

Optometry Registrant Data: March 2014

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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 [www.ahpra.gov.au/Legislation-and-Publications.aspx](file:///C%3A%5CUsers%5Ccip%5CAppData%5CLocal%5CMicrosoft%5CWindows%5CTemporary%20Internet%20Files%5CContent.Outlook%5CQVTJG2NB%5Cwww.ahpra.gov.au%5CLegislation-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 practitioners – registration type and sub type by state or territory |
| **Optometry Practitioner** | **ACT** | **NSW** | **NT** | **QLD** | **SA** | **TAS** | **VIC** | **WA** | **No PPP** | **Total** |
| **General** | 73 | 1,590 | 27 | 934 | 244 | 86 | 1,200 | 376 | 118 | **4,648** |
| **Limited** | - | 1 | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | **1** |
| Postgraduate Training or Supervised Practice | - | 1 | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | **1** |
| Teaching or Research | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | **-** |
| **Non-Practising** | - | 38 | 1 | 15 | - | - | 27 | 9 | 42 | **132** |
| **Total Practitioners** | **73** | **1,629** | **28** | **949** | **244** | **86** | **1,227** | **385** | **160** | **4,781** |

*Table 1: Optometry practitioners – registration type and sub type by state or territory*

### Optometry practitioners – percentage by principal place of practice

*Chart 1: Optometry practitioners – percentage by principal place of practice*

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| Optometry practitioners – endorsement by state or territory |
| **Optometry Practitioner** | **ACT** | **NSW** | **NT** | **QLD** | **SA** | **TAS** | **VIC** | **WA** | **No PPP** | **Total** |
| **Scheduled Medicines** | 20 | 375 | 13 | 316 | 118 | 58 | 689 | 126 | 20 | **1,735** |

*Table 2: Optometry practitioners – endorsement by state or territory*

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| Optometry practitioners – registration type and sub type by age group |
| **Optometry Practitioner** | **Type** | **Total** | **% by Age Group** |
| **Age Group** | **General** | **Limited** | **Non-Practising** |
| **Postgraduate Training or Supervised Practice** | **Teaching or Research** |
| U-25 | 188 | - | - | - | 188 | 3.93% |
| 25-29 | 684 | - | - | 11 | 695 | 14.54% |
| 30-34 | 638 | - | - | 15 | 653 | 13.66% |
| 35-39 | 608 | - | - | 16 | 624 | 13.05% |
| 40-44 | 605 | - | - | 24 | 629 | 13.16% |
| 45-49 | 567 | - | - | 16 | 583 | 12.19% |
| 50-54 | 477 | 1 | - | 22 | 500 | 10.46% |
| 55-59 | 505 | - | - | 13 | 518 | 10.83% |
| 60-64 | 233 | - | - | 5 | 238 | 4.98% |
| 65-69 | 79 | - | - | 5 | 84 | 1.76% |
| 70-74 | 43 | - | - | 2 | 45 | 0.94% |
| 75-79 | 15 | - | - | 2 | 17 | 0.36% |
| 80+ | 6 | - | - | 1 | 7 | 0.15% |
| **Total** | **4,648** | **1** | **-** | **132** | **4,781** | **100.00%** |

*Table 3: Optometry practitioners – registration type and sub type by age group*

*Chart 2: Optometry practitioners – by age group*

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| Optometry practitioners – registration type and sub type by gender |
| **Optometry Practitioner** | **ACT** | **NSW** | **NT** | **QLD** | **SA** | **TAS** | **VIC** | **WA** | **No PPP** | **Total** |
| **Female** | **38** | **866** | **14** | **457** | **106** | **31** | **643** | **167** | **74** | **2,396** |
| General | 38 | 848 | 13 | 449 | 106 | 31 | 627 | 159 | 53 | **2,324** |
| Limited | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | **-** |
| *Postgraduate Training or Supervised Practice* | *-* | *-* | *-* | *-* | *-* | *-* | *-* | *-* | *-* | ***-*** |
| *Teaching or Research* | *-* | *-* | *-* | *-* | *-* | *-* | *-* | *-* | *-* | ***-*** |
| Non-Practising | - | 18 | 1 | 8 | - | - | 16 | 8 | 21 | **72** |
| **Male** | **35** | **763** | **14** | **492** | **138** | **55** | **584** | **218** | **86** | **2,385** |
| General | 35 | 742 | 14 | 485 | 138 | 55 | 573 | 217 | 65 | **2,324** |
| Limited | - | 1 | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | **1** |
| *Postgraduate Training or Supervised Practice* | *-* | *1* | *-* | *-* | *-* | *-* | *-* | *-* | *-* | ***1*** |
| *Teaching or Research* | *-* | *-* | *-* | *-* | *-* | *-* | *-* | *-* | *-* | ***-*** |
| Non-Practising | - | 20 | - | 7 | - | - | 11 | 1 | 21 | **60** |
| **Total Practitioners** | **73** | **1,629** | **28** | **949** | **244** | **86** | **1,227** | **385** | **160** | **4,781** |

*Table 4: Optometry practitioners – registration type and sub type by gender*

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| Optometry practitioners – percentage by gender |
| **Optometry Practitioner** | **ACT** | **NSW** | **NT** | **QLD** | **SA** | **TAS** | **VIC** | **WA** | **No PPP** | **Total** |
| **Female** | 52.05% | 53.16% | 50.00% | 48.16% | 43.44% | 36.05% | 52.40% | 43.38% | 46.25% | **50.12%** |
| **Male** | 47.95% | 46.84% | 50.00% | 51.84% | 56.56% | 63.95% | 47.60% | 56.62% | 53.75% | **49.88%** |

*Table 5: Optometry practitioners – percentage by gender*