

Optometry Registrant Data: March 2014

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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 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 practitioners – registration type and sub type by state or territory										
Optometry Practitioner	ACT	NSW	NT	QLD	SA	TAS	VIC	WA	No PPP	Total
General	73	1,590	27	934	244	86	1,200	376	118	4,648
Limited	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
Postgraduate Training or Supervised Practice	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
Teaching or Research	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Non-Practising	-	38	1	15	-	-	27	9	42	132
Total Practitioners	73	1,629	28	949	244	86	1,227	385	160	4,781

Table 1: Optometry practitioners – registration type and sub type by state or territory

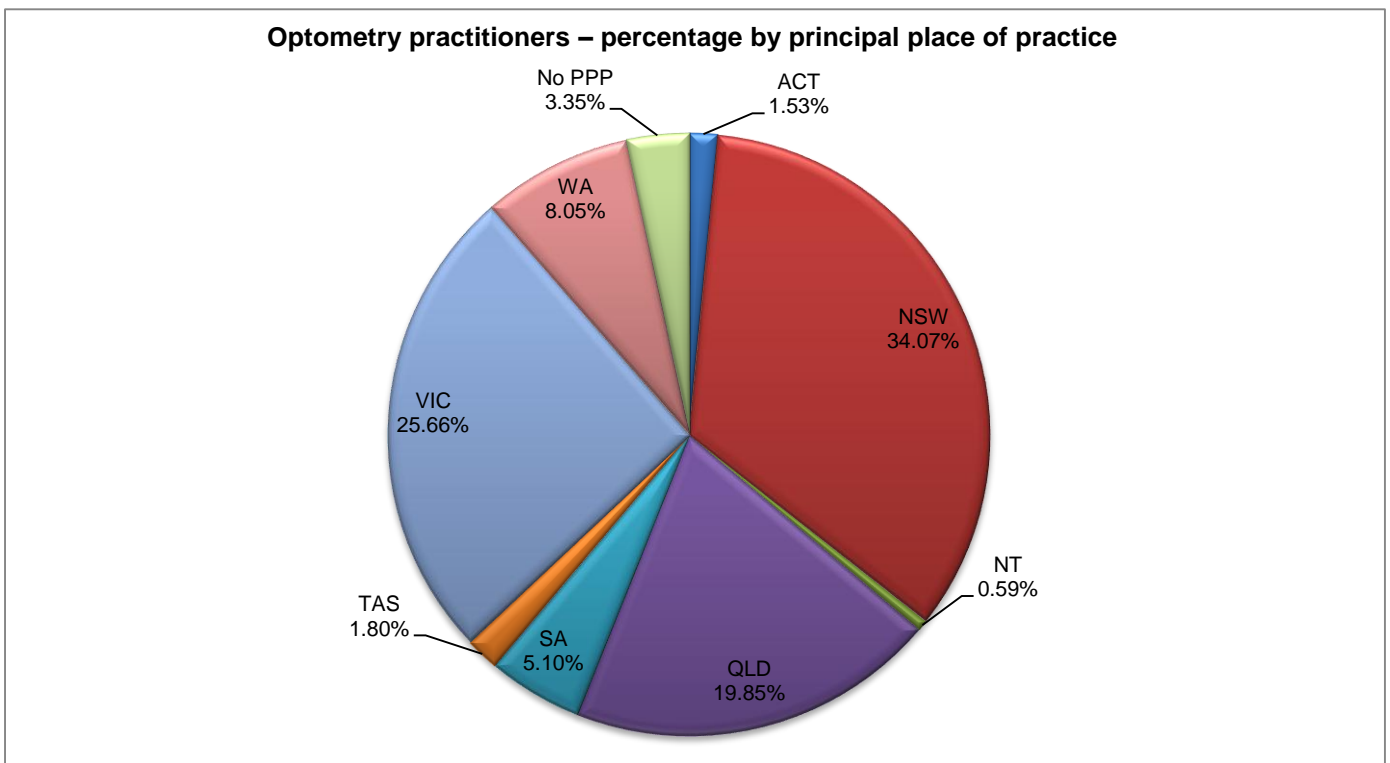


Chart 1: Optometry practitioners – percentage by principal place of practice

Optometry practitioners – endorsement by state or territory										
Optometry Practitioner	ACT	NSW	NT	QLD	SA	TAS	VIC	WA	No PPP	Total
Scheduled Medicines	20	375	13	316	118	58	689	126	20	1,735

Table 2: Optometry practitioners – endorsement by state or territory

Optometry practitioners – registration type and sub type by age group

Optometry Practitioner	Type				Total	% by Age Group
Age Group	General	Limited		Non-Practising		
		Postgraduate Training or Supervised Practice	Teaching or Research			
U-25	188	-	-	-	188	3.93%
25-29	684	-	-	11	695	14.54%
30-34	638	-	-	15	653	13.66%
35-39	608	-	-	16	624	13.05%
40-44	605	-	-	24	629	13.16%
45-49	567	-	-	16	583	12.19%
50-54	477	1	-	22	500	10.46%
55-59	505	-	-	13	518	10.83%
60-64	233	-	-	5	238	4.98%
65-69	79	-	-	5	84	1.76%
70-74	43	-	-	2	45	0.94%
75-79	15	-	-	2	17	0.36%
80+	6	-	-	1	7	0.15%
Total	4,648	1	-	132	4,781	100.00%

Table 3: Optometry practitioners – registration type and sub type by age group

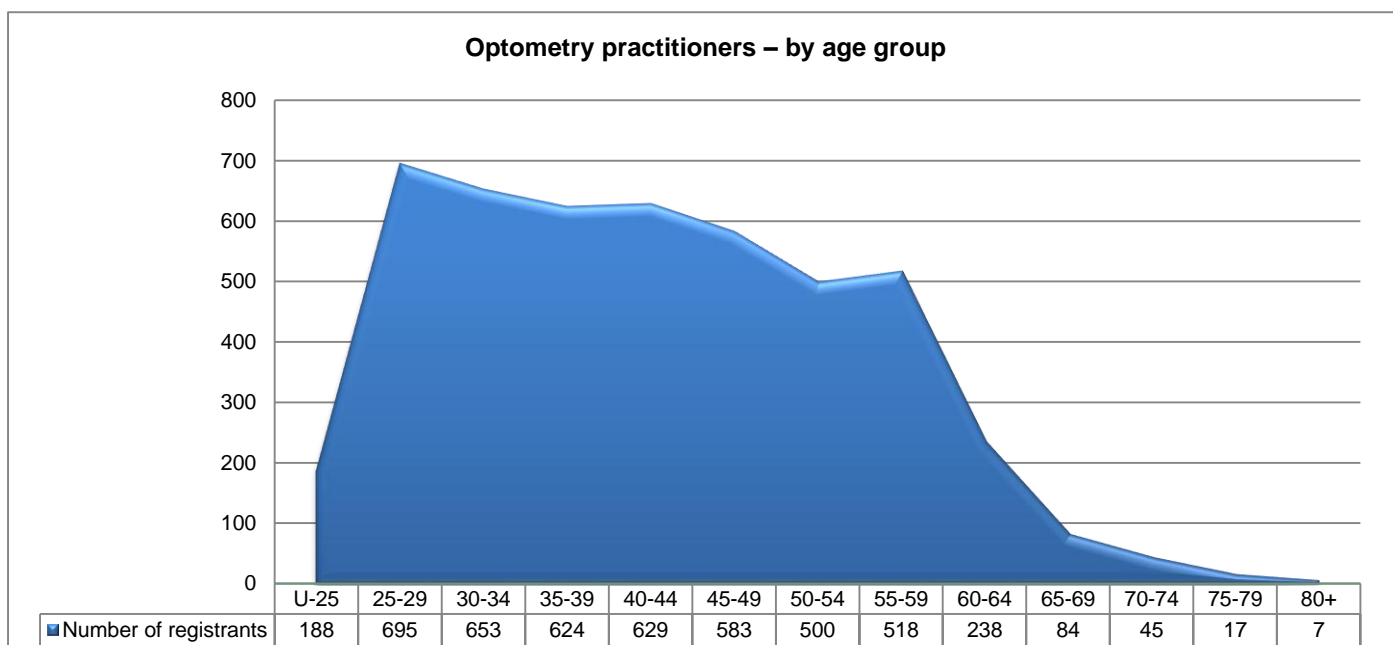


Chart 2: Optometry practitioners – by age group

Optometry practitioners – registration type and sub type by gender										
Optometry Practitioner	ACT	NSW	NT	QLD	SA	TAS	VIC	WA	No PPP	Total
Female	38	866	14	457	106	31	643	167	74	2,396
General	38	848	13	449	106	31	627	159	53	2,324
Limited	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
<i>Postgraduate Training or Supervised Practice</i>	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
<i>Teaching or Research</i>	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Non-Practising	-	18	1	8	-	-	16	8	21	72
Male	35	763	14	492	138	55	584	218	86	2,385
General	35	742	14	485	138	55	573	217	65	2,324
Limited	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
<i>Postgraduate Training or Supervised Practice</i>	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
<i>Teaching or Research</i>	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Non-Practising	-	20	-	7	-	-	11	1	21	60
Total Practitioners	73	1,629	28	949	244	86	1,227	385	160	4,781

Table 4: Optometry practitioners – registration type and sub type by gender

Optometry practitioners – percentage by gender										
Optometry Practitioner	ACT	NSW	NT	QLD	SA	TAS	VIC	WA	No PPP	Total
Female	52.05%	53.16%	50.00%	48.16%	43.44%	36.05%	52.40%	43.38%	46.25%	50.12%
Male	47.95%	46.84%	50.00%	51.84%	56.56%	63.95%	47.60%	56.62%	53.75%	49.88%

Table 5: Optometry practitioners – percentage by gender