

Optometry registrant data: June 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/About-AHPRA/What-We-Do/Legislation.aspx) (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>

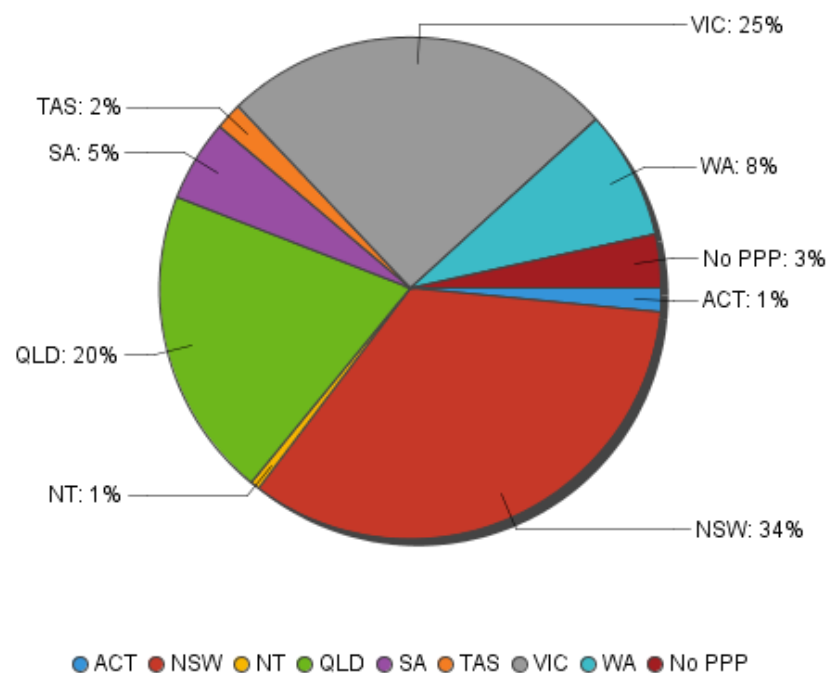
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Optometry practitioners – registration type and sub type by state or territory

Optometry practitioner		Principal place of practice									Total
Registration type	Registration sub type	ACT	NSW	NT	QLD	SA	TAS	VIC	WA	No PPP	
General		71	1,617	28	968	259	80	1,222	395	118	4,758
Limited	Postgraduate training or supervised practice										
	Teaching or research		2								2
Non-practising		2	44	1	17			29	8	54	155
Total		73	1,663	29	985	259	80	1,251	403	172	4,915

Optometry practitioners – percentage by principal place of practice



Optometry practitioners – endorsement by principal place of practice

Optometry practitioners				Principal place of practice						
Endorsement type	ACT	NSW	NT	QLD	SA	TAS	VIC	WA	No PPP	Total
Scheduled Medicines	26	453	16	396	135	54	729	170	21	2,000
% of general registrants who are endorsed	36.62%	28.01%	57.14%	40.91%	52.12%	67.50%	59.66%	43.04%	17.80%	40.69%

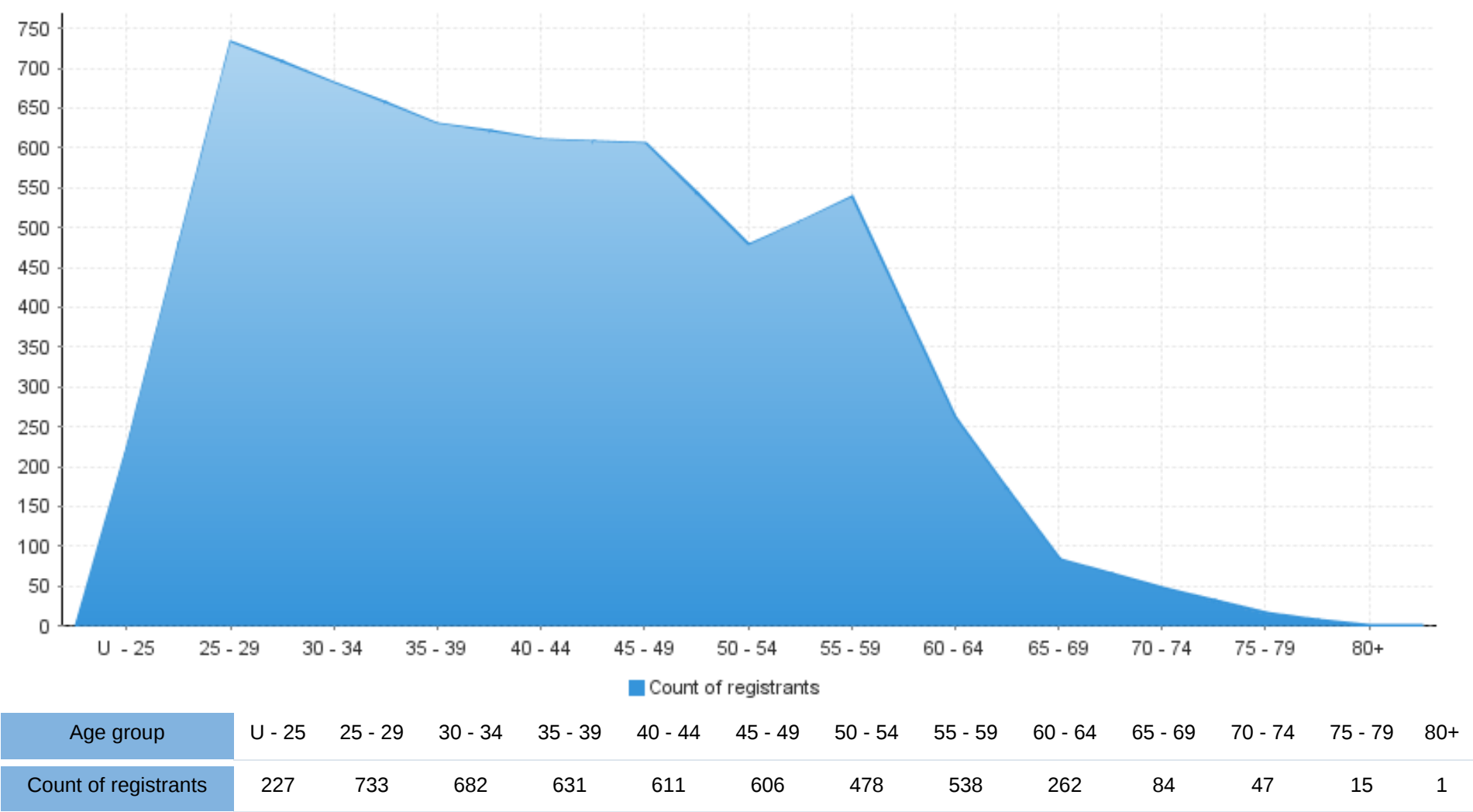
Optometry practitioners – endorsement by age group

Optometry practitioners		Practitioners who hold Scheduled Medicines endorsement	
Age group		General registration	
U - 25		216	
25 - 29		581	
30 - 34		330	
35 - 39		230	
40 - 44		187	
45 - 49		156	
50 - 54		124	
55 - 59		101	
60 - 64		55	
65 - 69		18	
70 - 74		2	
75 - 79			
80+			
Total		2,000	

Optometry practitioners – registration type and sub type by age group

Optometry practitioners		Registration type/ Sub type			Total
Age group	General	Limited	Non-practising		
		Postgraduate training or supervised practice	Teaching or research		
U - 25	227			227	
25 - 29	716	1	16	733	
30 - 34	663	1	18	682	
35 - 39	613		18	631	
40 - 44	587		24	611	
45 - 49	587		19	606	
50 - 54	460		18	478	
55 - 59	518		20	538	
60 - 64	255		7	262	
65 - 69	77		7	84	
70 - 74	42		5	47	
75 - 79	13		2	15	
80+			1	1	
Total	4,758	2	155	4,915	

Optometry practitioners – by age group



Optometry practitioners – registration type and sub type by gender

Optometry Practitioner			Principal place of practice									Total
Gender	Registration type	Registration sub type	ACT	NSW	NT	QLD	SA	TAS	VIC	WA	No PPP	
Female	General		38	876	14	471	111	24	640	173	59	2,406
	Limited	Postgraduate training or supervised practice										
		Teaching or research		2								2
	Non-practising		1	21	1	8			19	6	27	83
	Sub Total		39	899	15	479	111	24	659	179	86	2,491
Male	General		33	741	14	497	148	56	582	222	59	2,352
	Limited	Postgraduate training or supervised practice										
		Teaching or research										
	Non-practising		1	23		9			10	2	27	72
	Sub Total		34	764	14	506	148	56	592	224	86	2,424
Total			73	1,663	29	985	259	80	1,251	403	172	4,915

Optometry practitioners – percentage by gender

Optometry practitioner		Principal place of practice								
Gender	ACT	NSW	NT	QLD	SA	TAS	VIC	WA	No PPP	Total
Female	53.42%	54.06%	51.72%	48.63%	42.86%	30.00%	52.68%	44.42%	50.00%	50.68%
Male	46.58%	45.94%	48.28%	51.37%	57.14%	70.00%	47.32%	55.58%	50.00%	49.32%