

Optometry Registrant Data: September 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 the [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:\Users\cip\AppData\Local\Microsoft\Windows\Temporary%20Internet%20Files\Content.Outlook\QVTJG2NB\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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**Registration sub type** | ACT | NSW | NT | QLD | SA | TAS | VIC | WA | No PPP | **Total** | | General |  | 74 | 1,594 | 28 | 939 | 247 | 87 | 1,202 | 379 | 117 | 4,667 | | Limited | Postgraduate training or supervised practice |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | | Teaching or research |  | 3 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | 3 | | Non-practising |  |  | 36 | 1 | 17 |  |  | 25 | 8 | 45 | 132 | | **Total** | | 74 | 1,633 | 29 | 956 | 247 | 87 | 1,227 | 387 | 162 | 4,802 | |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | | | | | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | | Optometry practitioners – percentage by principal place of practice | |  |   Optometry practitioners – percentage by principal place of practice chart | | |  | | --- | | Optometry practitioners – endorsement by state or territory | |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- 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| 66.67% | 58.15% | 34.04% | 17.95% | 37.55% | |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | | | | | |  | | --- | | Optometry practitioners – registration type and sub type by age group | |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- 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--- | | **Optometry practitioners** | General | Limited | | Non-practising |  | | **Age group** |  | Postgraduate training or supervised practice | Teaching or research |  | **Total** | | U - 25 | 192 |  |  |  | 192 | | 25 - 29 | 694 |  | 3 | 9 | 706 | | 30 - 34 | 643 |  |  | 14 | 657 | | 35 - 39 | 609 |  |  | 16 | 625 | | 40 - 44 | 609 |  |  | 24 | 633 | | 45 - 49 | 566 |  |  | 17 | 583 | | 50 - 54 | 479 |  |  | 22 | 501 | | 55 - 59 | 503 |  |  | 14 | 517 | | 60 - 64 | 232 |  |  | 6 | 238 | | 65 - 69 | 79 |  |  | 5 | 84 | | 70 - 74 | 42 |  |  | 2 | 44 | | 75 - 79 | 14 |  |  | 2 | 16 | | 80+ | 5 |  |  | 1 | 6 | | **Total** | 4,667 |  | 3 | 132 | 4,802 | | | | | |  | | --- | | Optometry practitioners – by age group | |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | 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63 | 2,327 | | Limited | Postgraduate training or supervised practice |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | | Teaching or research |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | | Non-practising |  |  | 19 |  | 9 |  |  | 10 | 1 | 24 | 63 | | Sub Total | | | 36 | 761 | 13 | 497 | 138 | 57 | 582 | 219 | 87 | 2,390 | | **Total** | | | 74 | 1,633 | 29 | 956 | 247 | 87 | 1,227 | 387 | 162 | 4,802 | | | | | | |  | | --- | | Optometry practitioners – percentage by gender |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | | |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  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