Optometry registrant data: December 2014

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Introduction

The role of the Optometry Board of Australia (the Board) include:

* registering optometrist 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, and

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) (AHPRA). For information about legislation governing our operations see [About AHPRA](http://www.ahpra.gov.au/About-AHPRA/What-We-Do/Legislation.aspx) at <http://www.ahpra.gov.au/About-AHPRA/What-We-Do/Legislation.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: <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 |   | 72 | 1,605 | 28 | 974 | 252 | 83 | 1,230 | 387 | 118 | 4,749 |
| Limited | Postgraduate training or supervised practice |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Teaching or research |  | 3 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | 3 |
| Non-practising |   |  | 41 | 1 | 16 |  |  | 28 | 7 | 57 | 150 |
| **Total** | 72 | 1,649 | 29 | 990 | 252 | 83 | 1,258 | 394 | 175 | 4,902 |

![This chart represents the percentage of Optometry practitioners by prinicpal place of practice](data:application/xhtml+xml;base64...)

Optometry practitioners – percentage by principal place of practice

Optometry practitioners – endorsement by principal place of practice

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| **Optometry practitioners** | **Principal place of practice** |  |
| **Endorsement type** | ACT | NSW | NT | QLD | SA | TAS | VIC | WA | No PPP | **Total** |
| Scheduled Medicines | 25 | 407 | 15 | 387 | 127 | 54 | 727 | 158 | 21 | 1,921 |
| % of general registrants who are endorsed | 34.72% | 25.36% | 53.57% | 39.73% | 50.40% | 65.06% | 59.11% | 40.83% | 17.80% | 39.19% |

Optometry practitioners – registration type and sub type by age group

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| **Optometry practitioners** | **Registration type/ Sub type** |
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| **Age group** | General | Limited | Non-practising |  |
|   | Postgraduate training or supervised practice | Teaching or research |   | **Total** |
| U - 25 | 254 |  |  |  | 254 |
| 25 - 29 | 713 |  | 3 | 10 | 726 |
| 30 - 34 | 650 |  |  | 17 | 667 |
| 35 - 39 | 614 |  |  | 17 | 631 |
| 40 - 44 | 607 |  |  | 27 | 634 |
| 45 - 49 | 566 |  |  | 18 | 584 |
| 50 - 54 | 478 |  |  | 23 | 501 |
| 55 - 59 | 500 |  |  | 17 | 517 |
| 60 - 64 | 230 |  |  | 8 | 238 |
| 65 - 69 | 77 |  |  | 7 | 84 |
| 70 - 74 | 41 |  |  | 3 | 44 |
| 75 - 79 | 14 |  |  | 2 | 16 |
| 80+ | 5 |  |  | 1 | 6 |
| **Total** | 4,749 |  | 3 | 150 | 4,902 |

Optometry practitioners – by age group

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| This chart represents number of Optometry practitioners by age group |

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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** | 254 | 726 | 667 | 631 | 634 | 584 | 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 pf practice** |  |
| **Gender** | **Registration type** | **Registration sub type** | ACT | NSW | NT | QLD | SA | TAS | VIC | WA | No PPP | **Total** |
| Female | General |   | 37 | 860 | 14 | 471 | 110 | 27 | 643 | 167 | 57 | 2,386 |
| Limited | Postgraduate training or supervised practice |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Teaching or research |  | 3 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | 3 |
| Non-practising |   |  | 18 | 1 | 9 |  |  | 18 | 6 | 27 | 79 |
| Sub Total | 37 | 881 | 15 | 480 | 110 | 27 | 661 | 173 | 84 | 2,468 |
| Male | General |   | 35 | 745 | 14 | 503 | 142 | 56 | 587 | 220 | 61 | 2,363 |
| Limited | Postgraduate training or supervised practice |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Teaching or research |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Non-practising |   |  | 23 |  | 7 |  |  | 10 | 1 | 30 | 71 |
| Sub Total | 35 | 768 | 14 | 510 | 142 | 56 | 597 | 221 | 91 | 2,434 |
| **Total** | 72 | 1,649 | 29 | 990 | 252 | 83 | 1,258 | 394 | 175 | 4,902 |

Optometry practitioners – percentage by gender

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| **Optometry practitioner** | **Principal place of practice** |  |
| **Gender** | ACT | NSW | NT | QLD | SA | TAS | VIC | WA | No PPP | **Total** |
| Female | 51.39% | 53.43% | 51.72% | 48.48% | 43.65% | 32.53% | 52.54% | 43.91% | 48.00% | 50.35% |
| Male | 48.61% | 46.57% | 48.28% | 51.52% | 56.35% | 67.47% | 47.46% | 56.09% | 52.00% | 49.65% |