

Medical Board of Australia

Registrant data

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Introduction

The role of the Medical Board of Australia (the Board) is to:

- register medical practitioners and medical students
- develop standards, codes and guidelines for the medical profession
- investigate notifications and complaints about medical practitioners
- where necessary, conduct panel hearings and refer serious matters to Tribunal hearings
- oversee the assessment of overseas trained practitioners who wish to practise in Australia, and
- approve accreditation standards and accredited courses of study.

The Board's functions are supported by the [Australian Health Practitioner Regulation Agency](#) (Ahpra). For information about legislation governing our operations see [About Ahpra](#) 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 quarterly.

Pandemic response sub-register

Ahpra and the National Boards are supporting the COVID-19 response by helping provide access to a potential surge workforce when the healthcare system is experiencing changing demands due to outbreaks of COVID-19 variants.

Temporary Pandemic response sub-registers were first established in April 2020 to help fast track the return to the workforce of experienced and qualified health practitioners.

Medical practitioners on the temporary Pandemic response sub-register are registered to 21 September 2023. For more information see the [COVID-19 page](#) on Ahpra's website.

For more information on medical registration, please see the Board's website: <http://www.medicalboard.gov.au/Registration.aspx>

Medical practitioners by state and territory

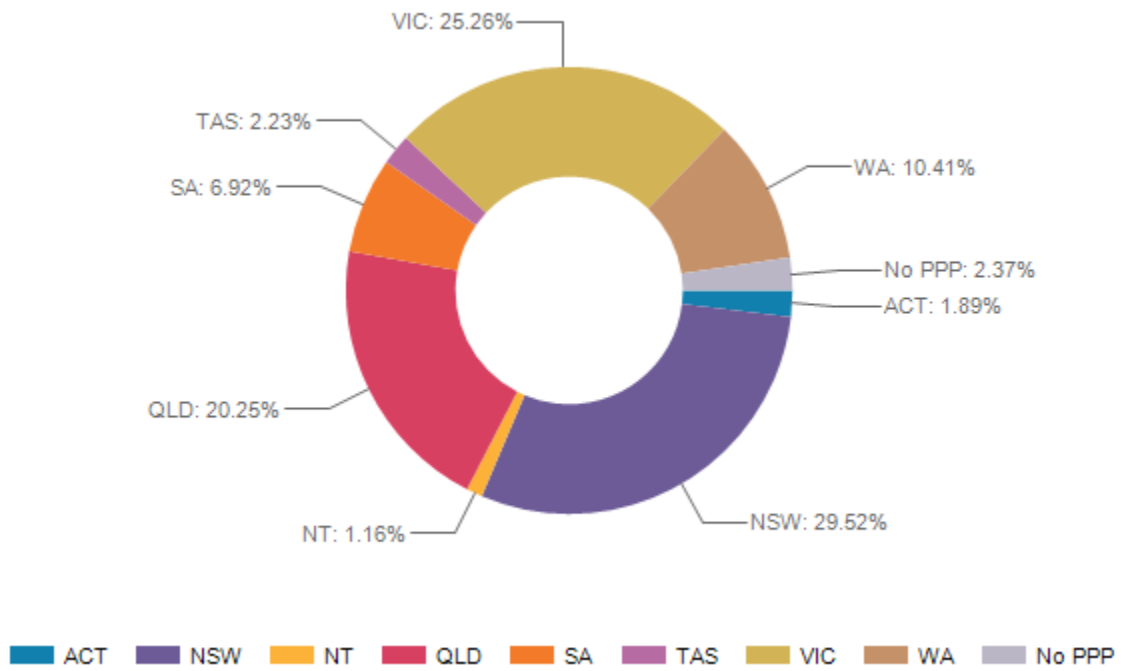
Registration type

Table 1.1 Medical practitioners - registration type by state or territory

Registration types	Registration subtypes	Pathway	ACT	NSW	NT	QLD	SA	TAS	VIC	WA	No PPP	Total
General			788	12,441	618	8,763	2,775	835	10,360	4,455	745	41,780
General (Teaching and Assessing)				8		9	3	2	4	3		29
General and Specialist			1,290	21,749	644	13,535	4,988	1,508	17,900	6,233	721	68,568
Specialist			227	2,394	129	2,775	687	290	2,569	1,720	503	11,294
Provisional		Australian and/or New Zealand medical graduate	86	1,148	51	895	337	107	963	438	19	4,044
		IMGs – Competent Authority Pathway	32	280	19	399	72	15	545	529	47	1,938
		IMGs – Standard Pathway	12	81	14	93	21	5	135	37	5	403
Limited	Area of need		1	39	11	48	8	2	108	29	3	249
	Postgraduate training or supervised practice		57	912	56	485	280	178	963	383	45	3,359
	Public interest			1								1
	Teaching or research		1	9		3		1	5	4	3	26
Non-practising												
			75	1,089	30	545	246	86	815	325	1,132	4,343
Total			2,569	40,151	1,572	27,550	9,417	3,029	34,367	14,156	3,223	136,034*

* Total figure includes 196 medical practitioners on the Pandemic response sub-register. For more information go to the [COVID-19](#) page on the Ahpra website.

Table 1.2 Medical practitioners - percentage by state or territory



Specialist registration

Table 2.1 Medical practitioners - by area of specialist practice

Speciality name	Field of speciality practice	ACT	NSW	NT	QLD	SA	TAS	VIC	WA	No PPP	Total
Addiction medicine		4	86	4	33	17	4	30	15	3	196
Anaesthesia		100	1,715	46	1,259	404	145	1,432	639	138	5,878
Dermatology		5	230	1	121	51	6	174	58	6	652
Emergency medicine	Paediatric emergency medicine	2	10		17	4	1	8	2		44
	No sub-specialty	63	844	66	760	180	86	771	351	77	3,198
Subtotal - Emergency medicine		65	854	66	777	184	87	779	353	77	3,242
General practice		682	10,325	378	7,529	2,491	870	8,532	3,644	250	34,701
Intensive care medicine	Paediatric intensive care medicine		8		11	1	2	9	2		33
	No sub-specialty	29	324	13	246	76	20	278	104	36	1,126
Subtotal - Intensive care medicine		29	332	13	257	77	22	287	106	36	1,159
Medical administration		10	108	2	86	12	11	81	30	11	351
Obstetrics and gynaecology	Gynaecological oncology		17		14	3	2	11	6		53
	Maternal-fetal medicine	1	14	1	13	3		9	4	2	47
	Obstetrics and gynaecological ultrasound		11		4	2		35	3	1	56
	Reproductive endocrinology and infertility		23		4	6	1	13	2		49
	Urogynaecology		12		9	1		10	5		37
	No sub-specialty	40	573	20	407	143	47	535	201	42	2,008
Subtotal - Obstetrics and gynaecology		41	650	21	451	158	50	613	221	45	2,250
Occupational and environmental medicine		12	89	3	41	28	7	57	49	8	294
Ophthalmology		15	396	9	192	74	25	268	85	18	1,082

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Speciality name	Field of speciality practice	ACT	NSW	NT	QLD	SA	TAS	VIC	WA	No PPP	Total
Paediatrics and child health	Clinical genetics		23		7	5		17	4		56
	Community child health	2	51		23	4	3	26	10	2	121
	General paediatrics	35	783	34	449	149	48	594	251	37	2,380
	Neonatal and perinatal medicine	8	71	3	52	23	4	85	47	7	300
	Paediatric cardiology	1	18	1	14	2		16	8	4	64
	Paediatric clinical pharmacology		1		1			1		1	4
	Paediatric emergency medicine	1	24	2	33	12	1	23	16	4	116
	Paediatric endocrinology	2	23	1	15	4	1	8	7		61
	Paediatric gastroenterology and hepatology	1	10		6	4		16	7	2	46
	Paediatric haematology		7		7	1		8	5		28
	Paediatric immunology and allergy	1	18		9	10		14	6		58
	Paediatric infectious diseases		9	3	7	4		13	10	2	48
	Paediatric intensive care medicine		4		1			1		1	7
	Paediatric medical oncology	1	19		15	7		16	13	6	77
	Paediatric nephrology		9	1	3	3		6	2	1	25
	Paediatric neurology		22		12	3	1	17	5	2	62
	Paediatric nuclear medicine		1								1
	Paediatric palliative medicine		1		2			2	1	1	7
	Paediatric rehabilitation medicine		5		4	1		2	2		14
	Paediatric respiratory and sleep medicine	1	25		15	6		9	8		64
Paediatric rheumatology		4		6	3		6	3		22	
No sub-specialty	2	47	5	19	13	4	62	16	10	178	
Subtotal - Paediatrics and child health		55	1,175	50	700	254	62	942	421	80	3,739

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Speciality name	Field of speciality practice	ACT	NSW	NT	QLD	SA	TAS	VIC	WA	No PPP	Total
Pain medicine		6	126	1	76	33	13	94	45	3	397
Palliative medicine		6	164	5	81	33	13	111	46	6	465
Pathology	Anatomical pathology (including cytopathology)	21	346	2	197	63	26	206	107	12	980
	Chemical pathology	4	29	1	18	7	1	22	16	5	103
	Forensic pathology		17	1	17	5	3	16	8	2	69
	General pathology	1	33		19	2	4	12	3	1	75
	Haematology	13	211	4	109	45	17	180	61	16	656
	Immunology	5	54		13	8	1	23	21	2	127
	Microbiology	7	101	2	55	16	7	49	39	1	277
	No sub-specialty	3	19		11	4	1	10	8	4	60
Subtotal - Pathology		54	810	10	439	150	60	518	263	43	2,347
Physician	Cardiology	25	553	9	328	128	29	435	111	52	1,670
	Clinical genetics		37		11	9	1	23	3	2	86
	Clinical pharmacology		17		13	18		12	5	2	67
	Endocrinology	15	299	8	157	50	19	275	66	12	901
	Gastroenterology and hepatology	24	337	3	228	79	19	321	95	19	1,125
	General medicine	27	408	34	509	239	48	612	217	35	2,129
	Geriatric medicine	20	358	3	156	88	19	366	128	10	1,148
	Haematology	14	221	5	135	52	22	229	56	22	756
	Immunology and allergy	7	81	1	22	13	4	38	30	6	202
	Infectious diseases	14	150	20	99	36	13	229	53	12	626
	Medical oncology	15	290	6	133	62	20	312	69	23	930
	Nephrology	15	225	17	120	31	11	220	53	15	707
	Neurology	14	289	3	113	52	16	270	61	16	834
	Nuclear medicine	7	107	1	30	26	4	64	27	2	268
	Respiratory and sleep medicine	16	293	6	179	71	18	233	92	12	920
	Rheumatology	12	147	3	77	42	11	140	37	7	476
No sub-specialty	5	79	3	21	3	8	45	42	9	215	
Subtotal - Physician		230	3,891	122	2,331	999	262	3,824	1,145	256	13,060

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Speciality name	Field of speciality practice	ACT	NSW	NT	QLD	SA	TAS	VIC	WA	No PPP	Total
Psychiatry		78	1,281	35	942	331	81	1,255	432	70	4,505
Public health medicine		33	147	18	68	26	12	82	46	10	442
Radiation Oncology		14	164	2	101	21	10	112	27	12	463
Radiology	Diagnostic radiology	54	808	5	529	204	50	702	305	143	2,800
	Diagnostic ultrasound				1			3			4
	Nuclear medicine	6	54		58	13	3	66	13	1	214
	No sub-specialty	1	1								2
Subtotal - Radiology		61	863	5	588	217	53	771	318	144	3,020
Rehabilitation medicine		8	260	3	99	53	13	160	19	7	622
Sexual health medicine		4	64	1	18	8	3	23	10	1	132
Sport and exercise medicine		13	54	2	20	5	1	51	16		162
Surgery	Cardio-thoracic surgery	4	58		44	10	4	68	16	8	212
	General surgery	33	731	21	411	168	35	607	179	34	2,219
	Neurosurgery	7	94	1	60	19	8	80	20	6	295
	Oral and maxillofacial surgery	6	46	2	50	17	2	45	14	5	187
	Orthopaedic surgery	29	487	7	363	128	29	360	144	17	1,564
	Otolaryngology - head and neck surgery	8	173	3	114	47	6	133	52	8	544
	Paediatric surgery	4	36		18	7	3	26	10	2	106
	Plastic surgery	4	144	3	84	49	14	166	55	1	520
	Urology	9	152	1	107	35	12	144	45	5	510
	Vascular surgery	5	85	1	51	23	6	67	22	1	261
No sub-specialty	1	16	1				8	2	1	29	
Subtotal - Surgery		110	2,022	40	1,302	503	119	1,704	559	88	6,447
Total		1,635	25,806	837	17,511	6,129	1,929	21,900	8,547	1,312	85,606

Endorsements by type

Table 2.2 Medical practitioners - endorsements by state or territory

Endorsement	ACT	NSW	NT	QLD	SA	TAS	VIC	WA	No PPP	Total
Acupuncture	8	195	3	120	36	15	241	40	1	659

Medical practitioners by age group

Age by registration type

Table 3.1 Medical practitioners - registration type by age group

Age	General	General (TA)	General and Specialist	Specialist	Provisional	Limited	Non-practising	Total
< 25	578				1,266		1	1,845
25 - 29	12,132		252		3,506	201	105	16,196
30 - 34	13,189		4,432	97	836	887	389	19,830
35 - 39	6,757	2	9,953	709	428	1,153	334	19,336
40 - 44	3,105	1	10,915	1,646	205	783	278	16,933
45 - 49	1,738		9,871	2,416	73	347	242	14,687
50 - 54	1,140	3	8,206	2,323	44	162	260	12,138
55 - 59	987	3	7,184	1,885	15	60	293	10,427
60 - 64	853	4	6,781	1,224	8	31	427	9,328
65 - 69	589	6	5,270	628	3	10	582	7,088
70 - 74	366	8	3,142	254	1	1	542	4,314
75 - 79	190	1	1,748	96			456	2,491
80+	156	1	814	16			434	1,421
Total	41,780	29	68,568	11,294	6,385	3,635	4,343	136,034

Table 3.2 Medical practitioners - by age group

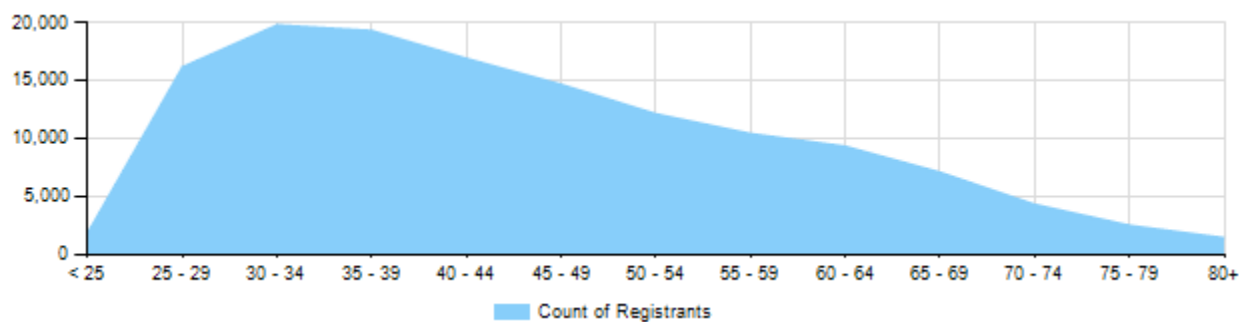


Table 3.3 Medical practitioners - limited registration by age group

Age group	Limited			Total
	Area of need	Postgraduate training or supervised practice	Public interest	
< 25				0
25 - 29		201		201
30 - 34	12	870		887
35 - 39	51	1,099		1,153
40 - 44	65	715		783
45 - 49	54	288		347
50 - 54	35	123		162
55 - 59	17	40		60
60 - 64	9	20	1	31
65 - 69	5	3		10
70 - 74	1			1
75 - 79				0
80+				0
Total	249	3,359	1	3,635

Medical practitioners by gender

Gender by registration type

Table 4.1 Medical practitioners - gender by state and territory by registration type

Gender	Registration types	Registration subtypes	ACT	NSW	NT	QLD	SA	TAS	VIC	WA	No PPP	Total
Female	General		418	6,284	373	4,305	1,437	402	5,396	2,408	325	21,348
	General TA			6		3	2		1	2		14
	General and Specialist		618	9,338	335	5,757	2,136	704	7,799	2,729	285	29,701
	Specialist		84	891	40	975	242	108	940	638	175	4,093
	Provisional		70	839	48	723	244	68	929	547	35	3,503
	Limited	Area of need	1	18	6	22		2	53	13	1	116
		Postgraduate training or supervised practice	25	512	26	221	132	91	509	204	21	1,741
		Public interest										0
		Teaching or research		6		2			1	3	2	14
	Non-practising		34	457	11	223	93	39	308	137	510	1,812
Total Female			1,250	18,351	839	12,231	4,286	1,414	15,936	6,681	1,354	62,342
Male	General		370	6,156	245	4,458	1,338	431	4,962	2,046	420	20,426
	General TA			2		6	1	2	3	1		15
	General and Specialist		672	12,410	309	7,778	2,852	804	10,099	3,503	436	38,863
	Specialist		143	1,503	89	1,800	445	182	1,629	1,082	328	7,201
	Provisional		60	669	36	664	186	59	712	457	36	2,879
	Limited	Area of need		21	5	26	8		55	16	2	133
		Postgraduate training or supervised practice	32	400	30	264	148	87	454	179	24	1,618
		Public interest		1								1
		Teaching or research	1	3		1		1	4	1	1	12
	Non-practising		41	632	19	322	153	47	507	188	622	2,531
Total Male			1,319	21,797	733	15,319	5,131	1,613	18,425	7,473	1,869	73,679

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Gender	Registration types	Registration subtypes	ACT	NSW	NT	QLD	SA	TAS	VIC	WA	No PPP	Total
Not stated or Intersex or Indeterminate	General			1				2	2	1		6
	General and Specialist			1					2	1		4
	Provisional			1					2			3
Total			2,569	40,151	1,572	27,550	9,417	3,029	34,367	14,156	3,223	136,034

Gender percentages

Table 4.2 Medical practitioners - percentage by gender

Gender	ACT	NSW	NT	QLD	SA	TAS	VIC	WA	No PPP	Total
Female	48.7%	45.7%	53.4%	44.4%	45.5%	46.7%	46.4%	47.2%	42.0%	45.8%
Male	51.3%	54.3%	46.6%	55.6%	54.5%	53.3%	53.6%	52.8%	58.0%	54.2%
Not stated or Intersex or Indeterminate		<0.1%				<0.1%	<0.1%	<0.1%		<0.1%

Specialist registration by gender

Table 4.3 Medical practitioners - by area of specialist practice by gender

Speciality	Female	Male	Not stated or Intersex or Indeterminate
Addiction medicine	28.6%	71.4%	
Anaesthesia	34.0%	66.0%	
Dermatology	53.1%	46.9%	
Emergency medicine	38.9%	61.1%	
General practice	48.8%	51.2%	<0.1%
Intensive care medicine	24.1%	75.9%	
Medical administration	36.2%	63.8%	
Obstetrics and gynaecology	55.4%	44.6%	
Occupational and environmental medicine	23.1%	76.9%	
Ophthalmology	24.9%	75.1%	
Paediatrics and child health	58.0%	42.0%	
Pain medicine	29.5%	70.5%	
Palliative medicine	62.2%	37.8%	
Pathology	48.8%	51.2%	
Physician	36.4%	63.6%	
Psychiatry	42.9%	57.0%	<0.1%
Public health medicine	49.5%	50.5%	
Radiation Oncology	43.8%	56.2%	
Radiology	29.3%	70.7%	
Rehabilitation medicine	51.1%	48.9%	
Sexual health medicine	57.6%	42.4%	
Sport and exercise medicine	24.7%	75.3%	
Surgery	14.9%	85.1%	
Total	41.7%	58.3%	<0.1%