

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

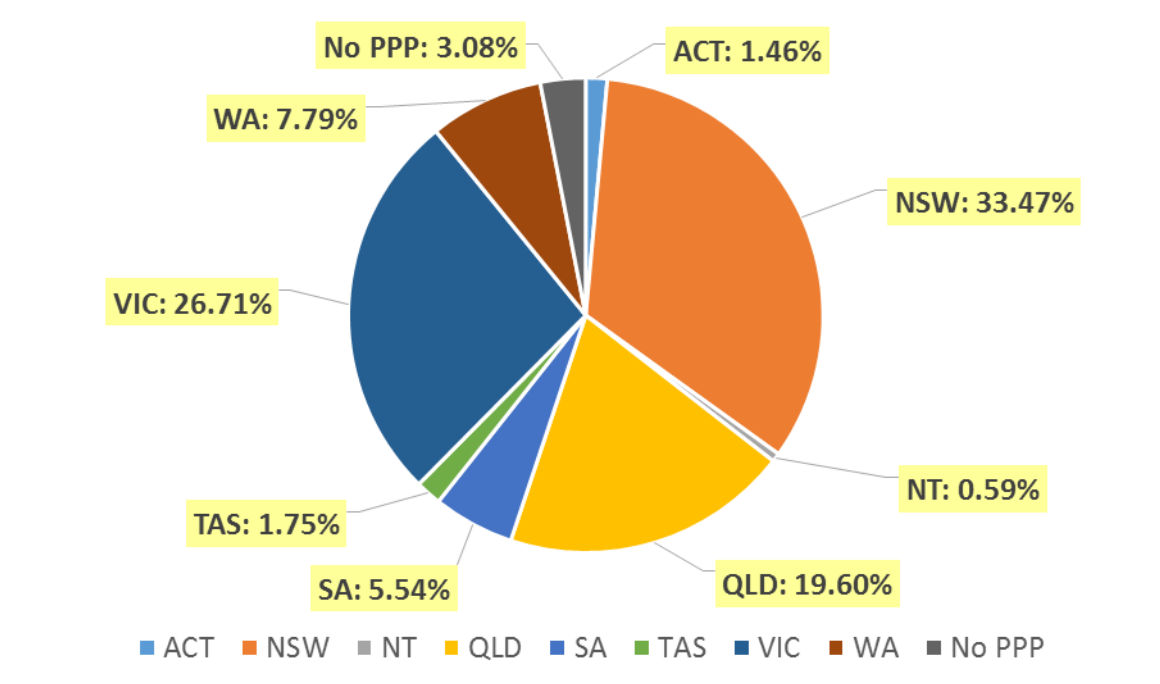
Principal Place of Practice

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		76	1,770	32	1,041	298	94	1,410	415	102	5,238
Limited	Postgraduate training or supervised practice				1				1		2
	Teaching or research		2								2
Non-practising		3	41		20	2	1	37	6	65	175
Total		79	1,813	32	1,062	300	95	1,447	422	167	5,417

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*	41	734	24	537	188	70	1,004	206	26	2,830
% of general registrants who are endorsed	53.9%	41.5%	75.0%	51.6%	63.1%	74.5%	71.2%	49.6%	25.5%	54.0%

Table 2.2 Endorsements by age group

Age Group	Scheduled Medicines*	% of General Registrants
U - 25	309	99.4%
25 - 29	808	95.8%
30 - 34	485	68.5%
35 - 39	346	53.6%
40 - 44	257	44.3%
45 - 49	212	35.4%
50 - 54	148	30.3%
55 - 59	151	29.5%
60 - 64	76	21.5%
65 - 69	32	24.4%
70 - 74	5	10.6%
75 - 79	1	5.3%
80+		
Total	2,830	54.0%

**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	221	90							221	90	311
25 - 29	551	292	1				6		558	292	850
30 - 34	477	231	1		1	1	21	4	500	236	736
35 - 39	406	240					14	5	420	245	665
40 - 44	318	262					14	10	332	272	604
45 - 49	319	280					14	7	333	287	620
50 - 54	212	276					11	10	223	286	509
55 - 59	148	363					7	18	155	381	536
60 - 64	85	268					6	12	91	280	371
65 - 69	33	98					5	3	38	101	139
70 - 74	3	44						5	3	49	52
75 - 79	1	18						2	1	20	21
80+		2						1		3	3
Total	2,774	2,464	2		1	1	98	77	2,875	2,542	5,417

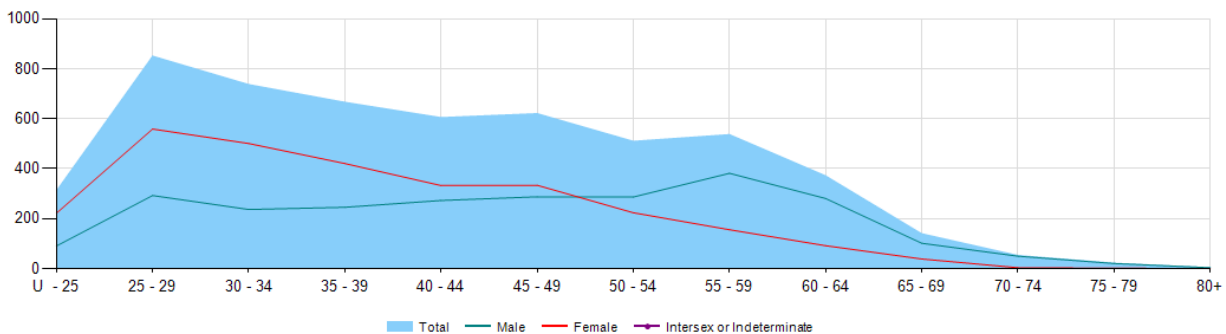
Table 3.2 Registrants age group, by principal place of practice and gender – General and Limited

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	7	1	69	27	1	1	42	18	20	4	6	2	63	27	13	9		1	311
25 - 29	5	8	172	104	7	2	96	49	44	20	3	3	195	86	30	17		3	844
30 - 34	4	3	157	69	1		103	46	21	15	6	3	151	82	32	11	4	3	711
35 - 39	9	3	162	67	2	1	66	54	22	11	3	1	96	72	35	26	11	5	646
40 - 44	6	5	100	68	2	3	70	57	17	19	5	8	80	76	31	23	7	3	580
45 - 49	7	7	118	82	1	1	67	71	8	19	5	6	79	57	24	34	10	3	599
50 - 54	2	2	77	75			52	64	5	9	5	6	50	73	13	34	8	13	488
55 - 59		3	70	139	2	6	24	64	2	25	4	14	32	73	9	30	5	9	511
60 - 64	1	3	38	113			15	46	9	18	1	6	14	57	3	18	4	7	353
65 - 69			17	30	1		2	22		6		4	12	22	1	10		4	131
70 - 74			1	9		1	1	12		3		3	1	6		8		2	47
75 - 79				7				1		1			1	5		4			19
80+				1												1			2
Total	41	35	981	791	17	15	538	504	148	150	38	56	774	636	191	225	49	53	5,242

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																			
25 - 29			1										3				2		6
30 - 34			3	2			2	1					7				9	1	25
35 - 39	1		4	2			1	1	1				1	1	2		4	1	19
40 - 44			1	3			1	2					5	3			7	2	24
45 - 49			6				1						2	2			5	5	21
50 - 54			3	1			2		1				1	3	1		3	6	21
55 - 59		1	2	4				2							1	1	4	10	25
60 - 64		1	1	3			1	3				1	1	2	1		2	2	18
65 - 69			1	1			1						3	1				1	8
70 - 74				2				2						1					5
75 - 79				1														1	2
80+														1					1
Total	1	2	22	19			9	11	2			1	23	14	5	1	36	29	175

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	53.2%	55.3%	53.1%	51.5%	50.0%	40.0%	55.1%	46.4%	50.9%	53.1%
Male	46.8%	44.7%	46.9%	48.5%	50.0%	60.0%	44.9%	53.6%	49.1%	46.9%