

Optometry Registrant Data: December 2013

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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 <http://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 Practitioner By Registration Type & Sub Type

Optometry Practitioner	ACT	NSW	NT	QLD	SA	TAS	VIC	WA	No PPP	Total
General	72	1,545	26	929	234	83	1,186	368	116	4,559
Limited	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
Postgraduate Training or Supervised Practice	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
Teaching or Research	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Non-Practising	-	37	1	14	-	-	26	10	40	128
Total Practitioners	72	1,583	27	943	234	83	1,212	378	156	4,688

Table 1: Optometrists - Registration by Type & Sub-Type

Optometry Practitioner by PPP

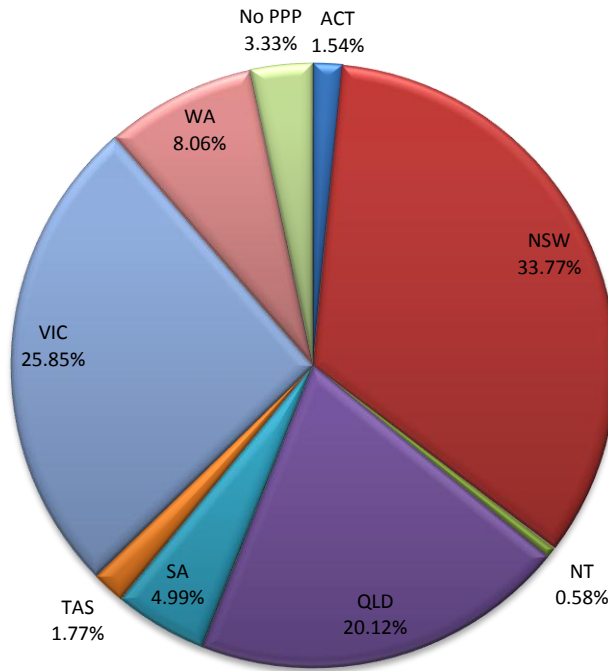


Chart 1: Optometrists – by Principal Place of Practice

Count of Endorsement Type

Optometry Practitioner	ACT	NSW	NT	QLD	SA	TAS	VIC	WA	No PPP	Total
Scheduled Medicines	19	319	13	305	98	56	674	118	15	1,617

Table 2: Optometrists - Endorsements

Registration Type by Age						
Optometry Practitioner	Type				Total	% by Age Group
Age Group	General	Limited		Non-Practising		
		Postgraduate Training or Supervised Practice	Teaching or Research			
U-25	127	0	0	0	127	2.71%
25-29	659	0	0	11	670	14.29%
30-34	635	0	0	15	650	13.87%
35-39	605	0	0	16	621	13.25%
40-44	604	0	0	24	628	13.40%
45-49	568	0	0	14	582	12.41%
50-54	478	1	0	21	500	10.67%
55-59	508	0	0	12	520	11.09%
60-64	233	0	0	5	238	5.08%
65-69	79	0	0	5	84	1.79%
70-74	42	0	0	2	44	0.94%
75-79	15	0	0	2	17	0.36%
80+	6	0	0	1	7	0.15%
Total	4,559	1	0	128	4,688	100.00%

Table 3: Optometrists - Registration Type by Age

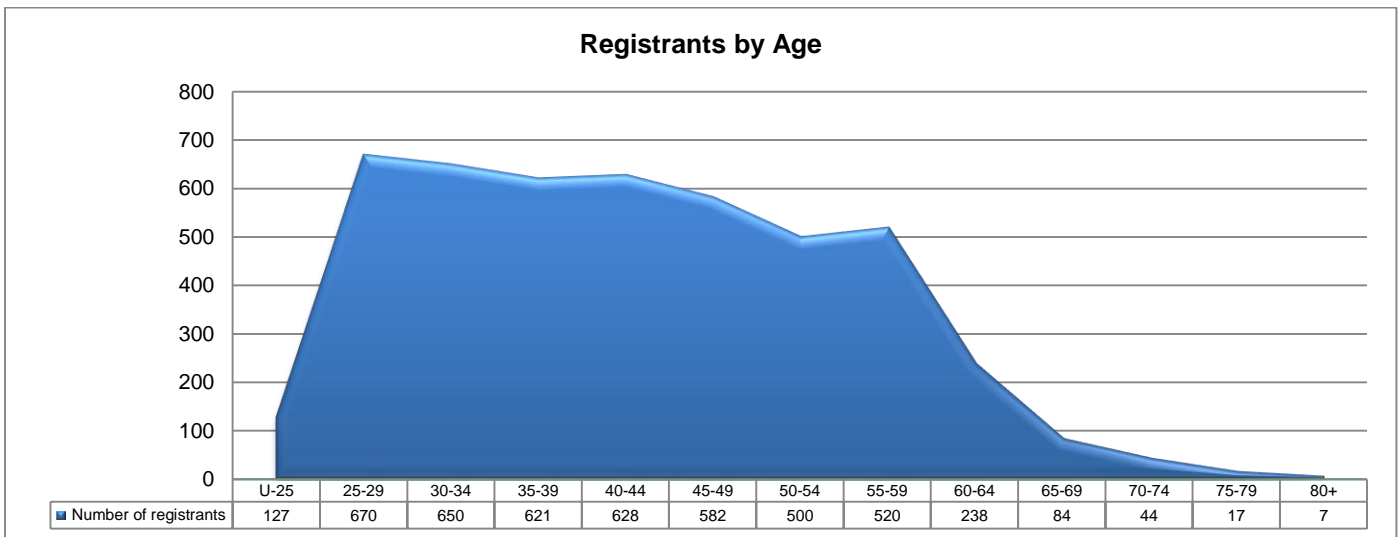


Chart 2: Optometrists – Registrants by Age

Registration Type by Gender										
Optometry Practitioner	ACT	NSW	NT	QLD	SA	TAS	VIC	WA	No PPP	Total
Female	37	836	14	452	99	30	633	161	73	2,335
General	37	819	13	445	99	30	618	152	53	2,266
Limited	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
<i>Postgraduate Training or Supervised Practice</i>	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
<i>Teaching or Research</i>	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Non-Practising	-	17	1	7			15	9	20	69
Male	35	747	13	491	135	53	579	217	83	2,353
General	35	726	13	484	135	53	568	216	63	2,293
Limited	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
<i>Postgraduate Training or Supervised Practice</i>	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
<i>Teaching or Research</i>	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Non-Practising	-	20	-	7	-	-	11	1	20	59
Total Practitioners	72	1,583	27	943	234	83	1,212	378	156	4,688

Table 4: Optometrists - Registration Type by Gender

Practitioner by Gender										
Optometry Practitioner	ACT	NSW	NT	QLD	SA	TAS	VIC	WA	No PPP	Total
Female	51.39%	52.81%	51.85%	47.93%	42.31%	36.14%	52.23%	42.59%	46.79%	49.81%
Male	48.61%	47.19%	48.15%	52.07%	57.69%	63.86%	47.77%	57.41%	53.21%	50.19%

Table 5: Optometrists - Percent by Gender