Optometry registrant data: March 2015

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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 |  | 73 | 1,616 | 29 | 968 | 256 | 80 | 1,221 | 392 | 113 | 4,748 |
| Limited | Postgraduate training or supervised practice |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Teaching or research |  | 4 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | 4 |
| Non-practising |  | 1 | 45 | 1 | 15 |  | 1 | 29 | 8 | 55 | 155 |
| **Total** | | 74 | 1,665 | 30 | 983 | 256 | 81 | 1,250 | 400 | 168 | 4,907 |

![This chart represents the percentage of Optometry practitioners by principal 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 | | 26 | | 446 | | 16 | | 394 | | 132 | | 53 | | 725 | | 166 | | 19 | | 1,977 | |
| % of general registrants who are endorsed | | 35.62% | | 27.60% | | 55.17% | | 40.70% | | 51.56% | | 66.25% | | 59.38% | | 42.35% | | 16.81% | | 40.29% | |

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 | 156 | |  |  |  | 156 | |
| 25 - 29 | 711 | |  | 2 | 13 | 726 | |
| 30 - 34 | 661 | |  | 2 | 20 | 683 | |
| 35 - 39 | 624 | |  |  | 16 | 640 | |
| 40 - 44 | 585 | |  |  | 25 | 610 | |
| 45 - 49 | 604 | |  |  | 20 | 624 | |
| 50 - 54 | 446 | |  |  | 20 | 466 | |
| 55 - 59 | 529 | |  |  | 16 | 545 | |
| 60 - 64 | 283 | |  |  | 9 | 292 | |
| 65 - 69 | 87 | |  |  | 8 | 95 | |
| 70 - 74 | 45 | |  |  | 5 | 50 | |
| 75 - 79 | 17 | |  |  | 2 | 19 | |
| 80+ |  | |  |  | 1 | 1 | |
| **Total** | 4,748 | |  | 4 | 155 | 4,907 | |

![This chart represents number of Optometry practitioners by age group.](data:application/xhtml+xml;base64,)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 | 156 | 726 | 683 | 640 | 610 | 624 | 466 | 545 | 292 | 95 | 50 | 19 | 1 |

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 |  | 39 | 875 | 15 | 471 | 111 | 24 | 637 | 171 | 56 | 2,399 |
| Limited | Postgraduate training or supervised practice |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Teaching or research |  | 4 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | 4 |
| Non-practising |  | 1 | 21 | 1 | 8 |  |  | 19 | 6 | 27 | 83 |
| Sub Total | | | 40 | 900 | 16 | 479 | 111 | 24 | 656 | 177 | 83 | 2,486 |
| Male | General |  | 34 | 741 | 14 | 497 | 145 | 56 | 584 | 221 | 57 | 2,349 |
| Limited | Postgraduate training or supervised practice |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Teaching or research |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Non-practising |  |  | 24 |  | 7 |  | 1 | 10 | 2 | 28 | 72 |
| Sub Total | | | 34 | 765 | 14 | 504 | 145 | 57 | 594 | 223 | 85 | 2,421 |
| **Total** | | | 74 | 1,665 | 30 | 983 | 256 | 81 | 1,250 | 400 | 168 | 4,907 |

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 | 54.05% | 54.05% | 53.33% | 48.73% | 43.36% | 29.63% | 52.48% | 44.25% | 49.40% | 50.66% |
| Male | 45.95% | 45.95% | 46.67% | 51.27% | 56.64% | 70.37% | 47.52% | 55.75% | 50.60% | 49.34% |