

# Dental Board of Australia Registrant data

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## Introduction

The functions of the Dental Board of Australia (the Board) include:

- registering dentists, students, dental specialists, dental therapists, dental hygienists, oral health therapists and dental prosthetists
- developing standards, codes and guidelines for the dental 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](#) (AHPRA). For information about legislation governing our operations see AHPRA's Legislation & Publications at [www.ahpra.gov.au/Publications](http://www.ahpra.gov.au/Publications)

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.

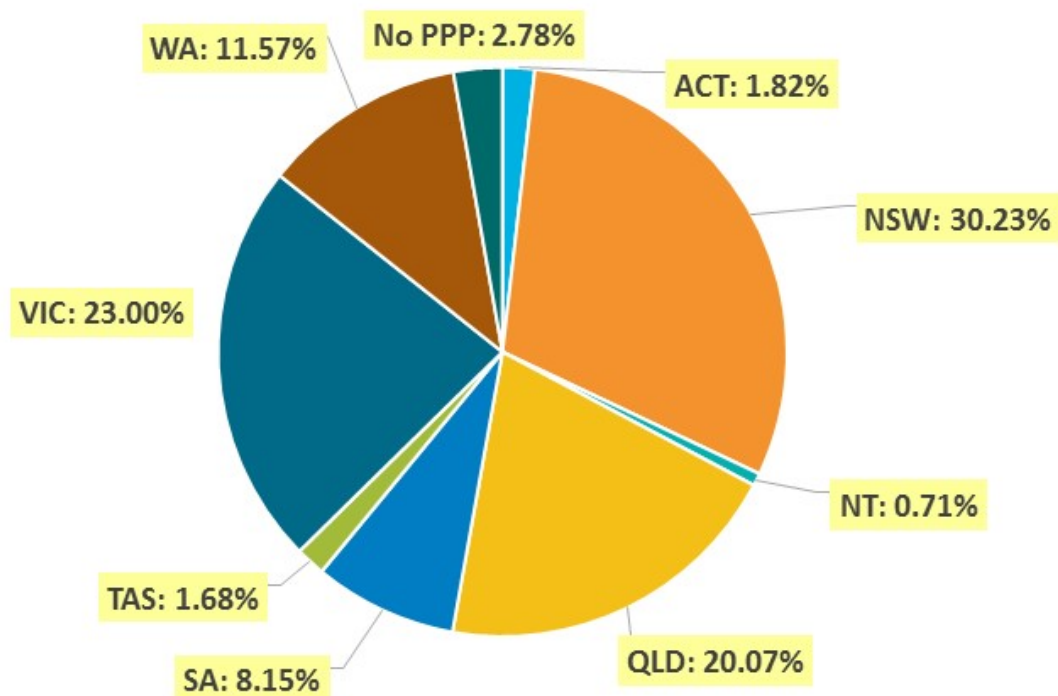
For more information on dental registration, please see the Board's website: [www.dentalboard.gov.au/Registration.aspx](http://www.dentalboard.gov.au/Registration.aspx)

## Registration type

**Table 1.1 Dental practitioners – registration type by state or territory**

Registration type	Registration subtype	ACT	NSW	NT	QLD	SA	TAS	VIC	WA	No PPP	Total
General		367	6,259	155	4,189	1,663	357	4,696	2,396	418	<b>20,500</b>
General and non-practising			1		1						<b>2</b>
General and Specialist		40	483	4	321	146	26	414	184	46	<b>1,664</b>
Limited	Postgraduate training or supervised practice		4		1	4		4	3		<b>16</b>
	Public interest										
	Teaching or research		12		18	9		4	1		<b>44</b>
Non-practising		9	159	4	63	41	3	140	61	163	<b>643</b>
Specialist		1	7		4	4		11	5	9	<b>41</b>
<b>Total</b>		<b>417</b>	<b>6,925</b>	<b>163</b>	<b>4,597</b>	<b>1,867</b>	<b>386</b>	<b>5,269</b>	<b>2,650</b>	<b>636</b>	<b>22,910</b>

**Table 1.2 Dental practitioners – percentage by principal place of practice**



## Registration divisions

**Table 1.3 Dental practitioners – division(s) by state or territory**

Divisions	ACT	NSW	NT	QLD	SA	TAS	VIC	WA	No PPP	Total
Dental Hygienist	44	436	11	146	274	18	225	272	32	<b>1,458</b>
Dental Hygienist and Dental Prosthetist		2		1						<b>3</b>
Dental Hygienist and Dental Prosthetist and Dental Therapist		1					1			<b>2</b>
Dental Hygienist and Dental Therapist	8	65	6	140	62	2	131	57	5	<b>476</b>
Dental Hygienist and Dental Therapist and Dentist				2						<b>2</b>
Dental Hygienist and Dental Therapist and Oral Health Therapist		2		2						<b>4</b>
Dental Hygienist and Dentist		3		1			1			<b>5</b>
Dental Hygienist and Oral Health Therapist		3		1	1			5		<b>10</b>
Dental Prosthetist	15	411	5	275	73	50	358	90	4	<b>1,281</b>
Dental Prosthetist and Dental Therapist							1			<b>1</b>
Dental Prosthetist and Dentist							3			<b>3</b>
Dental Prosthetist and Oral Health Therapist			1							<b>1</b>
Dental Therapist	18	199	17	174	80	48	147	278	6	<b>967</b>
Dental Therapist and Dentist							1			<b>1</b>
Dental Therapist and Oral Health Therapist								6		<b>6</b>
Dentist	310	5,402	108	3,456	1,197	252	4,018	1,808	580	<b>17,131</b>
Dentist and Oral Health Therapist		1	1	3		1	1			<b>7</b>
Oral Health Therapist	22	400	14	396	180	15	382	134	9	<b>1,552</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>417</b>	<b>6,925</b>	<b>163</b>	<b>4,597</b>	<b>1,867</b>	<b>386</b>	<b>5,269</b>	<b>2,650</b>	<b>636</b>	<b>22,910</b>

## Registration type and divisions

Table 1.4 Dental practitioners – registration type and division by state or territory

Registration type	Divisions	ACT	NSW	NT	QLD	SA	TAS	VIC	WA	No PPP	Total
General	Dental Hygienist	43	426	10	143	268	18	221	261	23	1,413
	Dental Hygienist and Dental Prosthetist		2		1						3
	Dental Hygienist and Dental Prosthetist and Dental Therapist		1					1			2
	Dental Hygienist and Dental Therapist	8	61	5	139	62	2	128	56	5	466
	Dental Hygienist and Dental Therapist and Dentist				2						2
	Dental Hygienist and Dental Therapist and Oral Health Therapist		2		2						4
	Dental Hygienist and Dentist		3					1			4
	Dental Hygienist and Oral Health Therapist		2		1	1			5		9
	Dental Prosthetist	13	397	5	272	72	49	346	87	2	1,243
	Dental Prosthetist and Dental Therapist							1			1
	Dental Prosthetist and Dentist							3			3
	Dental Prosthetist and Oral Health Therapist			1							1
	Dental Therapist	18	187	17	170	79	47	137	267	4	926
	Dental Therapist and Dentist							1			1
	Dental Therapist and Oral Health Therapist								6		6
	Dentist	264	4,782	102	3,064	1,005	225	3,480	1,581	378	14,881
	Dentist and Oral Health Therapist		1	1	3			1	1		7
	Oral Health Therapist	21	395	14	392	176	15	376	133	6	1,528
	<b>Subtotal - General</b>		<b>367</b>	<b>6,259</b>	<b>155</b>	<b>4,189</b>	<b>1,663</b>	<b>357</b>	<b>4,696</b>	<b>2,396</b>	<b>418</b>

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Registration Type	Divisions	ACT	NSW	NT	QLD	SA	TAS	VIC	WA	No PPP	Total
General and Limited	Dental Hygienist and Dentist										
General and Non-practising	Dental Hygienist and Dentist				1						1
	Dental Hygienist and Oral Health Therapist		1								1
<b>Subtotal – General and non-practising</b>			<b>1</b>		<b>1</b>						<b>2</b>
General and Specialist	Dentist	40	483	4	321	146	26	414	184	46	<b>1,664</b>
Limited	Dental Hygienist		1								1
	Dentist		15		19	13		7	4		<b>58</b>
	Oral Health Therapist							1			1
<b>Subtotal - Limited</b>			<b>16</b>		<b>19</b>	<b>13</b>		<b>8</b>	<b>4</b>		<b>60</b>
Non-practising	Dental Hygienist	1	9	1	3	6		4	11	9	<b>44</b>
	Dental Hygienist and Dental Therapist		4	1	1			3	1		<b>10</b>
	Dental Prosthetist	2	14		3	1	1	12	3	2	<b>38</b>
	Dental Therapist		12		4	1	1	10	11	2	<b>41</b>
	Dentist	5	115	2	48	29	1	106	34	147	<b>487</b>
	Oral Health Therapist	1	5		4	4		5	1	3	<b>23</b>
<b>Subtotal – Non-practising</b>		<b>9</b>	<b>160</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>64</b>	<b>41</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>140</b>	<b>61</b>	<b>163</b>	<b>645</b>
Specialist	Dentist	1	7		4	4		11	5	9	<b>41</b>
<b>Total</b>		<b>417</b>	<b>6,925</b>	<b>163</b>	<b>4,597</b>	<b>1,867</b>	<b>386</b>	<b>5,269</b>	<b>2,650</b>	<b>636</b>	<b>22,910</b>

## Dental specialties

**Table 2.1 Dental practitioners – dental speciality by state or territory**

Specialty	ACT	NSW	NT	QLD	SA	TAS	VIC	WA	No PPP	Total
Dento-maxillofacial radiology				7			1	3		11
Endodontics	8	49	1	31	15	3	42	14	7	170
Forensic odontology	2	5	1	2	2	2	5	6		25
Oral and maxillofacial surgery	3	56	1	44	17	5	55	23	10	214
Oral medicine		9		5			11	8	2	35
Oral pathology		8		4	3		3	4	1	23
Oral surgery		37		4			7	2	1	51
Orthodontics	13	184	2	127	54	11	141	63	17	612
Paediatric dentistry	2	38		23	15	1	38	17	3	137
Periodontics	8	59		41	16	4	59	32	7	226
Prosthodontics	5	67		42	24		54	20	6	218
Public health dentistry (Community dentistry)		3		1	2		8	1	1	16
Special needs dentistry		2		4	2		8		1	17
<b>Total</b>	<b>41</b>	<b>517</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>335</b>	<b>150</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>432</b>	<b>193</b>	<b>56</b>	<b>1,755</b>

## Endorsements

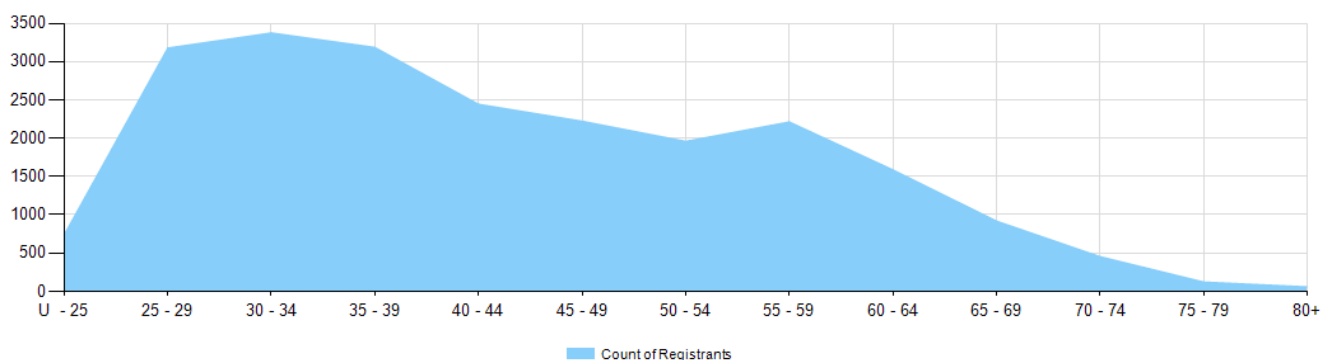
**Table 2.2 Dental practitioners – endorsements by state or territory**

Endorsement	ACT	NSW	NT	QLD	SA	TAS	VIC	WA	No PPP	Total
Area of Practice – conscious sedation	4	49	1	21	2	2	7	10		96



## Age group

**Table 2.3 Dental practitioners – by age group**



**Table 2.4 Dental practitioners – registration type by age group**

Age group	General	General and Specialist	Specialist	Limited			General and non-practising	Non-practising	Total
				Postgraduate training or supervised practice	Public interest	Teaching or research			
U - 25	815							1	816
25 - 29	3,227	12	1	5			1	48	3,294
30 - 34	3,235	98	5	7		5	1	93	3,444
35 - 39	2,840	282	13	3		11		63	3,212
40 - 44	2,196	217	10	1		9		51	2,484
45 - 49	1,986	205	5			6		46	2,248
50 - 54	1,706	195	4			6		60	1,971
55 - 59	1,875	218				3		71	2,167
60 - 64	1,384	199				3		76	1,662
65 - 69	759	127	2			1		57	946
70 - 74	358	74						43	475
75 - 79	88	23	1					17	129
80+	31	14						17	62
<b>Total</b>	<b>20,500</b>	<b>1,664</b>	<b>41</b>	<b>16</b>		<b>44</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>643</b>	<b>22,910</b>

## Gender

**Table 2.5 Dental practitioners – registration type by gender**

Gender	Registration type	ACT	NSW	NT	QLD	SA	TAS	VIC	WA	No PPP	Total
Female	General	232	3,035	85	2,151	982	172	2,496	1,425	194	<b>10,772</b>
	General and Specialist	7	119	1	74	39	7	132	53	12	<b>444</b>
	Specialist	1	3			1		7	2	1	<b>15</b>
	Limited		8		7	7		2	2		<b>26</b>
	Non-practising	5	78	2	32	20	2	69	37	74	<b>319</b>
	General and Non-practising		1		1						
<b>Total female</b>		<b>245</b>	<b>3,244</b>	<b>88</b>	<b>2,265</b>	<b>1049</b>	<b>181</b>	<b>2,706</b>	<b>1,519</b>	<b>281</b>	<b>11,578</b>
Male	General	135	3,224	70	2,038	681	185	2,200	971	224	<b>9,728</b>
	General and Specialist	33	364	3	247	107	19	282	131	34	<b>1,220</b>
	Specialist		4		4	3		4	3	8	<b>26</b>
	Limited		8		12	6		6	2		<b>34</b>
	Non-practising	4	81	2	31	21	1	71	24	89	<b>324</b>
<b>Total male</b>		<b>172</b>	<b>3681</b>	<b>75</b>	<b>2332</b>	<b>818</b>	<b>205</b>	<b>2563</b>	<b>1131</b>	<b>355</b>	<b>11,332</b>
<b>Total</b>		<b>417</b>	<b>6925</b>	<b>163</b>	<b>4597</b>	<b>1867</b>	<b>386</b>	<b>5269</b>	<b>2650</b>	<b>636</b>	<b>22,910</b>

**Table 2.6 Dental practitioners – percentage by gender**

Gender	ACT	NSW	NT	QLD	SA	TAS	VIC	WA	No PPP	Total
Female	58.8%	46.8%	54.0%	49.3%	56.2%	46.9%	51.4%	57.3%	44.2%	<b>50.5%</b>
Male	41.2%	53.2%	46.0%	50.7%	43.8%	53.1%	48.6%	42.7%	55.8%	<b>49.5%</b>