Optometry registrant data: June 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 |   | 71 | 1,617 | 28 | 968 | 259 | 80 | 1,222 | 395 | 118 | 4,758 |
| Limited | Postgraduate training or supervised practice |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Teaching or research |  | 2 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | 2 |
| Non-practising |   | 2 | 44 | 1 | 17 |   |   | 29 | 8 | 54 | 155 |
| **Total** | 73 | 1,663 | 29 | 985 | 259 | 80 | 1,251 | 403 | 172 | 4,915 |

![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 | 453 | 16 | 396 | 135 | 54 | 729 | 170 | 21 | 2,000 |
| % of general registrants who are endorsed | 36.62% | 28.01% | 57.14% | 40.91% | 52.12% | 67.50% | 59.66% | 43.04% | 17.80% | 40.69% |

Optometry practitioners – endorsement by age group

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| **Optometry practitioners** | **Practitioners who hold Scheduled Medicines endorsement** |
| **Age group** | General registration |
| U - 25 | 216 |
| 25 - 29 | 581 |
| 30 - 34 | 330 |
| 35 - 39 | 230 |
| 40 - 44 | 187 |
| 45 - 49 | 156 |
| 50 - 54 | 124 |
| 55 - 59 | 101 |
| 60 - 64 | 55 |
| 65 - 69 | 18 |
| 70 - 74 | 2 |
| 75 - 79 |  |
| 80+ |  |
| **Total** | 2,000 |

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 | 227 |   |   |   | 227 |
| 25 - 29 | 716 |   | 1 | 16 | 733 |
| 30 - 34 | 663 |   | 1 | 18 | 682 |
| 35 - 39 | 613 |   |   | 18 | 631 |
| 40 - 44 | 587 |   |   | 24 | 611 |
| 45 - 49 | 587 |   |   | 19 | 606 |
| 50 - 54 | 460 |   |   | 18 | 478 |
| 55 - 59 | 518 |   |   | 20 | 538 |
| 60 - 64 | 255 |   |   | 7 | 262 |
| 65 - 69 | 77 |   |   | 7 | 84 |
| 70 - 74 | 42 |   |   | 5 | 47 |
| 75 - 79 | 13 |   |   | 2 | 15 |
| 80+ |   |   |   | 1 | 1 |
| **Total** | 4,758 |  | 2 | 155 | 4,915 |

![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 | 227 | 733 | 682 | 631 | 611 | 606 | 478 | 538 | 262 | 84 | 47 | 15 | 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 |   | 38 | 876 | 14 | 471 | 111 | 24 | 640 | 173 | 59 | 2,406 |
| Limited | Postgraduate training or supervised practice |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Teaching or research |  | 2 |   |   |   |   |   |   |   | 2 |
| Non-practising |   | 1 | 21 | 1 | 8 |   |   | 19 | 6 | 27 | 83 |
| Sub Total | 39 | 899 | 15 | 479 | 111 | 24 | 659 | 179 | 86 | 2,491 |
| Male | General |   | 33 | 741 | 14 | 497 | 148 | 56 | 582 | 222 | 59 | 2,352 |
| Limited | Postgraduate training or supervised practice |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Teaching or research |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Non-practising |   | 1 | 23 |   | 9 |   |   | 10 | 2 | 27 | 72 |
| Sub Total | 34 | 764 | 14 | 506 | 148 | 56 | 592 | 224 | 86 | 2,424 |
| **Total** | 73 | 1,663 | 29 | 985 | 259 | 80 | 1,251 | 403 | 172 | 4,915 |

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 | 53.42% | 54.06% | 51.72% | 48.63% | 42.86% | 30.00% | 52.68% | 44.42% | 50.00% | 50.68% |
| Male | 46.58% | 45.94% | 48.28% | 51.37% | 57.14% | 70.00% | 47.32% | 55.58% | 50.00% | 49.32% |