

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.

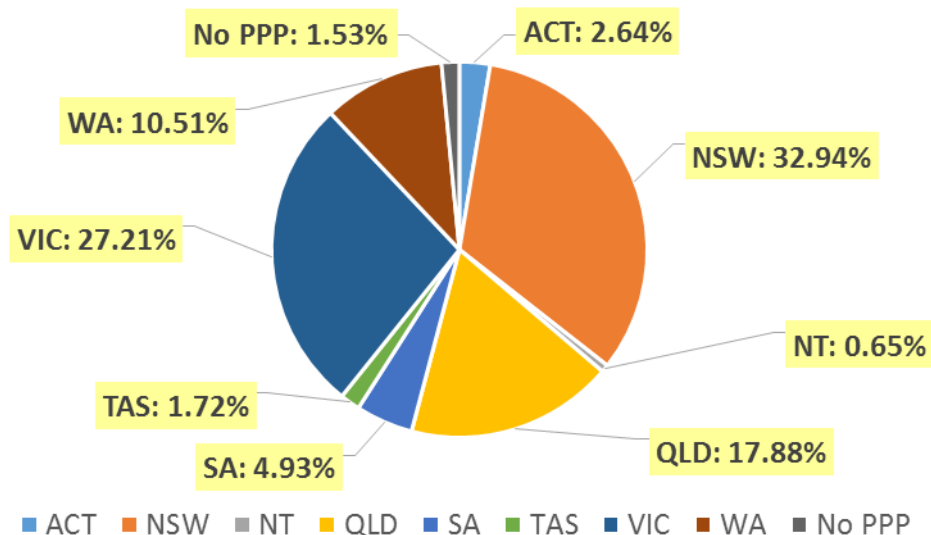
The 'No PPP' column in the tables on the following pages represents psychologists who do not have an Australian Principal Place of Practice recorded on the register usually because they are currently residing overseas or who have not provided a valid PPP.

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	770	9,431	192	5,001	1,431	499	7,845	2,928	345	28,442
Provisional	118	1,531	33	981	195	76	1,318	581	6	4,839
Non-practising	35	560	2	270	98	27	353	167	183	1,695
Total	923	11,522	227	6,252	1,724	602	9,516	3,676	534	34,976

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	8	158	1	96	23	7	295	33	9	630
Clinical psychology	232	2,459	37	1,266	605	184	2,009	1,070	69	7,931
Community psychology	1	6		2	1		34	10	1	55
Counselling psychology	10	209		72	12	6	480	147	11	947
Educational and developmental psychology	10	163	2	111	36	20	225	73	7	647
Forensic psychology	14	226	6	69	34	9	160	42	5	565
Health psychology	5	67	1	53	28	10	150	7	3	324
Organisational psychology	14	166	2	83	47	2	147	41	6	508
Sport and exercise psychology	5	22	1	28	8	3	21	6	1	95
Total	299	3,476	50	1,780	794	241	3,521	1,429	112	11,702

* 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 2017 was 10,684.

Number of Endorsements

Table 3.1 Number of endorsements held

	1	2	3	4	6	Total
Number of endorsed psychologists	9,743	876	55	9	1	10,684
% of endorsed psychologists	91.2%	8.2%	0.5%	0.1%	<.01%	100%
Number of psychologists with general registration (endorsed and non-endorsed)						28,442
% of all general psychologists with one or more endorsement	34.3%	3.1%	.2%	<.01%	<.01%	37.6%

* Note: The sum of individual proportions may not add up to 100% due to rounding. Where results produced have more than three decimal places, they are displayed to the nearest two decimal places.

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	481	4.9%	630	5.4%
Clinical psychology	7,134	73.2%	7,931	67.8%
Community psychology	29	0.3%	55	0.5%
Counselling psychology	637	6.5%	947	8.1%
Educational and developmental psychology	465	4.8%	647	5.5%
Forensic psychology	318	3.3%	565	4.8%
Health psychology	163	1.7%	324	2.8%
Organisational psychology	440	4.5%	508	4.3%
Sport and exercise psychology	76	0.8%	95	0.8%
Total	9,743	100%	11,702	100%

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

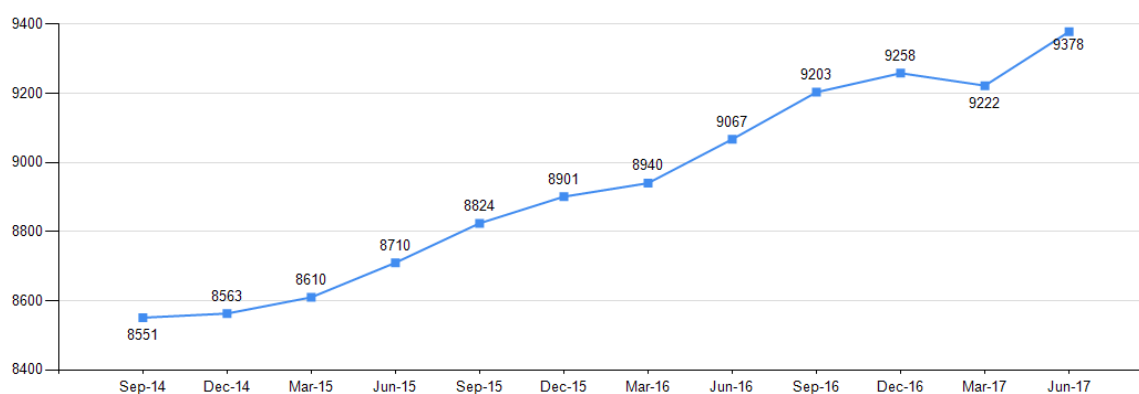
Supervisors

Board-approved supervisors

Table 4.1 Approved supervisors by PPP

PPP	Number of approved supervisors	% of general registrants ³
ACT	280	36.4%
NSW	3,304	35.0%
NT	62	32.3%
QLD	1,664	33.3%
SA	504	35.2%
TAS	198	39.7%
VIC	2,183	27.8%
WA	1,134	38.7%
No PPP	49	14.2%
Total	9,378	33.0%

Table 4.2 Change in the number of approved supervisors⁴



³ There were 28,442 psychologists with general registration after the close of business on 30 June 2017.

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 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	95		3	3	6	2	4		1	119
	Secondary	4	67		2		3	1	3		74	154
NSW	Principal	79	963	2	53	56	106	17	51	7		1,334
	Secondary	66	753	2	38	39	87	11	46	3	359	1,404
NT	Principal	1	12				3		1			17
	Secondary	1	13			1		1	1		9	26
QLD	Principal	45	481		31	45	32	24	31	11		700
	Secondary	11	156		9	14	6	8	15	4	543	766
SA	Principal	14	238		5	18	17	16	16	3		327
	Secondary	4	97		4	7	4	6	7		209	338
TAS	Principal	3	85		3	11	6	4	1	1		114
	Secondary	1	66		1	11	4	2	1		33	119
VIC	Principal	158	760	19	183	80	65	47	53	6		1,371
	Secondary	95	476	12	107	47	49	34	36	5	505	1,366
WA	Principal	18	486	2	63	23	24		11	2		629
	Secondary	12	312	2	37	10	9		11	3	229	625
No PPP	Principal	1	11		2	1	4	1				20
	Secondary		7		1	1	3	1			11	24
Total		518	5,078	39	542	367	428	175	288	45	1,973	9,453

Board-approved supervisors of provisional psychologists

Table 6.1 Approved supervisors by PPP⁵

PPP	4+2 internship		5+1 program		Higher Degree program ⁶	Work in Addition to Higher Degree ⁷
	Principal	Secondary	Principal	Secondary		
ACT	234	238	106	111	124	123
NSW	2,789	2,694	1,112	1,135	1,535	954
NT	55	59	15	16	23	18
QLD	1,440	1,501	556	574	979	699
SA	377	381	93	99	333	253
TAS	163	164	84	90	114	99
VIC	1,497	1,510	535	549	1,627	1,029
WA	900	897	314	309	509	402
No PPP	38	33	11	11	29	19
Total	7,493	7,477	2,826	2,894	5,273	3,596

*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.

⁵ 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.

⁶ Since 1 July 2013 all supervisors of psychology higher degree students undertaking placements must be approved by the Board.

⁷ Refer to the Board's *Policy on working in addition to placements*.

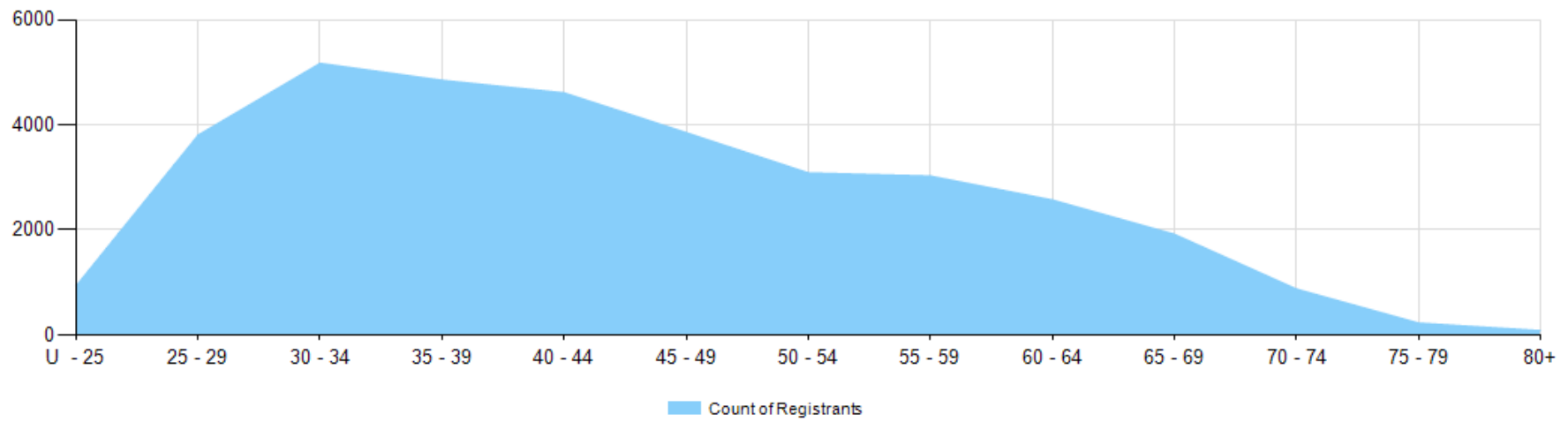
Age group

Registration type by age group

Table 7.1 Registration type by age group

Age Group	General	Provisional	Non-practising	Total
U - 25	62	867	1	930
25 - 29	2,012	1,711	79	3,802
30 - 34	4,081	790	300	5,171
35 - 39	4,100	490	258	4,848
40 - 44	4,052	366	191	4,609
45 - 49	3,417	285	149	3,851
50 - 54	2,796	197	91	3,084
55 - 59	2,799	97	128	3,024
60 - 64	2,379	26	163	2,568
65 - 69	1,720	9	185	1,914
70 - 74	766	1	104	871
75 - 79	190		33	223
80+	68		13	81
Total	28,442	4,839	1,695	34,976

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	632	7,438	147	3,969	1,071	399	6,269	2,318	262	22,505
	Provisional	99	1,237	27	813	161	66	1,081	494	6	3,984
	Non-practising	23	442	1	218	74	21	299	146	141	1,365
Total female		754	9,117	175	5,000	1,306	486	7,649	2,958	409	27,854
Male	General	138	1,992	45	1,032	360	100	1,576	610	83	5,936
	Provisional	19	294	6	168	34	10	237	87		855
	Non-practising	12	118	1	52	24	6	54	21	42	330
Total male		169	2,404	52	1,252	418	116	1,867	718	125	7,121
Intersex or Indeterminate	General		1								1
Total		923	11,522	227	6,252	1,724	602	9,516	3,676	534	34,976

Percentage

Table 9.1 Registrants by gender percentages

Gender	ACT	NSW	NT	QLD	SA	TAS	VIC	WA	No PPP	Total
Female	81.7%	79.1%	77.1%	80.0%	75.8%	80.7%	80.4%	80.5%	76.6%	79.6%
Male	18.3%	20.9%	22.9%	20.0%	24.2%	19.3%	19.6%	19.5%	23.4%	20.4%
Intersex or Indeterminate		<0.1%								<0.1%