

## Optometry Registrant Data: December 2012

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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
- assessing 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 \(AHPRA\)](http://www.ahpra.gov.au/Legislation-and-Publications.aspx). 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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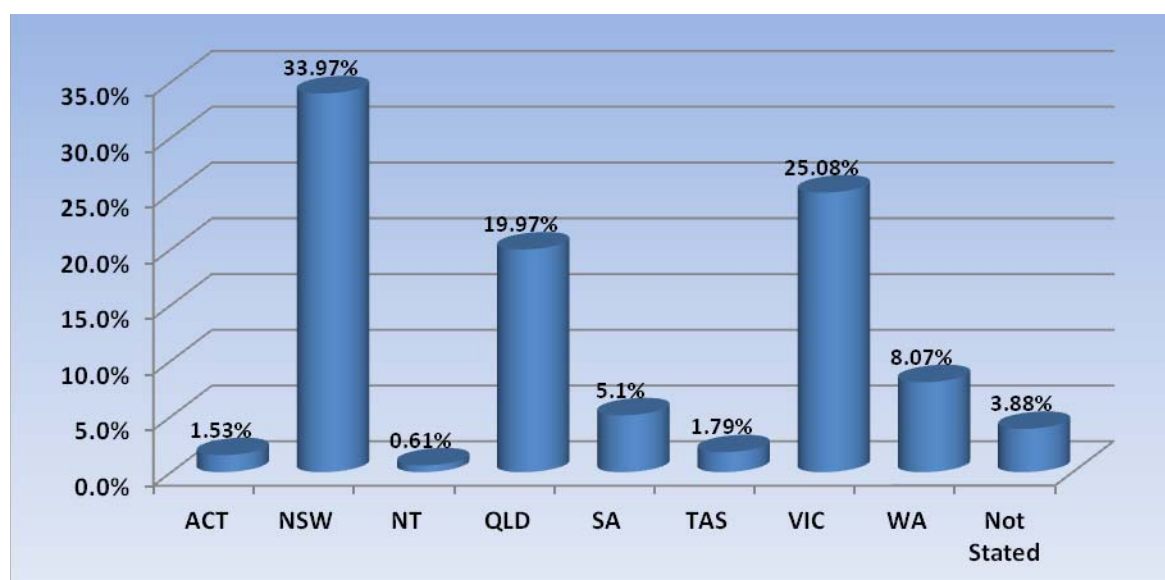
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*Please Note: The numbers in this report reflect the National Board's registration data as at 31 December 2012. These statistics include approximately 85 registrants who did not renew their registration by the end of the registration renewal late period for this profession, and were removed from the register on 3 January 2013, as required by the National Law.*

## Optometrists: State and territory by registration type

State	General	Non-practising	Total	% By State
ACT	70		70	1.53%
NSW	1,522	36	1,558	33.97%
NT	27	1	28	0.61%
QLD	909	7	916	19.97%
SA	233	1	234	5.1%
TAS	82		82	1.79%
VIC	1,121	29	1,150	25.08%
WA	364	6	370	8.07%
Not Stated	154	24	178	3.88%
<b>Total</b>	<b>4,482</b>	<b>104</b>	<b>4,586</b>	

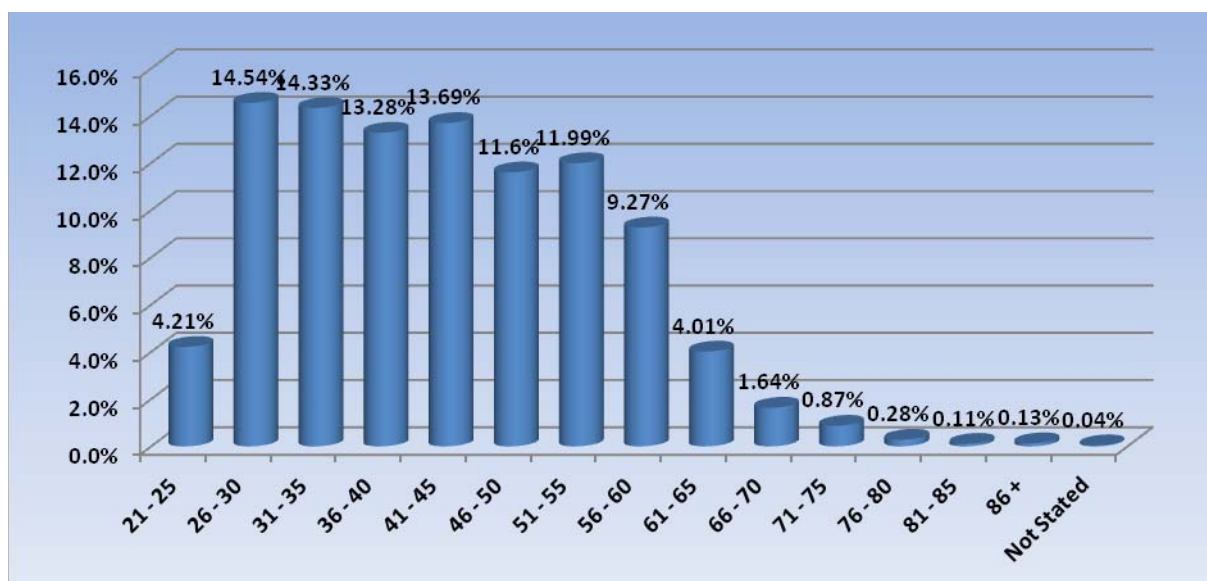
## % By state and territory



### Optometrists: Age by registration type

Age Group	General	Non-practising	Total	% By Age Group
21 - 25	192	1	193	4.21%
26 - 30	661	6	667	14.54%
31 - 35	642	15	657	14.33%
36 - 40	590	19	609	13.28%
41 - 45	610	18	628	13.69%
46 - 50	524	8	532	11.6%
51 - 55	535	15	550	11.99%
56 - 60	416	9	425	9.27%
61 - 65	180	4	184	4.01%
66 - 70	71	4	75	1.64%
71 - 75	39	1	40	0.87%
76 - 80	12	1	13	0.28%
81 - 85	5		5	0.11%
86 +	3	3	6	0.13%
Not Stated	2		2	0.04%
<b>Total</b>	<b>4,482</b>	<b>104</b>	<b>4,586</b>	

### % By age



### Optometrists: Gender by state and territory by registration type

Sex	State	General	Non-practising	Total Count	% By Sex By State
Female	ACT	36		36	0.78%
	NSW	778	15	793	17.29%
	NT	14	1	15	0.33%
	QLD	421	2	423	9.22%
	SA	50	1	51	1.11%
	TAS	26		26	0.57%
	VIC	568	17	585	12.76%
	WA	151	5	156	3.4%
	Not Stated	65	13	78	1.7%
	Sub total	2,109	54	2,163	47.17%
Male	ACT	34		34	0.74%
	NSW	737	21	758	16.53%
	NT	13		13	0.28%
	QLD	486	5	491	10.71%
	SA	69		69	1.5%
	TAS	55		55	1.2%
	VIC	550	12	562	12.25%
	WA	210	1	211	4.6%
	Not Stated	87	11	98	2.14%
	Sub total	2,241	50	2,291	49.96%
Not Stated	NSW	7		7	0.15%
	QLD	2		2	0.04%
	SA	114		114	2.49%
	TAS	1		1	0.02%
	VIC	3		3	0.07%
	WA	3		3	0.07%
	Not Stated	2		2	0.04%
	Sub total	132		132	2.88%
Total		4,482	104	4,586	

### Optometrists: Endorsement type by state/territory

Endorsement	ACT	NSW	NT	QLD	SA	TAS	VIC	WA	Not Stated	Total
Scheduled Medicines	18	257	8	240	78	52	587	86	23	1,349
Total	18	257	8	240	78	52	587	86	23	1,349