

Pharmacy Registrant Data: June 2014

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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.

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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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| **Pharmacists – registration type and sub type by state or territory** |
| **Registration Type/ Sub Type** | **ACT** | **NSW** | **NT** | **QLD** | **SA** | **TAS** | **VIC** | **WA** | **No PPP** | **Total** |
| **General** | 424 | 7,868 | 188 | 5,010 | 1,855 | 624 | 6,334 | 2,802 | 350 | **25,455** |
| **Provisional** | 34 | 638 | 19 | 427 | 133 | 48 | 366 | 181 | - | **1,846** |
| **Limited (Total of Sub Types)** | 1 | 5 | 1 | 2 | - | - | 4 | 3 | 1 | **17** |
| Postgraduate Training or Supervised Practice | 1 | 5 | 1 | 2 | - | - | 4 | 3 | 1 | 17 |
| Area of Need | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| Public Interest | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| Teaching or Research | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| **Non-Practising** | 10 | 258 | 4 | 97 | 45 | 7 | 281 | 60 | 202 | 964 |
| **Total Pharmacists** | **469** | **8,769** | **212** | **5,536** | **2,033** | **679** | **6,985** | **3,046** | **553** | **28,282** |

*Table 1: Pharmacists – registration type and sub type by state or territory*

### **Pharmacists – percentage by principal place of practice**

*Chart 1: Pharmacists – percentage by principal place of practice*

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| **Pharmacists – registration type and sub type by age group** |
| **Pharmacists** | **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 | 902 | 1,008 | 1 | - | - | - | 2 | **1,913** | 6.76% |
| 25-29 | 5,647 | 548 | 5 | - | - | - | 52 | **6,252** | 22.11% |
| 30-34 | 5,048 | 153 | 5 | - | - | - | 129 | **5,335** | 18.86% |
| 35-39 | 3,309 | 74 | 3 | - | - | - | 131 | **3,517** | 12.44% |
| 40-44 | 2,366 | 34 | 1 | - | - | - | 104 | **2,505** | 8.86% |
| 45-49 | 1,923 | 18 | 1 | - | - | - | 95 | **2,037** | 7.20% |
| 50-54 | 1,781 | 4 | - | - | - | - | 113 | **1,898** | 6.71% |
| 55-59 | 1,693 | 6 | 1 | - | - | - | 68 | **1,768** | 6.25% |
| 60-64 | 1,131 | 1 | - | - | - | - | 64 | **1,196** | 4.23% |
| 65-69 | 841 | - | - | - | - | - | 57 | **898** | 3.18% |
| 70-74 | 478 | - | - | - | - | - | 50 | **528** | 1.87% |
| 75-79 | 270 | - | - | - | - | - | 54 | **324** | 1.15% |
| 80+ | 66 | - | - | - | - | - | 45 | **111** | 0.39% |
| **Total** | **25,455** | **1,846** | **17** | **-** | **-** | **-** | **964** | **28,282** | **100.00%** |

*Table 2: Pharmacists – registration type and sub type by age group*

*Chart 2: Pharmacists – by age group*

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| **Pharmacists – registration type and sub type by gender** |
| **Pharmacists** | **ACT** | **NSW** | **NT** | **QLD** | **SA** | **TAS** | **VIC** | **WA** | **No PPP** | **Total** |
| **Female** | **312** | **5,240** | **132** | **3,350** | **1,216** | **376** | **4,169** | **1,872** | **348** | **17,015** |
| General | 285 | 4,668 | 116 | 3,007 | 1,111 | 347 | 3,761 | 1,715 | 211 | 15,221 |
| Provisional | 18 | 400 | 14 | 280 | 80 | 25 | 245 | 116 | - | 1,178 |
| Limited (Total of Sub Types) | 1 | 5 | - | 1 | - | - | 3 | 2 | - | 12 |
| *Postgraduate Training or Supervised Practice* | *1* | *5* | *-* | *1* | *-* | *-* | *3* | *2* | *-* | *12* |
| *Area of Need* | *-* | *-* | *-* | *-* | *-* | *-* | *-* | *-* | *-* | *-* |
| *Public Interest* | *-* | *-* | *-* | *-* | *-* | *-* | *-* | *-* | *-* | *-* |
| *Teaching or Research* | *-* | *-* | *-* | *-* | *-* | *-* | *-* | *-* | *-* | *-* |
| Non-Practising | 8 | 167 | 2 | 62 | 25 | 4 | 160 | 39 | 137 | 604 |
| **Male** | **157** | **3,529** | **80** | **2,186** | **817** | **303** | **2,816** | **1,174** | **205** | **11,267** |
| General | 139 | 3,200 | 72 | 2,003 | 744 | 277 | 2,573 | 1,087 | 139 | 10,234 |
| Provisional | 16 | 238 | 5 | 147 | 53 | 23 | 121 | 65 | - | 668 |
| Limited (Total of Sub Types) | - | - | 1 | 1 | - | - | 1 | 1 | 1 | 5 |
| *Postgraduate Training or Supervised Practice* | *-* | *-* | *1* | *1* | *-* | *-* | *1* | *1* | *1* | *5* |
| *Area of Need* | *-* | *-* | *-* | *-* | *-* | *-* | *-* | *-* | *-* | *-* |
| *Public Interest* | *-* | *-* | *-* | *-* | *-* | *-* | *-* | *-* | *-* | *-* |
| *Teaching or Research* | *-* | *-* | *-* | *-* | *-* | *-* | *-* | *-* | *-* | *-* |
| Non-Practising | 2 | 91 | 2 | 35 | 20 | 3 | 121 | 21 | 65 | 360 |
| **Total Pharmacists** | **469** | **8,769** | **212** | **5,536** | **2,033** | **679** | **6,985** | **3,046** | **553** | **28,282** |

*Table 3: Pharmacists – registration type and sub type by gender*

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| **Pharmacists – gender percentages** |
| **Pharmacists** | **ACT** | **NSW** | **NT** | **QLD** | **SA** | **TAS** | **VIC** | **WA** | **No PPP** | **Total** |
| **Female** | 66.52% | 59.76% | 62.26% | 60.51% | 59.81% | 55.38% | 59.69% | 61.46% | 62.93% | **60.16%** |
| **Male** | 33.48% | 40.24% | 37.74% | 39.49% | 40.19% | 44.62% | 40.31% | 38.54% | 37.07% | **39.84%** |

*Table 4: Pharmacists – gender percentages*