

Medical Practitioner Registrant Data: December 2013

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# Introduction

The role of the Medical Board of Australia is to:

* register medical practitioners and medical students
* develop standards, codes and guidelines for the medical profession
* investigate notifications and complaints
* 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
* approve 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 publishes these statistics regularly.

For more information on medical registration, please see the Board’s website:

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

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| Medical practitioners – registration type by state and territory |
| **Medical Practitioner** | **ACT** | **NSW** | **NT** | **QLD** | **SA** | **TAS** | **VIC** | **WA** | **No PPP** | **Total** |
| **General** | 602 | 9,607 | 402 | 5,897 | 2,079 | 564 | 6,986 | 2,753 | 644 | **29,534** |
| **General (Teaching & Assessing)** | - | 8 | - | 7 | 5 | - | 7 | 3 | - | **30** |
| **General & Specialist\*** | 876 | 15,635 | 361 | 8,514 | 3,840 | 1,060 | 12,201 | 4,084 | 526 | **47,097** |
| **Specialist\*** | 137 | 1,648 | 105 | 1,877 | 489 | 198 | 1,468 | 1,076 | 336 | **7,334** |
| **Provisional** | 136 | 1,885 | 88 | 1,427 | 552 | 143 | 1,593 | 642 | 14 | **6,480** |
| **Limited** | 119 | 1,437 | 91 | 762 | 429 | 119 | 1,082 | 768 | 5 | **4,812** |
| Postgraduate Training or Supervised Practice | 93 | 1,281 | 10 | 375 | 331 | 59 | 715 | 167 | 4 | **3,035** |
| Area of Need | 24 | 147 | 80 | 380 | 94 | 60 | 362 | 596 | 1 | **1,744** |
| Public Interest | 1 | - | 1 | 2 | 1 | - | 2 | - | - | **7** |
| Teaching or Research | 1 | 9 | - | 5 | 3 | - | 3 | 5 | - | **26** |
| **Limited (Public Interest - Occasional Practice)** | - | 20 | - | 127 | - | 1 | - | 248 | 6 | **402** |
| **Non-Practising** | 35 | 674 | 4 | 229 | 126 | 51 | 493 | 183 | 710 | **2,505** |
| **Total Practitioners** | **1,905** | **30,914** | **1,051** | **18,840** | **7,520** | **2,136** | **23,830** | **9,757** | **2,241** | **98,194** |
| \* Total practitioners with specialist registration 54,431 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |

Table : Medical practitioners – registration type by state and territory

Chart : Medical practitioners – percentage by principal place of practice

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| Medical practitioners – by area of specialist practice |
| **Specialty and field of specialty practice** | **ACT** | **NSW** | **NT** | **QLD** | **SA** | **TAS** | **VIC** | **WA** | **No PPP** | **Total** |
| **Addiction medicine** | 2 | 64 | 2 | 26 | 15 | 9 | 30 | 13 | 4 | **165** |
| **Anaesthesia** | 70 | 1,303 | 38 | 868 | 351 | 109 | 1,048 | 457 | 106 | **4,350** |
| **Dermatology** | 5 | 178 | 1 | 75 | 37 | 6 | 119 | 39 | 7 | **467** |
| **Emergency medicine** | 30 | 361 | 26 | 329 | 97 | 39 | 378 | 173 | 47 | **1,480** |
| **General practice** | 405 | 7,349 | 221 | 4,721 | 1,867 | 613 | 5,584 | 2,318 | 175 | **23,253** |
| **Intensive care medicine** | 22 | 229 | 10 | 164 | 65 | 17 | 175 | 66 | 24 | **772** |
| Paediatric intensive care medicine | - | - | - | - | - | - | 1 | - | - | **1** |
| No sub-speciality declared | 22 | 229 | 10 | 164 | 65 | 17 | 174 | 66 | 24 | **771** |
| **Medical administration** | 15 | 97 | 6 | 79 | 16 | 4 | 64 | 31 | 7 | **319** |
| **Obstetrics and gynaecology** | 30 | 521 | 14 | 339 | 131 | 37 | 478 | 152 | 46 | **1,748** |
| Gynaecological oncology | - | 15 | - | 9 | 4 | 1 | 11 | 2 | - | **42** |
| Maternal-fetal medicine | - | 13 | 1 | 7 | 3 | - | 9 | 5 | 1 | **39** |
| Obstetrics and gynaecological ultrasound | - | 13 | - | 5 | 4 | - | 53 | 3 | 2 | **80** |
| Reproductive endocrinology and infertility | - | 27 | - | 4 | 6 | 1 | 13 | 2 | - | **53** |
| Urogynaecology | 1 | 10 | - | 6 | 1 | - | 8 | 4 | - | **30** |
| No sub-speciality declared | 29 | 443 | 13 | 308 | 113 | 35 | 384 | 136 | 43 | **1,504** |
| **Occupational and environmental medicine** | 16 | 91 | 1 | 41 | 28 | 6 | 65 | 41 | 7 | **296** |
| **Ophthalmology** | 12 | 347 | 5 | 155 | 68 | 20 | 221 | 71 | 12 | **911** |
| **Paediatrics and child health** | 36 | 732 | 22 | 393 | 161 | 35 | 551 | 231 | 54 | **2,215** |
| Clinical genetics | - | 12 | - | 1 | - | - | 4 | 1 | - | **18** |
| Community child health | - | 13 | - | 8 | 2 | - | 5 | - | 1 | **29** |
| General paediatrics | 28 | 562 | 18 | 318 | 126 | 30 | 427 | 168 | 31 | **1,708** |
| Neonatal and perinatal medicine | 6 | 38 | - | 20 | 7 | 2 | 35 | 18 | 3 | **129** |
| Paediatric cardiology | - | 5 | - | 5 | - | - | 5 | 4 | 2 | **22** |
| Paediatric clinical pharmacology | - | 1 | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | **1** |
| Paediatric emergency medicine | - | 8 | - | 6 | 4 | - | 7 | 7 | 1 | **33** |
| Paediatric endocrinology | 1 | 8 | - | 4 | 1 | - | 2 | 2 | - | **18** |
| Paediatric gastroenterology and hepatology | - | 4 | - | 1 | 1 | - | 5 | 2 | 2 | **15** |
| Paediatric haematology | - | 3 | - | 1 | - | - | 1 | 1 | - | **6** |
| Paediatric immunology and allergy | - | 3 | - | 2 | 3 | - | 3 | - | - | **11** |
| Paediatric infectious diseases | - | 3 | - | 3 | - | - | 6 | - | - | **12** |
| Paediatric intensive care medicine | - | 3 | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | **3** |
| Paediatric medical oncology | - | 6 | - | 2 | 1 | - | 4 | 2 | 1 | **16** |
| Paediatric nephrology | - | 4 | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | **4** |
| Paediatric neurology | - | 14 | - | 3 | 1 | 1 | 5 | 1 | 1 | **26** |
| Paediatric rehabilitation medicine | - | 4 | - | - | 1 | - | - | - | - | **5** |
| Paediatric respiratory and sleep medicine | - | 9 | - | 5 | - | - | 3 | 3 | - | **20** |
| Paediatric rheumatology | - | 3 | - | 2 | 1 | - | 3 | 1 | - | **10** |
| No sub-speciality declared | 1 | 29 | 3 | 12 | 13 | 2 | 36 | 21 | 12 | **129** |
| **Pain medicine** | 2 | 81 | - | 49 | 29 | 8 | 41 | 27 | 4 | **241** |
| **Palliative medicine** | 6 | 93 | 2 | 42 | 22 | 12 | 57 | 28 | 5 | **267** |
| **Pathology** | 53 | 759 | 8 | 396 | 190 | 51 | 513 | 231 | 24 | **2,225** |
| Anatomical pathology (including cytopathology) | 16 | 262 | 2 | 162 | 62 | 16 | 188 | 86 | 7 | **801** |
| Chemical pathology | 2 | 21 | - | 14 | 8 | 2 | 20 | 15 | 4 | **86** |
| Forensic pathology | - | 8 | 1 | 13 | 4 | 2 | 10 | 5 | - | **43** |
| General pathology | 11 | 182 | 2 | 79 | 55 | 13 | 120 | 36 | 4 | **502** |
| Haematology | 10 | 153 | 2 | 74 | 36 | 12 | 117 | 33 | 4 | **441** |
| Immunology | 6 | 46 | - | 11 | 10 | 1 | 19 | 15 | - | **108** |
| Microbiology | 5 | 74 | 1 | 37 | 15 | 5 | 37 | 32 | 1 | **207** |
| No sub-speciality declared | 3 | 13 | - | 6 | - | - | 2 | 9 | 4 | **37** |
| Medical practitioners – by area of specialist practice |
| **Specialty and field of specialty practice** | **ACT** | **NSW** | **NT** | **QLD** | **SA** | **TAS** | **VIC** | **WA** | **No PPP** | **Total** |
| **Physician** | 173 | 2,714 | 68 | 1,458 | 792 | 162 | 2,528 | 716 | 155 | **8,766** |
| Cardiology | 16 | 366 | 6 | 229 | 103 | 19 | 300 | 79 | 36 | **1,154** |
| Clinical genetics | - | 33 | - | 7 | 9 | - | 16 | 5 | - | **70** |
| Clinical pharmacology | - | 13 | - | 11 | 8 | - | 11 | 5 | 2 | **50** |
| Endocrinology | 10 | 189 | 7 | 101 | 31 | 11 | 168 | 41 | 1 | **559** |
| Gastroenterology and hepatology | 22 | 237 | 2 | 130 | 59 | 12 | 211 | 58 | 9 | **740** |
| General medicine | 33 | 393 | 11 | 321 | 241 | 34 | 533 | 116 | 34 | **1,716** |
| Geriatric medicine | 9 | 180 | 2 | 71 | 48 | 7 | 161 | 55 | 6 | **539** |
| Haematology | 8 | 159 | 2 | 81 | 37 | 9 | 131 | 29 | 10 | **466** |
| Immunology and allergy | 7 | 53 | 1 | 14 | 12 | 1 | 28 | 20 | 2 | **138** |
| Infectious diseases | 7 | 83 | 12 | 49 | 25 | 8 | 134 | 27 | 8 | **353** |
| Medical oncology | 9 | 146 | 3 | 83 | 39 | 8 | 188 | 35 | 2 | **513** |
| Nephrology | 9 | 148 | 11 | 72 | 26 | 11 | 138 | 34 | 11 | **460** |
| Neurology | 11 | 180 | 1 | 65 | 32 | 7 | 163 | 40 | 7 | **506** |
| Nuclear medicine | 7 | 100 | 0 | 31 | 26 | 6 | 57 | 20 | 1 | **248** |
| Respiratory and sleep medicine | 10 | 186 | 4 | 117 | 50 | 13 | 149 | 55 | 8 | **592** |
| Rheumatology | 8 | 110 | 1 | 46 | 35 | 7 | 93 | 28 | 6 | **334** |
| No sub-speciality declared | 7 | 138 | 5 | 30 | 11 | 9 | 47 | 69 | 12 | **328** |
| **Psychiatry** | 52 | 1,001 | 16 | 600 | 278 | 56 | 925 | 267 | 55 | **3,250** |
| **Public health medicine** | 29 | 131 | 25 | 79 | 29 | 11 | 78 | 42 | 7 | **431** |
| **Radiation Oncology** | 13 | 110 | 2 | 67 | 22 | 8 | 101 | 20 | 4 | **347** |
| **Radiology** | 51 | 629 | 3 | 396 | 162 | 46 | 531 | 225 | 98 | **2,141** |
| Diagnostic radiology | 40 | 559 | 3 | 340 | 146 | 41 | 441 | 196 | 82 | **1,848** |
| Diagnostic ultrasound | - | 1 | 0 | - | - | - | 3 | - | - | **4** |
| Nuclear medicine | 4 | 36 | 0 | 49 | 11 | 4 | 58 | 7 | 3 | **172** |
| No sub-speciality declared | 7 | 33 | 0 | 7 | 5 | 1 | 29 | 22 | 13 | **117** |
| **Rehabilitation medicine** | 6 | 209 | 3 | 52 | 33 | 5 | 115 | 14 | 3 | **440** |
| **Sexual health medicine** | 5 | 52 | 1 | 18 | 6 | 1 | 24 | 5 | - | **112** |
| **Sport and exercise medicine** | 11 | 40 | 1 | 11 | 4 | 2 | 35 | 9 | - | **113** |
| **Surgery** | 92 | 1,724 | 35 | 985 | 433 | 102 | 1,381 | 442 | 81 | **5,275** |
| Cardio-thoracic surgery | 6 | 56 | - | 40 | 10 | 3 | 62 | 13 | 4 | **194** |
| General surgery | 23 | 622 | 17 | 335 | 155 | 36 | 511 | 131 | 33 | **1,863** |
| Neurosurgery | 7 | 72 | - | 39 | 15 | 4 | 61 | 19 | 1 | **218** |
| Oral and maxillofacial surgery | 4 | 22 | 3 | 26 | 8 | - | 24 | 9 | 1 | **97** |
| Orthopaedic surgery | 25 | 408 | 7 | 267 | 115 | 22 | 293 | 122 | 22 | **1,281** |
| Otolaryngology - head and neck surgery | 8 | 154 | 3 | 86 | 38 | 9 | 112 | 42 | 7 | **459** |
| Paediatric surgery | 4 | 32 | - | 12 | 9 | 2 | 26 | 8 | 2 | **95** |
| Plastic surgery | 6 | 123 | 2 | 64 | 39 | 10 | 126 | 43 | 3 | **416** |
| Urology | 6 | 121 | 1 | 74 | 29 | 10 | 100 | 36 | 2 | **379** |
| Vascular surgery | 3 | 69 | 1 | 42 | 15 | 6 | 52 | 15 | 2 | **205** |
| No sub-speciality declared |  -practice | 45 | 1 | - | - | - | 14 | 4 | 4 | **68** |
| **Total** | **1,136** | **18,815** | **510** | **11,343** | **4,836** | **1,359** | **15,042** | **5,618** | **925** | **59,584** |

Table : Medical practitioners – by area of specialist practice

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| Medical practitioners – endorsement type by state and territory |
| **Endorsement** | **ACT** | **NSW** | **NT** | **QLD** | **SA** | **TAS** | **VIC** | **WA** | **No PPP** | **Total** |
| **Acupuncture** | - | 66 | 1 | 45 | 15 | 10 | 230 | 24 | - | **391** |

Table : Medical practitioners – endorsement type by state and territory

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| Medical practitioners – age by registration type |
| **Age group** | **Registration type** | **Total** | **% by Age Group** |
| **Age group** | **General** | **General (Teaching & Assessing)** | **General & Specialist** | **Specialist** | **Provisional** | **Limited** | **Limited (Public Interest - Occasional Practice)** | **Non-Practising** |
| U-25 | 3 | - | - | - | 807 | 2 | - | - | 812 | 0.83% |
| 25-29 | 5,270 | - | 4 | 3 | 4,124 | 835 | - | 33 | 10,269 | 10.46% |
| 30-34 | 9,743 | - | 839 | 202 | 979 | 957 | - | 135 | 12,855 | 13.09% |
| 35-39 | 5,753 | 1 | 4,878 | 849 | 310 | 1,268 | - | 237 | 13,296 | 13.54% |
| 40-44 | 2,855 | 2 | 6,512 | 1,576 | 138 | 881 | 5 | 244 | 12,213 | 12.44% |
| 45-49 | 1,701 | 2 | 6,495 | 1,701 | 68 | 422 | 3 | 206 | 10,598 | 10.79% |
| 50-54 | 1,339 | 1 | 7,126 | 1,321 | 41 | 220 | 7 | 238 | 10,293 | 10.48% |
| 55-59 | 1,013 | 3 | 6,912 | 865 | 10 | 126 | 9 | 214 | 9,152 | 9.32% |
| 60-64 | 644 | 1 | 5,650 | 461 | 3 | 66 | 7 | 196 | 7,028 | 7.16% |
| 65-69 | 414 | 5 | 4,415 | 231 | - | 28 | 43 | 218 | 5,354 | 5.45% |
| 70-74 | 326 | 4 | 2,495 | 88 | - | 5 | 102 | 250 | 3,270 | 3.33% |
| 75-79 | 223 | 5 | 1,105 | 26 | - | 2 | 96 | 218 | 1,675 | 1.71% |
| 80+ | 250 | 6 | 666 | 11 | - | - | 130 | 316 | 1,379 | 1.40% |
| **Total** | **29,534** | **30** | **47,097** | **7,334** | **6,480** | **4,812** | **402** | **2,505** | **98,194** | 100.00% |

Table : Medical practitioners – age by registration type

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| Medical practitioners – age by type of limited registration |
| **Age group** | **Type of limited registration** | **Total** | **% by Age Group** |
| **Age group** | **Postgraduate Training or Supervised Practice** | **Area of Need** | **Public Interest** | **Teaching or Research** |
| U-25 | 1 | 1 | - | - | 2 | 0.04% |
| 25-29 | 586 | 249 | - | - | 835 | 17.35% |
| 30-34 | 636 | 314 | - | 7 | 957 | 19.89% |
| 35-39 | 903 | 356 | - | 9 | 1268 | 26.35% |
| 40-44 | 558 | 318 | 1 | 4 | 881 | 18.31% |
| 45-49 | 206 | 212 | 1 | 3 | 422 | 8.77% |
| 50-54 | 84 | 134 | 2 | - | 220 | 4.57% |
| 55-59 | 40 | 83 | 1 | 2 | 126 | 2.62% |
| 60-64 | 14 | 49 | 2 | 1 | 66 | 1.37% |
| 65-69 | 7 | 21 | - | - | 28 | 0.58% |
| 70-74 | 0 | 5 | - | - | 5 | 0.10% |
| 75-79 | 0 | 2 | - | - | 2 | 0.04% |
| 80+ | 0 | - | - | - | 0 | 0.00% |
| **Total** | **3,035** | **1,744** | **7** | **26** | 4812 | 100.00% |

Table : Medical practitioners – age by type of limited registration

Chart : Medical practitioners by age

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| Medical practitioners – gender by state and territory by registration type |
| **Gender and registration type** | **ACT** | **NSW** | **NT** | **QLD** | **SA** | **TAS** | **VIC** | **WA** | **No PPP** | **Total** |
| **Female** | **854** | **12,326** | **524** | **7,377** | **2,925** | **866** | **9,774** | **3,945** | **767** | **39,358** |
| General | 323 | 4,749 | 227 | 2,828 | 1,044 | 293 | 3,614 | 1,444 | 249 | **14,771** |
| General (Teaching & Assessing) | - | 4 | - | 1 | 1 | - | 3 | 2 | - | **11** |
| General & Specialist | 335 | 5,160 | 163 | 2,804 | 1,235 | 375 | 4,195 | 1,334 | 145 | **15,746** |
| Specialist | 48 | 551 | 34 | 603 | 147 | 61 | 479 | 351 | 90 | **2,364** |
| Provisional | 83 | 1,012 | 63 | 711 | 296 | 74 | 864 | 364 | 3 | **3,470** |
| Limited | 55 | 593 | 35 | 320 | 160 | 43 | 434 | 330 | 3 | **1,973** |
| *Postgraduate Training or Supervised Practice* | *45* | *545* | *5* | *160* | *125* | *28* | *311* | *58* | *2* | ***1,279*** |
| *Area of Need* | *9* | *46* | *30* | *159* | *32* | *15* | *120* | *270* | *1* | ***682*** |
| *Public Interest* | - | - | - | - | - | - | *1* | - | - | ***1*** |
| *Teaching or Research* | *1* | *2* | - | *1* | *3* | - | *2* | *2* | - | ***11*** |
| Limited (Public Interest - Occasional Practice) | - | 2 | - | 14 | - | - | - | 42 | - | **58** |
| Non-Practising | 10 | 255 | 2 | 96 | 42 | 20 | 185 | 78 | 277 | **965** |
| **Male** | **1,051** | **18,588** | **527** | **11,463** | **4,595** | **1,270** | **14,056** | **5,812** | **1,474** | **58,836** |
| General | 279 | 4,858 | 175 | 3,069 | 1,035 | 271 | 3,372 | 1,309 | 395 | **14,763** |
| General (Teaching & Assessing) | - | 4 | - | 6 | 4 | - | 4 | 1 | - | **19** |
| General & Specialist | 541 | 10,475 | 198 | 5,710 | 2,605 | 685 | 8,006 | 2,750 | 381 | **31,351** |
| Specialist | 89 | 1,097 | 71 | 1,274 | 342 | 137 | 989 | 725 | 246 | **4,970** |
| Provisional | 53 | 873 | 25 | 716 | 256 | 69 | 729 | 278 | 11 | **3,010** |
| Limited | 64 | 844 | 56 | 442 | 269 | 76 | 648 | 438 | 2 | **2,839** |
| *Postgraduate Training or Supervised Practice* | *48* | *736* | *5* | *215* | *206* | *31* | *404* | *109* | *2* | ***1,756*** |
| *Area of Need* | *15* | *101* | *50* | *221* | *62* | *45* | *242* | *326* | - | ***1,062*** |
| *Public Interest* | *1* | - | *1* | *2* | *1* | - | *1* | - | - | ***6*** |
| *Teaching or Research* | - | *7* | - | *4* | - | - | *1* | *3* | - | ***15*** |
| Limited (Public Interest - Occasional Practice) | - | 18 | - | 113 | - | 1 | - | 206 | 6 | **344** |
| Non-Practising | 25 | 419 | 2 | 133 | 84 | 31 | 308 | 105 | 433 | **1,540** |
| **Total Practitioners** | **1,905** | **30,914** | **1,051** | **18,840** | **7,520** | **2,136** | **23,830** | **9,757** | **2,241** | **98,194** |

Table : Medical practitioners – gender by state and territory by registration type

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| Medical practitioners – percentage by gender |
| **Gender** | **ACT** | **NSW** | **NT** | **QLD** | **SA** | **TAS** | **VIC** | **WA** | **No PPP** | **Total** |
| **Female** | 44.83% | 39.87% | 49.86% | 39.16% | 38.90% | 40.54% | 41.02% | 40.43% | 34.23% | **40.08%** |
| **Male** | 55.17% | 60.13% | 50.14% | 60.84% | 61.10% | 59.46% | 58.98% | 59.57% | 65.77% | **59.92%** |

Table : Medical practitioners – percentage by gender