Optometry registrant data: March 2015

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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

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| **Optometry practitioner** | **Principal place of practice** |  |
| **Registration type** | **Registration sub type** | ACT | NSW | NT | QLD | SA | TAS | VIC | WA | No PPP | **Total** |
| General |   | 73 | 1,616 | 29 | 968 | 256 | 80 | 1,221 | 392 | 113 | 4,748 |
| Limited | Postgraduate training or supervised practice |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Teaching or research |  | 4 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | 4 |
| Non-practising |   | 1 | 45 | 1 | 15 |   | 1 | 29 | 8 | 55 | 155 |
| **Total** | 74 | 1,665 | 30 | 983 | 256 | 81 | 1,250 | 400 | 168 | 4,907 |

![This chart represents the percentage of Optometry practitioners by principal place of practice.](data:application/xhtml+xml;base64...)

Optometry practitioners – percentage by principal place of practice

Optometry practitioners – endorsement by principal place of practice

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| **Optometry practitioners** | **Principal place of practice** |  |
| **Endorsement type** | ACT | NSW | NT | QLD | SA | TAS | VIC | WA | No PPP | **Total** |
| Scheduled Medicines | 26 | 446 | 16 | 394 | 132 | 53 | 725 | 166 | 19 | 1,977 |
| % of general registrants who are endorsed | 35.62% | 27.60% | 55.17% | 40.70% | 51.56% | 66.25% | 59.38% | 42.35% | 16.81% | 40.29% |

Optometry practitioners – registration type and sub type by age group

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| **Optometry practitioners** | **Registration type/ Sub type** |
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| **Age group** | General | Limited | Non-practising |  |
|   | Postgraduate training or supervised practice | Teaching or research |   | **Total** |
| U - 25 | 156 |   |   |   | 156 |
| 25 - 29 | 711 |   | 2 | 13 | 726 |
| 30 - 34 | 661 |   | 2 | 20 | 683 |
| 35 - 39 | 624 |   |   | 16 | 640 |
| 40 - 44 | 585 |   |   | 25 | 610 |
| 45 - 49 | 604 |   |   | 20 | 624 |
| 50 - 54 | 446 |   |   | 20 | 466 |
| 55 - 59 | 529 |   |   | 16 | 545 |
| 60 - 64 | 283 |   |   | 9 | 292 |
| 65 - 69 | 87 |   |   | 8 | 95 |
| 70 - 74 | 45 |   |   | 5 | 50 |
| 75 - 79 | 17 |   |   | 2 | 19 |
| 80+ |   |   |   | 1 | 1 |
| **Total** | 4,748 |  | 4 | 155 | 4,907 |

![This chart represents number of Optometry practitioners by age group.](data:application/xhtml+xml;base64...)Optometry practitioners – by age group

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| 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 | 156 | 726 | 683 | 640 | 610 | 624 | 466 | 545 | 292 | 95 | 50 | 19 | 1 |

Optometry practitioners – registration type and sub type by gender

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| **Optometry Practitioner** | **Principal place pf practice** |  |
| **Gender** | **Registration type** | **Registration sub type** | ACT | NSW | NT | QLD | SA | TAS | VIC | WA | No PPP | **Total** |
| Female | General |   | 39 | 875 | 15 | 471 | 111 | 24 | 637 | 171 | 56 | 2,399 |
| Limited | Postgraduate training or supervised practice |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Teaching or research |  | 4 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | 4 |
| Non-practising |   | 1 | 21 | 1 | 8 |   |   | 19 | 6 | 27 | 83 |
| Sub Total | 40 | 900 | 16 | 479 | 111 | 24 | 656 | 177 | 83 | 2,486 |
| Male | General |   | 34 | 741 | 14 | 497 | 145 | 56 | 584 | 221 | 57 | 2,349 |
| Limited | Postgraduate training or supervised practice |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Teaching or research |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Non-practising |   |  | 24 |   | 7 |   | 1 | 10 | 2 | 28 | 72 |
| Sub Total | 34 | 765 | 14 | 504 | 145 | 57 | 594 | 223 | 85 | 2,421 |
| **Total** | 74 | 1,665 | 30 | 983 | 256 | 81 | 1,250 | 400 | 168 | 4,907 |

Optometry practitioners – percentage by gender

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| **Optometry practitioner** | **Principal place of practice** |  |
| **Gender** | ACT | NSW | NT | QLD | SA | TAS | VIC | WA | No PPP | **Total** |
| Female | 54.05% | 54.05% | 53.33% | 48.73% | 43.36% | 29.63% | 52.48% | 44.25% | 49.40% | 50.66% |
| Male | 45.95% | 45.95% | 46.67% | 51.27% | 56.64% | 70.37% | 47.52% | 55.75% | 50.60% | 49.34% |