Optometry Registrant Data: December 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 (AHPRA). For information about legislation governing our operations see AHPRA's Legislation & Publications 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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| **Optometry Practitioner By Registration Type & Sub Type** | | | | | | | | | | |
| **Optometry Practitioner** | **ACT** | **NSW** | **NT** | **QLD** | **SA** | **TAS** | **VIC** | **WA** | **No PPP** | **Total** |
| **General** | 72 | 1,545 | 26 | 929 | 234 | 83 | 1,186 | 368 | 116 | **4,559** |
| **Limited** | - | 1 | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | **1** |
| Postgraduate Training or Supervised Practice | - | 1 | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | **1** |
| Teaching or Research | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | **-** |
| **Non-Practising** | - | 37 | 1 | 14 | - | - | 26 | 10 | 40 | **128** |
| **Total Practitioners** | **72** | **1,583** | **27** | **943** | **234** | **83** | **1,212** | **378** | **156** | **4,688** |

Table 1: Optometrists - Registration by Type & Sub-Type

Chart 1: Optometrists – by Principal Place of Practice

|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **Count of Endorsement Type** | | | | | | | | | | | |
| **Optometry Practitioner** | **ACT** | **NSW** | **NT** | **QLD** | **SA** | **TAS** | **VIC** | **WA** | **No PPP** | **Total** |
| **Scheduled Medicines** | 19 | 319 | 13 | 305 | 98 | 56 | 674 | 118 | 15 | **1,617** |

Table 2: Optometrists - Endorsements

|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **Registration Type by Age** | | | | | | |
| **Optometry Practitioner** | **Type** | | | | **Total** | **% by Age Group** |
| **Age Group** | **General** | **Limited** | | **Non-Practising** |
| **Postgraduate Training or Supervised Practice** | **Teaching or Research** |
| U-25 | 127 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 127 | 2.71% |
| 25-29 | 659 | 0 | 0 | 11 | 670 | 14.29% |
| 30-34 | 635 | 0 | 0 | 15 | 650 | 13.87% |
| 35-39 | 605 | 0 | 0 | 16 | 621 | 13.25% |
| 40-44 | 604 | 0 | 0 | 24 | 628 | 13.40% |
| 45-49 | 568 | 0 | 0 | 14 | 582 | 12.41% |
| 50-54 | 478 | 1 | 0 | 21 | 500 | 10.67% |
| 55-59 | 508 | 0 | 0 | 12 | 520 | 11.09% |
| 60-64 | 233 | 0 | 0 | 5 | 238 | 5.08% |
| 65-69 | 79 | 0 | 0 | 5 | 84 | 1.79% |
| 70-74 | 42 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 44 | 0.94% |
| 75-79 | 15 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 17 | 0.36% |
| 80+ | 6 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 7 | 0.15% |
| **Total** | **4,559** | **1** | **0** | **128** | **4,688** | **100.00%** |

Table 3: Optometrists - Registration Type by Age

Chart 2: Optometrists – Registrants by Age

|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **Registration Type by Gender** | | | | | | | | | | |
| **Optometry Practitioner** | **ACT** | **NSW** | **NT** | **QLD** | **SA** | **TAS** | **VIC** | **WA** | **No PPP** | **Total** |
| **Female** | **37** | **836** | **14** | **452** | **99** | **30** | **633** | **161** | **73** | **2,335** |
| General | 37 | 819 | 13 | 445 | 99 | 30 | 618 | 152 | 53 | **2,266** |
| Limited | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | **-** |
| *Postgraduate Training or Supervised Practice* | *-* | *-* | *-* | *-* | *-* | *-* | *-* | *-* | *-* | ***-*** |
| *Teaching or Research* | *-* | *-* | *-* | *-* | *-* | *-* | *-* | *-* | *-* | ***-*** |
| Non-Practising | - | 17 | 1 | 7 | 0 | 0 | 15 | 9 | 20 | **69** |
| **Male** | **35** | **747** | **13** | **491** | **135** | **53** | **579** | **217** | **83** | **2,353** |
| General | 35 | 726 | 13 | 484 | 135 | 53 | 568 | 216 | 63 | **2,293** |
| Limited | - | 1 | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | **1** |
| *Postgraduate Training or Supervised Practice* | - | *1* | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | ***1*** |
| *Teaching or Research* | *-* | *-* | *-* | *-* | *-* | *-* | *-* | *-* | *-* | ***-*** |
| Non-Practising | - | 20 | - | 7 | - | - | 11 | 1 | 20 | **59** |
| **Total Practitioners** | **72** | **1,583** | **27** | **943** | **234** | **83** | **1,212** | **378** | **156** | **4,688** |

Table 4: Optometrists - Registration Type by Gender

|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **Practitioner by Gender** | | | | | | | | | | |
| **Optometry Practitioner** | **ACT** | **NSW** | **NT** | **QLD** | **SA** | **TAS** | **VIC** | **WA** | **No PPP** | **Total** |
| **Female** | 51.39% | 52.81% | 51.85% | 47.93% | 42.31% | 36.14% | 52.23% | 42.59% | 46.79% | **49.81%** |
| **Male** | 48.61% | 47.19% | 48.15% | 52.07% | 57.69% | 63.86% | 47.77% | 57.41% | 53.21% | **50.19%** |

Table 5: Optometrists - Percent by Gender