

Psychology Board of Australia

Registrant data

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Introduction

The role of the Psychology Board of Australia (the Board) includes:

- registering psychologists and provisional psychologists
- developing standards, codes and guidelines for the psychology profession
- handling notifications, complaints, investigations and disciplinary hearings
- overseeing the assessment of overseas trained psychologists 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 About AHPRA at www.ahpra.gov.au/About-AHPRA/What-We-Do/Legislation.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 psychology registration, please see the Board's website www.psychologyboard.gov.au/Registration.aspx

Principal Place of Practice

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.

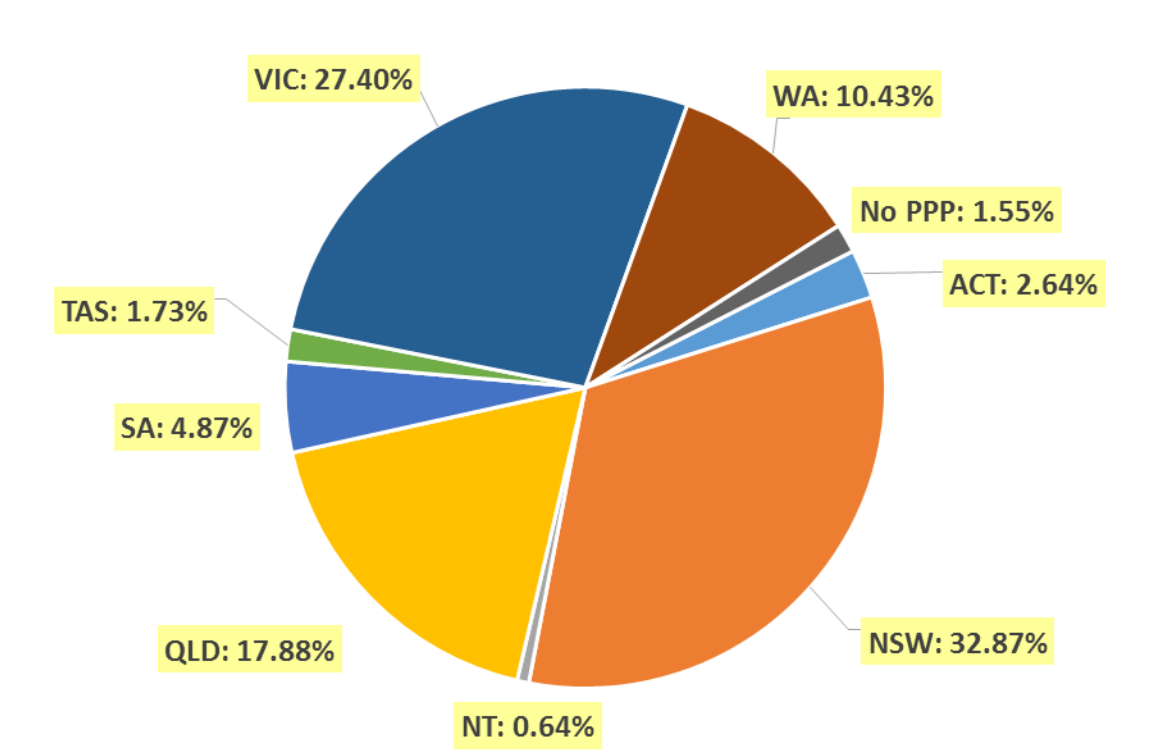
The 'No PPP' column in the tables on the following pages represents psychologists who do not have an Australian Principal Place of Practice recorded on the register usually because they are currently residing overseas or who have not provided a valid PPP.

Registration Type

Table 1.1 Registration type by principal place of practice

Registration Type	ACT	NSW	NT	QLD	SA	TAS	VIC	WA	No PPP	Total
General	810	9,768	201	5,262	1,482	505	8,191	3,026	353	29,598
Provisional	114	1,623	28	970	205	94	1,441	631	10	5,116
Non-practising	37	565	2	271	85	29	334	137	202	1,662
Total	961	11,956	231	6,503	1,772	628	9,966	3,794	565	36,376

Table 1.2 Registration by principal place of practice percentages



Endorsements

Area of practice endorsements by PPP

Table 2.1 Area of practice endorsements by state or territory

Area of practice	ACT	NSW	NT	QLD	SA	TAS	VIC	WA	No PPP	Total
Clinical neuropsychology	10	163	2	105	25	6	304	35	11	661
Clinical psychology	252	2,612	37	1,384	638	197	2,160	1,136	79	8,495
Community psychology	1	6		3	1		34	10		55
Counselling psychology	10	201	1	75	11	7	484	147	12	948
Educational and developmental psychology	10	159	2	120	35	20	241	67	9	663
Forensic psychology	14	227	6	69	37	9	169	46	4	581
Health psychology	5	67	1	60	29	9	145	6	3	325
Organisational psychology	17	171	2	79	48	2	154	41	5	519
Sport and exercise psychology	5	23	1	25	7	3	22	6		92
Total	324	3,629	52	1,920	831	253	3,713	1,494	123	12,339

* Note: The figures in the table above show the total number of psychology area of practice endorsements recorded on the National Register. Psychologists who hold more than one endorsement are counted for each endorsement they hold. The number of individual psychologists who hold at least one area of practice endorsement after the close of business on 30 June 2018 was 10,355.

Number of Endorsements

Table 3.1 Number of endorsements held

Endorsement	1	2	3	4	6	Total
Number of endorsed psychologists	10,355	887	56	9	1	11,308
% of endorsed psychologists	91.6%	7.8%	0.5%	0.1%	<0.1%	100.0%
Number of psychologists with general registration (endorsed and non-endorsed)						29,598
% of all general psychologists with one or more endorsement	35.0%	3.0%	0.2%	<0.1%	<0.1%	38.2%

Table 3.2 Psychologists with one endorsement per registrant and total number of endorsements – by area of practice

Area of practice	Psychologists with one endorsement	% of psychologists with one endorsement	Total endorsements	% of total endorsements
Clinical neuropsychology	504	4.9%	661	5.4%
Clinical psychology	7,682	74.2%	8,495	68.8%
Community psychology	29	0.3%	55	0.4%
Counselling psychology	640	6.2%	948	7.7%
Educational and developmental psychology	484	4.7%	663	5.4%
Forensic psychology	329	3.2%	581	4.7%
Health psychology	165	1.6%	325	2.6%
Organisational psychology	449	4.3%	519	4.2%
Sport and exercise psychology	73	0.7%	92	0.7%
Total	10,355	100.0%	12,339	100.0%

* Note: The sum of individual proportions may not add up to 100% due to rounding

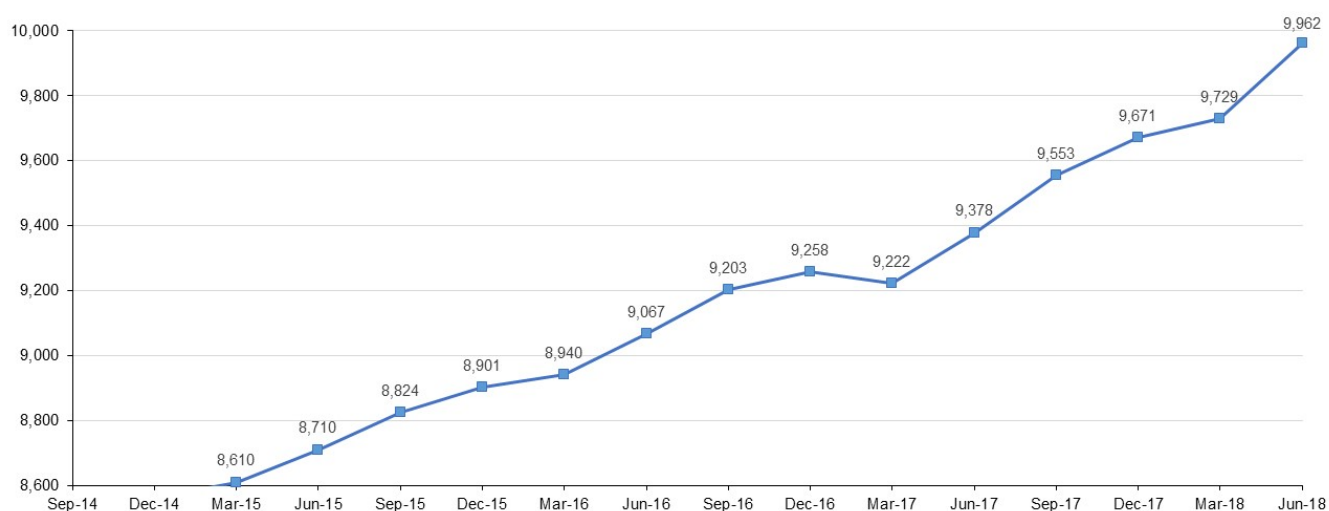
Supervisors

Board-approved supervisors

Table 4.1 Approved supervisors by PPP

PPP	Number of approved supervisors	% of general registrants ¹
ACT	292	36.0%
NSW	3,463	35.5%
NT	58	28.9%
QLD	1,798	34.2%
SA	532	35.9%
TAS	212	42.0%
VIC	2,366	28.9%
WA	1,189	39.3%
No PPP	52	14.7%
Total	9,962	33.7%

Table 4.2 Change in the number of approved supervisors



¹ There were 29,598 psychologists with general registration after the close of business on 30 June 2018.

Registrar program supervisors

Table 5.1 Registrar program supervisors

PPP	Supervisor Type	Clinical neuropsychology	Clinical psychology	Community psychology	Counselling psychology	Educational and developmental psychology	Forensic psychology	Health psychology	Organisational psychology	Sport and exercise psychology	Any area of practice	Total
ACT	Principal	5	112		3	3	9	4	6	1		143
	Secondary	6	80		2	1	4	2	4	1	77	177
NSW	Principal	90	1,089	3	54	58	120	25	64	9		1,512
	Secondary	74	829	2	37	35	90	15	55	5	451	1,593
NT	Principal	1	14				3		1			19
	Secondary	1	11			1		1			9	23
QLD	Principal	57	604	1	38	56	37	33	42	11		879
	Secondary	12	171	1	9	14	6	14	16	4	746	993
SA	Principal	15	275		6	19	20	17	20	2		374
	Secondary	6	102		3	1	9	5	6		235	367
TAS	Principal	4	94		3	10	6	4	2	1		124
	Secondary	3	71		1	10	5	1	2		41	134
VIC	Principal	190	891	20	200	92	78	60	67	8		1,606
	Secondary	125	606	14	121	59	63	45	49	7	609	1,698
WA	Principal	20	544	3	70	25	27		12	2		703
	Secondary	8	285	2	34	11	8		9	3	338	698
No PPP	Principal	2	12		3	1	2	1				21
	Secondary	1	8		1	1	2				14	27
Total		620	5,798	46	585	397	489	227	355	54	2,520	11,091

Board-approved supervisors of provisional psychologists

Table 6.1 Approved supervisors by PPP²

PPP	4+2 internship		5+1 program		Higher Degree program ³	Work in Addition to Higher Degree ⁴
	Principal	Secondary	Principal	Secondary		
ACT	243	249	167	175	142	146
NSW	2,836	2,814	1,862	1,922	1,632	1,180
NT	48	53	25	28	26	20
QLD	1,541	1,610	1,082	1,126	1,038	905
SA	381	395	242	254	351	274
TAS	166	170	131	138	120	121
VIC	1,733	1,777	1,187	1,229	1,765	1,403
WA	981	975	672	672	613	524
No PPP	40	37	24	24	29	25
Total	7,969	8,080	5,392	5,568	5,716	4,598

*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.

² 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 different pathways that can be undertaken by registered provisional psychologists including 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.

³ Since 1 July 2013 all supervisors of psychology higher degree students undertaking placements must be approved by the Board.

⁴ Refer to the Board's *Policy on working in addition to placements*.

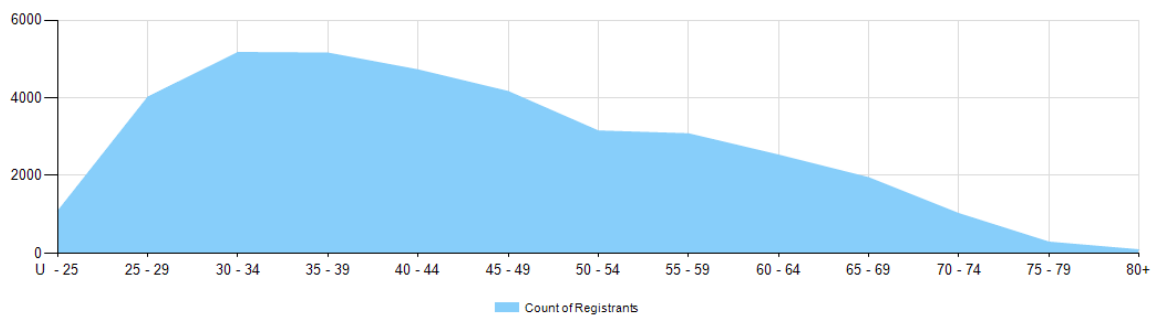
Age group

Registration type by age group

Table 7.1 Registration type by age group

Age Group	General	Provisional	Non-practising	Total
U - 25	26	764	1	791
25 - 29	1,898	1,878	39	3,815
30 - 34	3,945	911	255	5,111
35 - 39	4,446	521	277	5,244
40 - 44	4,124	383	183	4,690
45 - 49	3,848	309	150	4,307
50 - 54	2,866	187	104	3,157
55 - 59	2,860	109	121	3,090
60 - 64	2,406	39	154	2,599
65 - 69	1,835	10	188	2,033
70 - 74	972	3	128	1,103
75 - 79	286	2	48	336
80+	86		14	100
Total	29,598	5,116	1,662	36,376

Table 7.2 Registrants by age group



Gender

Registration type

Table 8.1 Psychology registrants by gender, by state and territory and by registration type

Gender	Registration type	ACT	NSW	NT	QLD	SA	TAS	VIC	WA	No PPP	Total
Female	General	664	7,734	157	4,200	1,125	410	6,566	2,410	263	23,529
	Provisional	98	1,309	23	779	162	78	1,188	538	8	4,183
	Non-practising	25	447	1	219	68	22	279	118	158	1,337
Total female		787	9,490	181	5,198	1,355	510	8,033	3,066	429	29,049
Male	General	146	2,032	44	1,062	357	95	1,625	616	90	6,067
	Provisional	16	314	5	191	43	16	253	92	2	932
	Non-practising	12	118	1	52	17	7	55	19	44	325
Total male		174	2,464	50	1,305	417	118	1,933	727	136	7,324
Intersex or Indeterminate	General		2								2
	Provisional								1		1
Total Intersex or Indeterminate			2						1		3
Total		961	11,956	231	6,503	1,772	628	9,966	3,794	565	36,376

Percentage

Table 9.1 Registrants by gender percentages

Gender	ACT	NSW	NT	QLD	SA	TAS	VIC	WA	No PPP	Total
Female	81.9%	79.4%	78.4%	79.9%	76.5%	81.2%	80.6%	80.8%	75.9%	79.9%
Male	18.1%	20.6%	21.6%	20.1%	23.5%	18.8%	19.4%	19.2%	24.1%	20.1%
Intersex or Indeterminate		<0.1%						<0.1%		<0.1%