

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.

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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 |
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| **Optometry practitioner** | **Principal place of practice** |  |
| **Registration type** | **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 |
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| Optometry practitioners – percentage by principal place of practice |
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Optometry practitioners – percentage by principal place of practice chart |
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| Optometry practitioners – endorsement by state or territory |
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| **Optometry Practitioner** | ACT | NSW | NT | QLD | SA | TAS | VIC | WA | No PPP | Total |
| **Scheduled Medicines** | 21 | 392 | 13 | 351 | 119 | 58 | 699 | 129 | 21 | 1,803 |
| **% of general registrants who are endorsed** | 28.38% | 24.59% | 46.43% | 37.38% | 48.18% | 66.67% | 58.15% | 34.04% | 17.95% | 37.55% |
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| 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 |

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| Optometry practitioners – by age group |
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| Optometry practitioners – by age group chart |

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| **Age group** | U - 25 | 25 - 29 | 30 - 34 | 35 - 39 | 40 - 44 | 45 - 49 | 50 - 54 | 55 - 59 | 60 - 64 | 65 - 69 | 70 - 74 | 75 - 79 | 80+ |
| **Count of registrants** | 192 | 706 | 657 | 625 | 633 | 583 | 501 | 517 | 238 | 84 | 44 | 16 | 6 |
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| Optometry practitioners – registration type and sub type by gender |
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| **Optometry Practitioner** | **Principal place of practice** |  |
| **Gender** | **Registration type** | **Registration sub type** | ACT | NSW | NT | QLD | SA | TAS | VIC | WA | No PPP | **Total** |
| Female | General |   | 38 | 852 | 15 | 451 | 109 | 30 | 630 | 161 | 54 | 2,340 |
| Limited | Postgraduate training or supervised practice |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Teaching or research |  | 3 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | 3 |
| Non-practising |   |  | 17 | 1 | 8 |  |  | 15 | 7 | 21 | 69 |
| Sub Total | 38 | 872 | 16 | 459 | 109 | 30 | 645 | 168 | 75 | 2,412 |
| Male | General |   | 36 | 742 | 13 | 488 | 138 | 57 | 572 | 218 | 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 |

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| Optometry practitioners – percentage by gender |

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| **Optometry Practitioner** | ACT | NSW | NT | QLD | SA | TAS | VIC | WA | No PPP | Total |
| **Female**  | 51.35% | 53.40% | 55.17% | 48.01% | 44.13% | 34.48% | 52.57% | 43.41% | 46.30% | 50.23% |
| **Male**  | 48.65% | 46.60% | 44.83% | 51.99% | 55.87% | 65.52% | 47.43% | 56.59% | 53.70% | 49.77% |
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