

Optometry Board of Australia

Registrant Data

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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>

Principal Place of Practice

1. Registration Type
	1. **Registration Type by Principal Place of Practice**

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| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **Registration Type** | **Registration Sub-type** | **ACT** | **NSW** | **NT** | **QLD** | **SA** | **TAS** | **VIC** | **WA** | **No PPP** | **Total** |
| General | 73 | 1,676 | 29 | 1,002 | 272 | 81 | 1,285 | 407 | 116 | **4,941** |
| Limited  | Postgraduate training or supervised practice |  |  |  | 1 |  |  |  |  |  | **1** |
| Teaching or research |  | 3 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | **3** |
| Non-practising | 2 | 43 | 1 | 17 | 1 | 1 | 35 | 10 | 59 | **169** |
| **Total**  | **75** | **1,722** | **30** | **1,020** | **273** | **82** | **1,320** | **417** | **175** | **5,114** |

* 1. **Registration Type by Principal Place of Practice Percentages**



1. Endorsements
	1. **Endorsements**

|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **Endorsement**  | **ACT** | **NSW** | **NT** | **QLD** | **SA** | **TAS** | **VIC** | **WA** | **No PPP** | **Total** |
| Scheduled Medicines | 31 | 548 | 19 | 444 | 149 | 55 | 821 | 188 | 26 | **2,281** |
| % of general registrants who are endorsed | 42% | 33% | 66% | 44% | 55% | 68% | 64% | 46% | 22% | **46%** |

* 1. **Endorsements by Age Group**

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| --- | --- | --- |
| **Age Group** | **Scheduled Medicines** | **% of General Registrants** |
|
| U - 25 | 291 | 99% |
| 25 - 29 | 648 | 85% |
| 30 - 34 | 375 | 55% |
| 35 - 39 | 256 | 41% |
| 40 - 44 | 216 | 36% |
| 45 - 49 | 175 | 29% |
| 50 - 54 | 118 | 27% |
| 55 - 59 | 118 | 23% |
| 60 - 64 | 60 | 21% |
| 65 - 69 | 22 | 26% |
| 70 - 74 | 2 | 5% |
| **Total** | **2,281** | **46%** |

Age Group

1. Registration Type and Sub type
	1. **Registrants by Age Group**

|  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **Age Group** | **General** | **Limited** | **Non-practising** | **Total** |
| **Postgraduate training or supervised practice** | **Teaching or research** |
| U - 25 | 293 |  |  |  | **293** |
| 25 - 29 | 759 |  | 2 | 15 | **776** |
| 30 - 34 | 676 |  | 1 | 19 | **696** |
| 35 - 39 | 626 | 1 |  | 18 | **645** |
| 40 - 44 | 592 |  |  | 25 | **617** |
| 45 - 49 | 605 |  |  | 21 | **626** |
| 50 - 54 | 442 |  |  | 24 | **466** |
| 55 - 59 | 523 |  |  | 19 | **542** |
| 60 - 64 | 281 |  |  | 11 | **292** |
| 65 - 69 | 84 |  |  | 9 | **93** |
| 70 - 74 | 43 |  |  | 5 | **48** |
| 75 - 79 | 17 |  |  | 2 | **19** |
| 80+ |  |  |  | 1 | **1** |
| **Total** | **4,941** | **1** | **3** | **169** | **5,114** |

* 1. **Registrants by Age Group**



Gender

1. Registration Type
	1. **Gender by state and territory by registration type**

|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
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| **Gender** | **Registration Type** | **Sub Type** | **ACT** | **NSW** | **NT** | **QLD** | **SA** | **TAS** | **VIC** | **WA** | **No PPP** | **Total** |
| Female | General | 41 | 910 | 14 | 502 | 120 | 24 | 686 | 180 | 58 | **2,535** |
| Limited | Postgraduate training or supervised practice |  |  |  | 1 |  |  |  |  |  | **1** |
| Teaching or Research |  | 3 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | **3** |
| Non-practising | 1 | 21 | 1 | 8 | 1 | 1 | 20 | 7 | 32 | **92** |
| **Total Female** | **42** | **934** | **15** | **511** | **121** | **25** | **706** | **187** | **90** | **2,631** |
| Male | General | 32 | 766 | 15 | 500 | 152 | 57 | 599 | 227 | 58 | **2,406** |
| Non-practising | 1 | 22 |  | 9 |  |  | 15 | 3 | 27 | **77** |
| **Total Male** | **33** | **788** | **15** | **509** | **152** | **57** | **614** | **230** | **85** | **2,483** |
| **Total** | **75** | **1,722** | **30** | **1,020** | **273** | **82** | **1,320** | **417** | **175** | **5,114** |

1. Percentage
	1. **Registrants by Gender Percentages**

|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **Gender** | **ACT** | **NSW** | **NT** | **QLD** | **SA** | **TAS** | **VIC** | **WA** | **No PPP** | **Total** |
| Female | 56% | 54% | 50% | 50% | 44% | 30% | 53% | 45% | 51% | **51%** |
| Male | 44% | 46% | 50% | 50% | 56% | 70% | 47% | 55% | 49% | **49%** |