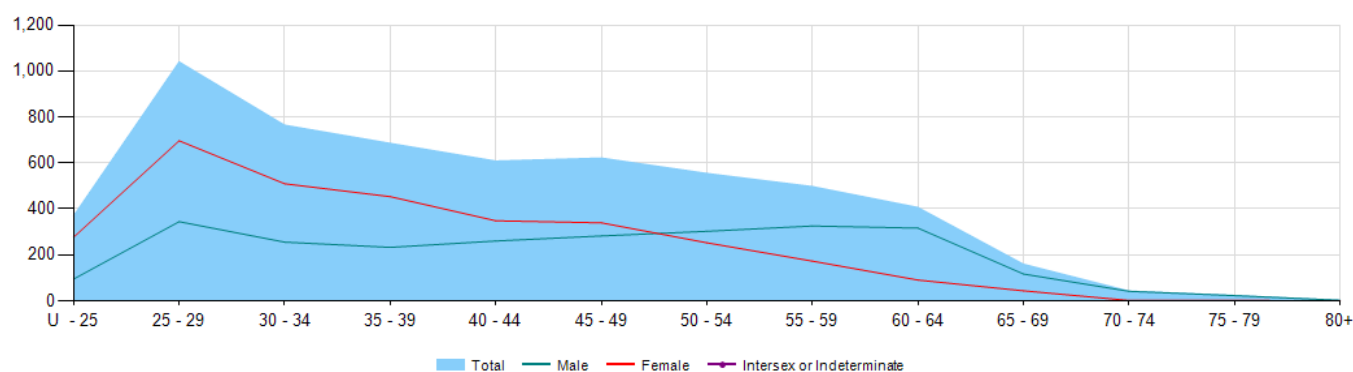
Table 3.2 Registrants age group, by principal place of practice and gender – General and Limited

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	6	1	106	31	3	2	67	21	25	14	7	2	47	14	14	8	1	1	370
25 - 29	11	7	210	111	4	2	120	63	66	19	9	2	234	105	33	29	4	6	1,035
30 - 34	5	6	148	81	3		89	48	23	16	4	4	179	86	35	11	5	2	745
35 - 39	9	3	170	67	2	1	81	52	26	10	4	2	107	66	37	21	8	6	672
40 - 44	9	5	122	62	1	2	70	62	14	14	5	5	76	78	33	20	5	3	586
45 - 49	8	7	114	73	2	2	67	64	13	21	6	9	82	57	26	35	7	5	598
50 - 54	1	3	86	87		1	53	67	5	15	4	7	63	73	17	35	9	4	530
55 - 59	1	3	67	97	2	5	34	68	5	17	6	9	38	69	6	30	7	10	474
60 - 64	1	4	46	135		1	8	49	6	21	2	9	11	54	8	24	3	7	389
65 - 69			20	43	1		5	20	2	9		4	11	23		11	2	3	154
70 - 74				7				9				1	1	9		7		2	36
75 - 79			1	6				3		2		1		4		2		1	20
80+				2															2
Total	51	39	1,090	802	18	16	594	526	185	158	47	55	849	638	209	233	51	50	5,611

Table 3.3 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							1						2				2		5
30 - 34			3	1			3						4				8		19
35 - 39			4					2					1	1			4	1	13
40 - 44				5			1						7	2			5	2	22
45 - 49			5	1									2	2			7	6	23
50 - 54			5	1			3		1				1	4	1		3	5	24
55 - 59		1		4			1	1								1	5	10	23
60 - 64		1		4			1	3				1	1		1		2	3	17
65 - 69			1	1			1	1										1	5
70 - 74				1				2						3					6
75 - 79				2														1	3
80+																			0
Total	0	2	18	20	0	0	11	9	1	0	0	1	18	12	2	1	36	29	160

Table 3.4 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	55.4%	57.4%	52.9%	53.1%	54.1%	45.6%	57.2%	47.4%	52.4%	55.1%
Male	44.6%	42.6%	47.1%	46.9%	45.9%	54.4%	42.8%	52.6%	47.6%	44.9%