Optometry registrant data: September 2015

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Introduction

The role of the Optometry Board of Australia (the Board) 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, 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 | 1,628 | 27 | 971 | 264 | 80 | 1,266 | 399 | 116 | 4,823 |
| Limited | Postgraduate training or supervised practice |  |  |  | 1 |  |  |  |  |  | 1 |
| Teaching or research |  | 1 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | 1 |
| Non-practising |  | 2 | 44 | 1 | 17 |  |  | 30 | 9 | 55 | 158 |
| **Total** | | 74 | 1,673 | 28 | 989 | 264 | 80 | 1,296 | 408 | 171 | 4,983 |

![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 | | 27 | | 481 | | 17 | | 405 | | 140 | | 54 | | 793 | | 176 | | 22 | | 2,115 | |
| % of general registrants who are endorsed | | 37.50% | | 29.55% | | 62.96% | | 41.71% | | 53.03% | | 67.50% | | 62.64% | | 44.11% | | 18.97% | | 100.00% | |

Optometry practitioners – endorsement by age group

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| **Optometry practitioners** | **Practitioners who hold Scheduled Medicines endorsement** | |
| **Age group** | General registration | % of general registrants |
| U - 25 | 236 | 96.72% |
| 25 - 29 | 600 | 83.22% |
| 30 - 34 | 356 | 52.51% |
| 35 - 39 | 243 | 39.84% |
| 40 - 44 | 203 | 34.47% |
| 45 - 49 | 166 | 27.85% |
| 50 - 54 | 125 | 27.41% |
| 55 - 59 | 106 | 20.31% |
| 60 - 64 | 57 | 21.43% |
| 65 - 69 | 21 | 24.42% |
| 70 - 74 | 2 | 5.13% |
| 75 - 79 |  |  |
| 80+ |  |  |
| **Total** | 2,115 | 43.85% |

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 | 244 | |  |  |  | 244 | |
| 25 - 29 | 721 | |  |  | 15 | 736 | |
| 30 - 34 | 678 | |  | 1 | 18 | 697 | |
| 35 - 39 | 610 | | 1 |  | 19 | 630 | |
| 40 - 44 | 589 | |  |  | 25 | 614 | |
| 45 - 49 | 596 | |  |  | 20 | 616 | |
| 50 - 54 | 456 | |  |  | 19 | 475 | |
| 55 - 59 | 522 | |  |  | 17 | 539 | |
| 60 - 64 | 266 | |  |  | 10 | 276 | |
| 65 - 69 | 86 | |  |  | 7 | 93 | |
| 70 - 74 | 39 | |  |  | 5 | 44 | |
| 75 - 79 | 16 | |  |  | 2 | 18 | |
| 80+ |  | |  |  | 1 | 1 | |
| **Total** | 4,823 | | 1 | 1 | 158 | 4,983 | |

![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+ |
| **Female** | 156 | 486 | 468 | 369 | 350 | 284 | 191 | 141 | 65 | 25 | 1 | 1 |  |
| **Male** | 88 | 250 | 229 | 261 | 264 | 332 | 284 | 398 | 211 | 68 | 43 | 17 | 1 |
| **Total** | 244 | 736 | 697 | 630 | 614 | 616 | 475 | 539 | 276 | 93 | 44 | 18 | 1 |

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 |  | 39 | 881 | 13 | 474 | 114 | 24 | 671 | 176 | 58 | 2,450 |
| Limited | Postgraduate training or supervised practice |  |  |  | 1 |  |  |  |  |  | 1 |
| Teaching or research |  | 1 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | 1 |
| Non-practising |  | 1 | 22 | 1 | 8 |  |  | 19 | 6 | 28 | 85 |
| Sub Total | | | 40 | 904 | 14 | 483 | 114 | 24 | 690 | 182 | 86 | 2,537 |
| Male | General |  | 33 | 747 | 14 | 497 | 150 | 56 | 595 | 223 | 58 | 2,373 |
| Limited | Postgraduate training or supervised practice |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Teaching or research |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Non-practising |  | 1 | 22 |  | 9 |  |  | 11 | 3 | 27 | 73 |
| Sub Total | | | 34 | 769 | 14 | 506 | 150 | 56 | 606 | 226 | 85 | 2,446 |
| **Total** | | | 74 | 1,673 | 28 | 989 | 264 | 80 | 1,296 | 408 | 171 | 4,983 |

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% | 54.03% | 50.00% | 48.84% | 43.18% | 30.00% | 53.24% | 44.61% | 50.29% | 50.91% |
| Male | 45.95% | 45.97% | 50.00% | 51.16% | 56.82% | 70.00% | 46.76% | 55.39% | 49.71% | 49.09% |