Optometry Registrant Data: June 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](http://www.ahpra.gov.au/About-AHPRA/What-We-Do.aspx)(AHPRA). For information about legislation governing our operations see [AHPRA's Legislation & Publications](http://www.ahpra.gov.au/Legislation-and-Publications.aspx) 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](http://www.optometryboard.gov.au/Registration.aspx)

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Optometrists: State and territory by registration type

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| **Optometrists: Registration Type by State** |
| **State** | **General** | **Non-practising** | **Total** | **% By State** |
|  |  |  |  |  |
|  ACT | 74 |   | **74** | **1.6%** |
|  NSW | 1,547 | 42 | **1,589** | **34.28%** |
|  NT | 27 |   | **27** | **0.58%** |
|  QLD | 904 | 12 | **916** | **19.76%** |
|  SA | 239 | 1 | **240** | **5.18%** |
|  TAS | 81 |   | **81** | **1.75%** |
|  VIC | 1,158 | 41 | **1,199** | **25.87%** |
|  WA | 367 | 8 | **375** | **8.09%** |
| Not Stated | 116 | 18 | **134** | **2.89%** |
| **Total** | **4,513** | **122** | **4,635** |  |

Percent by state and territory

Optometrists: Age by registration type

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| **Optometrists: Registration by Age and Registration Type** |
| **Age Group** | **General** | **Non-practising** | **Total** | **% By Age Group** |
|  |  |  |  |  |
| < 25 | 177 |   | **177** | **3.82%** |
| 25 - 29 | 640 | 8 | **648** | **13.98%** |
| 30 - 34 | 668 | 12 | **680** | **14.67%** |
| 35 - 39 | 579 | 20 | **599** | **12.92%** |
| 40 - 44 | 600 | 23 | **623** | **13.44%** |
| 45 - 49 | 544 | 13 | **557** | **12.02%** |
| 50 - 54 | 522 | 18 | **540** | **11.65%** |
| 55 - 59 | 464 | 14 | **478** | **10.31%** |
| 60 - 64 | 191 | 5 | **196** | **4.23%** |
| 65 - 69 | 68 | 3 | **71** | **1.53%** |
| 70 - 74 | 40 | 4 | **44** | **0.95%** |
| 75 - 79 | 13 | 1 | **14** | **0.3%** |
| 80 + | 7 | 1 | **8** | **0.17%** |
| **Total** | **4,513** | **122** | **4,635** |  |

Percent by age

Optometrists: Gender by state and territory by registration type

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| **Optometrists: Registration by Sex by State** |
| **Sex** | **State** | **General** | **Non-practising** | **Total Count** | **% By Sex By State** |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Female |  ACT | 39 |   | **39** | **1.71%** |
|  NSW | 818 | 18 | **836** | **36.59%** |
|  NT | 15 |   | **15** | **0.66%** |
|  QLD | 421 | 5 | **426** | **18.64%** |
|  SA | 105 | 1 | **106** | **4.64%** |
|  TAS | 27 |   | **27** | **1.18%** |
|  VIC | 595 | 22 | **617** | **27.0%** |
|  WA | 152 | 6 | **158** | **6.91%** |
| Not Stated | 50 | 11 | **61** | **2.67%** |
| Sub total | 2,222 | 63 | **2,285** | **49.3%** |
| Male |  ACT | 35 |   | **35** | **1.49%** |
|  NSW | 729 | 24 | **753** | **32.04%** |
|  NT | 12 |   | **12** | **0.51%** |
|  QLD | 483 | 7 | **490** | **20.85%** |
|  SA | 134 |   | **134** | **5.7%** |
|  TAS | 54 |   | **54** | **2.3%** |
|  VIC | 563 | 19 | **582** | **24.77%** |
|  WA | 215 | 2 | **217** | **9.23%** |
| Not Stated | 66 | 7 | **73** | **3.11%** |
| Sub total | 2,291 | 59 | **2,350** | **50.7%** |
| **Total** |  | **4,513** | **122** | **4,635** |  |

Optometrists: Endorsement type by state/territory

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| **Optometrists: By Endorsement and by State or Territory** |
| **Endorsement** |  **ACT** |  **NSW** |  **NT** |  **QLD** |  **SA** |  **TAS** |  **VIC** |  **WA** | **Not Stated** | **Total** |
| Scheduled Medicines | 22 | 312 | 9 | 256 | 95 | 54 | 636 | 98 | 17 | **1,499** |
| **Total** | **22** | **312** | **9** | **256** | **95** | **54** | **636** | **98** | **17** | **1,499** |