

Pharmacy Registrant Data: December 2013

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# Introduction

The functions of the Pharmacy Board of Australia include:

* registering pharmacists and students
* developing standards, codes and guidelines for the pharmacy  profession
* handling notifications, complaints, investigations and disciplinary hearings
* overseeing the assessment of overseas trained practitioners who wish to practise in Australia
* approving accreditation standards and accredited courses of study.

The Board’s functions are supported by [Australian Health Practitioner Regulation Agency](http://www.ahpra.gov.au/About-AHPRA/What-We-Do.aspx)(AHPRA). For information about legislation governing our operations see [AHPRA's Legislation & Publications](http://www.ahpra.gov.au/Legislation-and-Publications.aspx) at <http://www.ahpra.gov.au/Legislation-and-Publications.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 pharmacy registration, please see the Board’s website:

[www.pharmacyboard.gov.au/Registration.aspx](http://www.pharmacyboard.gov.au/Registration.aspx)

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| **Pharmacy Practitioners by Registration Type & Sub Type** |
| **Pharmacy Practitioner** | **ACT** | **NSW** | **NT** | **QLD** | **SA** | **TAS** | **VIC** | **WA** | **No PPP** | **Total** |
| **General** | 418 | 7,685 | 180 | 4,826 | 1,810 | 622 | 6,210 | 2,767 | 349 | **24,867** |
| **Provisional** | 36 | 493 | 17 | 429 | 151 | 49 | 397 | 190 | 1 | **1,763** |
| **Limited (Total of Sub Types)** | 1 | 4 | - | - | 2 | 1 | 1 | 3 | 1 | **13** |
| Postgraduate Training or Supervised Practice | 1 | 4 | - | - | 2 | 1 | 1 | 3 | 1 | **13** |
| Area of Need | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | **-** |
| Public Interest | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | **-** |
| Teaching or Research | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | **-** |
| **Non-Practising** | 10 | 246 | 4 | 87 | 44 | 7 | 276 | 56 | 187 | **917** |
| **Total Practitioners** | **465** | **8,428** | **201** | **5,342** | **2,007** | **679** | **6,884** | **3,016** | **538** | **27,560** |

Table 1: Pharmacy Practitioners by Registration Type & Sub Type

Chart 1: Pharmacy Practitioners by Principal Place of Practice

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| **Pharmacy Practitioner –** **Registration Type by Age** |
| **Pharmacy Practitioner** | **Type** | **Total** | **% by Age Group** |
| **Age Group** | **General** | **Provisional** | **Limited** | **Non-Practising** |
| **Postgraduate Training or Supervised Practice** | **Area of Need** | **Public Interest** | **Teaching or Research** |
| U-25 | 612 | 892 | - | - | - | - | 2 | 1,506 | 5.46% |
| 25-29 | 5,417 | 578 | 6 | - | - | - | 42 | 6,043 | 21.93% |
| 30-34 | 4,989 | 154 | 1 | - | - | - | 123 | 5,267 | 19.11% |
| 35-39 | 3,293 | 78 | 2 | - | - | - | 119 | 3,492 | 12.67% |
| 40-44 | 2,361 | 33 | 2 | - | - | - | 101 | 2,497 | 9.06% |
| 45-49 | 1,920 | 19 | 1 | - | - | - | 92 | 2,032 | 7.37% |
| 50-54 | 1,776 | 6 | 1 | - | - | - | 110 | 1,893 | 6.87% |
| 55-59 | 1,692 | 3 | - | - | - | - | 68 | 1,763 | 6.40% |
| 60-64 | 1,131 | - | - | - | - | - | 62 | 1,193 | 4.33% |
| 65-69 | 849 | - | - | - | - | - | 54 | 903 | 3.28% |
| 70-74 | 483 | - | - | - | - | - | 48 | 531 | 1.93% |
| 75-79 | 272 | - | - | - | - | - | 54 | 326 | 1.18% |
| 80+ | 72 | - | - | - | - | - | 42 | 114 | 0.41% |
| **Total** | **24,867** | **1,763** | **13** | **-** | **-** | **-** | **917** | **27,560** | **100.00%** |

Table 2: Pharmacy Practitioner – Registration Type by Age

Chart 2: Pharmacy Practitioners by Age

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| **Pharmacy Practitioner –** **Registration Type by Gender** |
| **Pharmacy Practitioner** | **ACT** | **NSW** | **NT** | **QLD** | **SA** | **TAS** | **VIC** | **WA** | **No PPP** | **Total** |
| **Female** | **306** | **5,021** | **126** | **3,221** | **1,206** | **380** | **4,103** | **1,849** | **342** | **16,554** |
| General | 280 | 4,540 | 110 | 2,884 | 1,080 | 345 | 3,679 | 1,695 | 214 | **14,827** |
| Provisional | 17 | 321 | 14 | 282 | 98 | 30 | 267 | 117 | - | **1,146** |
| Limited (Total of Sub Types) | 1 | 3 | - | - | 2 | 1 | - | 2 | 1 | **10** |
| *Postgraduate Training or Supervised Practice* | *1* | *3* | *0* | *0* | *2* | *1* | - | *2* | *1* | ***10*** |
| *Area of Need* | *-* | *-* | *-* | *-* | *-* | *-* | *-* | *-* | *-* | ***-*** |
| *Public Interest* | *-* | *-* | *-* | *-* | *-* | *-* | *-* | *-* | *-* | ***-*** |
| *Teaching or Research* | *-* | *-* | *-* | *-* | *-* | *-* | *-* | *-* | *-* | ***-*** |
| Non-Practising | 8 | 157 | 2 | 55 | 26 | 4 | 157 | 35 | 127 | **571** |
| **Male** | **159** | **3,407** | **75** | **2,121** | **801** | **299** | **2,781** | **1,167** | **196** | **11,006** |
| General | 138 | 3,145 | 70 | 1,942 | 730 | 277 | 2,531 | 1,072 | 135 | **10,040** |
| Provisional | 19 | 172 | 3 | 147 | 53 | 19 | 130 | 73 | 1 | **617** |
| Limited (Total of Sub Types) | - | 1 | - | - | - | - | 1 | 1 | - | **3** |
| *Postgraduate Training or Supervised Practice* | - | *1* | - | - | - | - | *1* | *1* | - | ***3*** |
| *Area of Need* | *-* | *-* | *-* | *-* | *-* | *-* | *-* | *-* | *-* | ***-*** |
| *Public Interest* | *-* | *-* | *-* | *-* | *-* | *-* | *-* | *-* | *-* | ***-*** |
| *Teaching or Research* | *-* | *-* | *-* | *-* | *-* | *-* | *-* | *-* | *-* | ***-*** |
| Non-Practising | 2 | 89 | 2 | 32 | 18 | 3 | 119 | 21 | 60 | **346** |
| **Total Practitioners** | **465** | **8,428** | **201** | **5,342** | **2,007** | **679** | **6,884** | **3,016** | **538** | **27,560** |

Table 3: Pharmacy Practitioner – Registration Type by Gender

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| **Pharmacy Practitioner –** **Percent by Gender** |
| **Pharmacy Practitioner** | **ACT** | **NSW** | **NT** | **QLD** | **SA** | **TAS** | **VIC** | **WA** | **No PPP** | **Total** |
| **Female** | 65.81% | 59.58% | 62.69% | 60.30% | 60.09% | 55.96% | 59.60% | 61.31% | 63.57% | **60.07%** |
| **Male** | 34.19% | 40.42% | 37.31% | 39.70% | 39.91% | 44.04% | 40.40% | 38.69% | 36.43% | **39.93%** |

Table 4: Pharmacy Practitioner – Percent by Gender