



Psychology Board of Australia approved supervisors – March 2014

Number of approved supervisors by state or territory		
Principal Place of Practice ¹	Number of supervisors	% of general registrants ²
ACT	197	28.84%
NSW	3,010	34.54%
NT	65	33.51%
QLD	1,463	32.91%
SA	444	34.34%
TAS	161	37.70%
VIC	2,016	29.24%
WA	1,092	40.82%
No PPP ³	28	9.06%
Total	8,476	33.07%

Table 1: Number of approved supervisors by state or territory

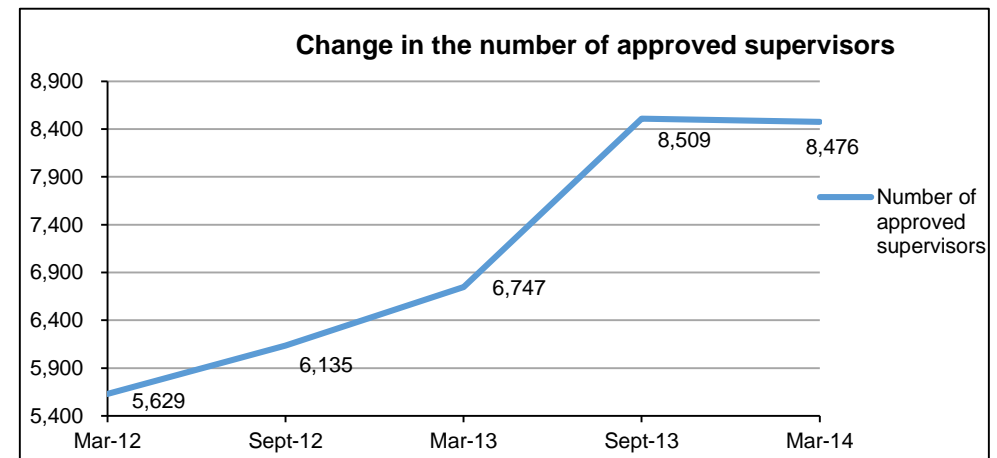


Chart1: Change in the number of approved supervisors⁴

The data above shows the number of individual practitioners who are Board-approved supervisors in at least one supervision category. Data on the number of supervisors approved for different supervision categories is shown on the following pages.

¹ Principal Place of Practice (PPP) is the address declared by the psychologist to be the address at which he or she is predominantly practising the profession. If the psychologist is not practising the profession or is not practising predominantly at one address the Principal Place of Practice may be the psychologist's principal place of residence.

² There were 25,634 psychologists with general registration after the close of business on 28 February 2014.

³ No PPP represents psychologists who do not have an Australian Principal Place of Practice recorded on the register usually because they are currently residing overseas or who have not provided a valid PPP.

⁴ The Board first published national data on the number of approved supervisors in March 2012. Transition provisions for supervisors were in place for the first three years of the National Registration and Accreditation Scheme until 30 June 2013 which contributed to a spike in applications for approval as a supervisor just before new requirements for supervisors commenced on 1 July 2013.

Registrar Program ⁵ supervisors												
Principal place of practice	Supervisor Type	Area of practice endorsement										Grand Total
		Clinical neuropsychy	Clinical psychology	Community psychology	Counselling psychology	Educational and develop	Forensic psychology	Health psychology	Org psychology	Sport and exercise psychology	Any area of practice ⁶	
ACT	Principal	4	44	-	2	2	5	2	5	-	-	64
	Secondary	2	17	-	1	-	-	2	3	-	47	72
NSW	Principal	61	665	1	47	51	90	15	40	5	-	975
	Secondary	50	461	1	29	36	66	8	34	2	319	1,006
NT	Principal	1	10	-	-	-	4	-	1	-	-	16
	Secondary	1	10	-	1	1	1	-	-	-	5	19
QLD	Principal	33	293	-	27	31	26	15	17	10	-	452
	Secondary	7	48	-	4	7	1	4	4	2	420	497
SA	Principal	14	175	-	3	13	14	13	15	2	-	249
	Secondary	4	82	-	3	6	3	3	7	-	160	268
TAS	Principal	2	52	-	2	10	3	3	-	1	-	73
	Secondary	-	37	-	1	10	2	1	-	-	25	76
VIC	Principal	128	539	17	149	62	44	40	42	5	-	1,026
	Secondary	72	327	9	85	25	32	32	29	4	407	1,022
WA	Principal	14	417	2	50	25	18	1	8	2	-	537
	Secondary	10	255	2	23	9	5	-	8	2	244	558
No PPP	Principal	2	6	-	-	-	2	-	-	-	-	10
	Secondary	-	4	-	-	-	2	-	-	-	7	13
Subtotal	Principal	259	2,201	20	280	194	206	89	128	25	-	3,402
	Secondary	146	1,241	12	147	94	112	50	85	10	1,634	3,531
Total		405	3,442	32	427	288	318	139	213	35	1,634	6,933

Table 2: Number of Registrar Program supervisor approvals by supervision type, area of practice, and state or territory

Note. The figures in the table above include instances of the same supervisors counted more than once because they are approved to supervise in more than one endorsement area, and/or for both principal and secondary.

⁵ Registrar programs are undertaken by registered general psychologists in order to qualify for area of practice endorsement. For more information refer to the Guidelines on area of practice endorsements which are available from the website at www.psychologyboard.gov.au under the Standards and Guidelines tab.

⁶ Applies to secondary supervisors only; secondary supervisors do not have to hold endorsement in the same area of practice as the registrar program so they can be approved generally as a registrar program secondary supervisor for any area of practice or for specific areas of practice. Principal supervisors cannot be approved for any area of practice – they must hold the relevant area of practice endorsement.

Approved supervisors of provisional psychologists ⁷						
Principal Place of Practice	Supervision pathway/Supervisor type					
	4+2 Internship Principal	4+2 Internship Secondary	5+1 Internship Principal	5+1 Internship Secondary	Higher Degree Placements ⁸	Work in Addition to Higher Degree ⁹
ACT	165	167	20	20	86	60
NSW	2,531	2,402	429	435	1,312	661
NT	56	62	1	2	20	17
QLD	1,238	1,310	83	88	882	485
SA	331	332	13	15	289	185
TAS	134	134	4	4	88	65
VIC	1,325	1,358	72	72	1,480	727
WA	846	830	20	15	407	253
No PPP	23	20	-	-	17	9
Total	6,649	6,615	642	651	4,581	2,462

Table 3: Number of provisional psychologist training pathway supervisors approvals: by pathway, supervision type, and state or territory

Note. The figures in the table above include instances of the same supervisors counted more than once because they are approved to supervise in more than one provisional registration pathway area and/or for both principal and secondary where applicable.

⁷ Provisional psychologists hold provisional registration which is the registration type under section 62 of the National Law that enables the individual to undertake a period of supervised practice in order to become eligible for general registration. There are three different pathways that can be undertaken by registered provisional psychologists: the 4+2 internship program, the 5+1 internship program, and higher degree programs. Refer to the Provisional registration section of the Board's website www.psychologyboard.gov.au for more information on the pathways.

⁸ Since 1 July 2013 all supervisors of psychology higher degree students undertaking placements must be approved by the Board.

⁹ Refer to the Board's Policy on working in addition to placements