

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.

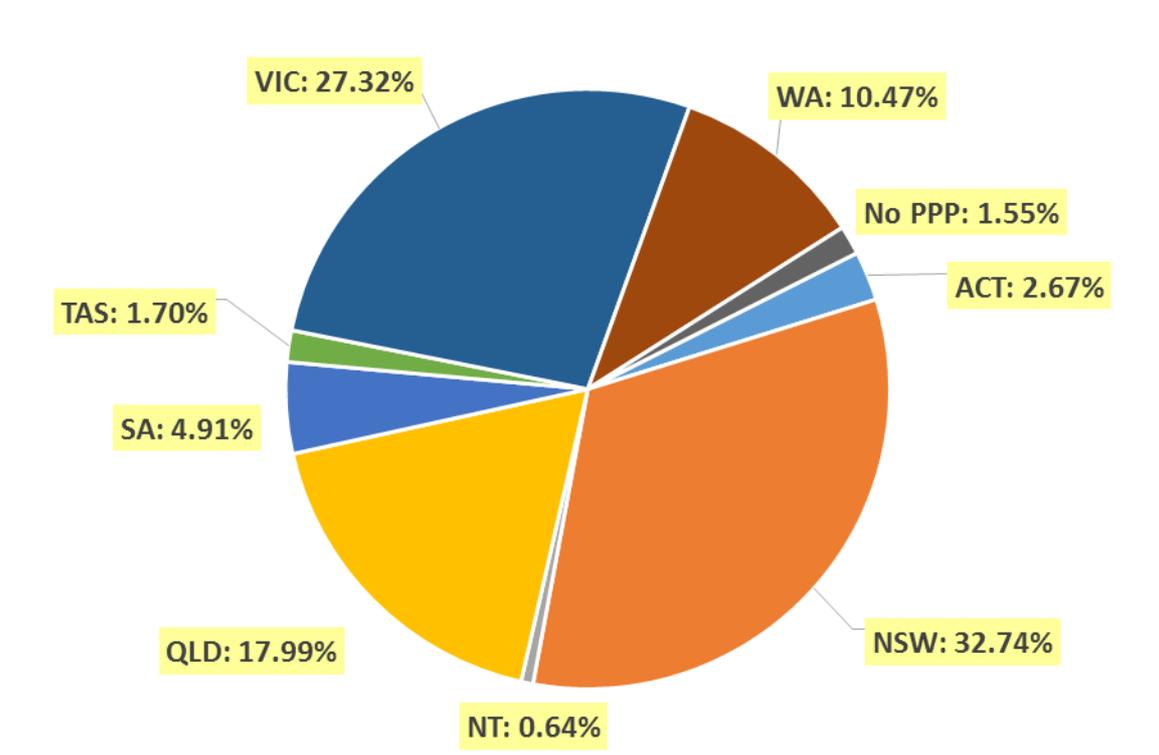
The 'No PPP' column in the tables on the following pages represents psychologists who do not have an Australian Principal Place of Practice recorded on the register usually because they are currently residing overseas or who have not provided a valid PPP.

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	804	9,654	199	5,191	1,469	495	8,057	2,994	350	29,213
Provisional	117	1,532	29	995	211	87	1,410	625	11	5,017
Non-practising	36	569	3	272	84	30	343	142	197	1,676
Total	957	11,755	231	6,458	1,764	612	9,810	3,761	558	35,906

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	9	162	2	105	25	6	298	33	11	651
Clinical psychology	242	2,565	36	1,349	626	191	2,105	1,107	77	8,298
Community psychology	1	6		3	1		34	10		55
Counselling psychology	10	202	1	75	11	7	483	145	12	946
Educational and developmental psychology	9	159	2	118	35	20	236	68	9	656
Forensic psychology	14	221	6	69	38	9	164	47	4	572
Health psychology	5	66	1	57	29	9	146	6	3	322
Organisational psychology	16	168	2	76	49	2	153	41	6	513
Sport and exercise psychology	5	23	1	25	7	3	22	6		92
Total	311	3,572	51	1,877	821	247	3,641	1,463	122	12,105

* 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 31 March 2018 was 10,125.

Number of Endorsements

Table 3.1 Number of endorsements held

Endorsement	1	2	3	4	6	Total
Number of endorsed psychologists	10,125	885	56	9	1	11,076
% of endorsed psychologists	91.4%	8.0%	.5%	0.1%	<0.1%	100.0%
Number of psychologists with general registration (endorsed and non-endorsed)						29,213
% of all general psychologists with one or more endorsement	34.7%	3.0%	0.2%	<0.1%	<0.1%	37.9%

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	497	4.9%	651	5.4%
Clinical psychology	7,487	73.9%	8,298	68.6%
Community psychology	29	0.3%	55	0.5%
Counselling psychology	638	6.3%	946	7.8%
Educational and developmental psychology	477	4.7%	656	5.4%
Forensic psychology	319	3.2%	572	4.7%
Health psychology	162	1.6%	322	2.7%
Organisational psychology	443	4.4%	513	4.2%
Sport and exercise psychology	73	0.7%	92	0.8%
Total	10,125	100.0%	12,105	100.0%

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

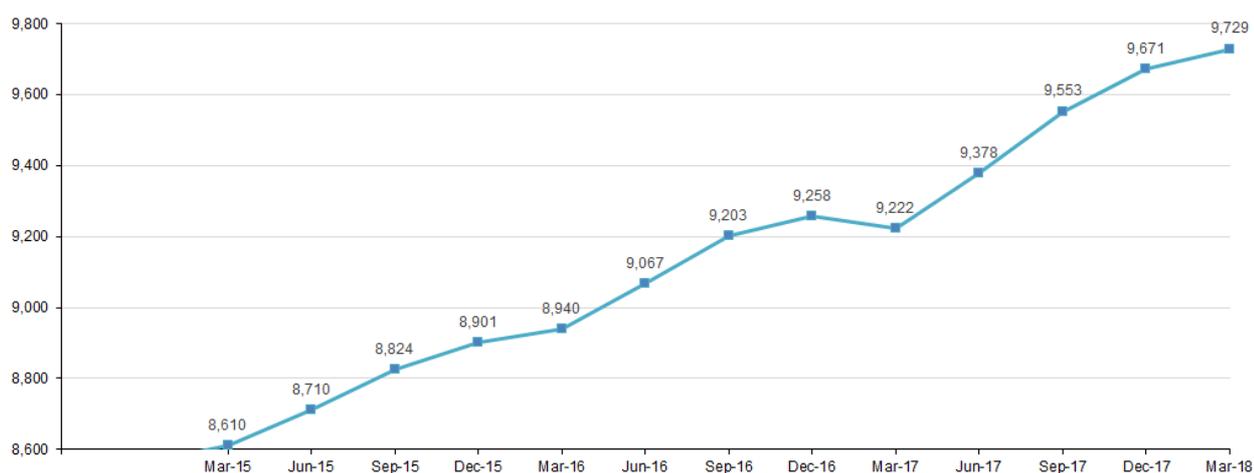
Supervisors

Board-approved supervisors

Table 4.1 Approved supervisors by PPP

PPP	Number of approved supervisors	% of general registrants ¹
ACT	288	35.8%
NSW	3,420	35.4%
NT	59	29.6%
QLD	1,741	33.5%
SA	522	35.5%
TAS	208	42.0%
VIC	2,271	28.2%
WA	1,166	38.9%
No PPP	54	15.4%
Total	9,729	33.3%

Table 4.2 Change in the number of approved supervisors⁴



¹ There were 29,213 psychologists with general registration after the close of business on 31 March 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	106		3	2	8	2	5	1		132
	Secondary	6	76		2		4	1	4	1	79	173
NSW	Principal	88	1,028	2	50	53	108	20	62	9		1,420
	Secondary	78	835	2	38	38	92	13	56	5	369	1,526
NT	Principal	1	13				3		1			18
	Secondary	1	12			1		1	1		7	23
QLD	Principal	53	547	1	34	50	36	31	36	10		798
	Secondary	13	166	1	10	14	8	13	15	3	656	899
SA	Principal	15	260		5	19	20	17	15	3		354
	Secondary	5	93		3	3	6	5	6		238	359
TAS	Principal	3	92		3	10	6	4	1	1		120
	Secondary	2	74		1	10	5	2	1		37	132
VIC	Principal	172	823	20	188	85	72	53	56	7		1,476
	Secondary	103	534	13	111	51	57	38	39	6	561	1,513
WA	Principal	18	516	2	64	24	23		12	2		661
	Secondary	7	286	2	34	10	6		10	3	308	666
No PPP	Principal	2	12		3	1	2	1				21
	Secondary	1	9		1	1	2				13	27
Total		573	5,481	43	550	372	458	201	320	51	2,269	10,318

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	242	247	135	142	133	135
NSW	2,849	2,789	1,476	1,519	1,582	1,089
NT	50	55	14	17	23	18
QLD	1,508	1,568	837	868	1,012	832
SA	387	390	155	162	342	268
TAS	170	175	109	115	116	111
VIC	1,603	1,629	805	837	1,691	1,185
WA	933	933	486	478	567	453
No PPP	41	38	20	20	32	25
Total	7,783	7,824	4,037	4,158	5,498	4,116

*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*.

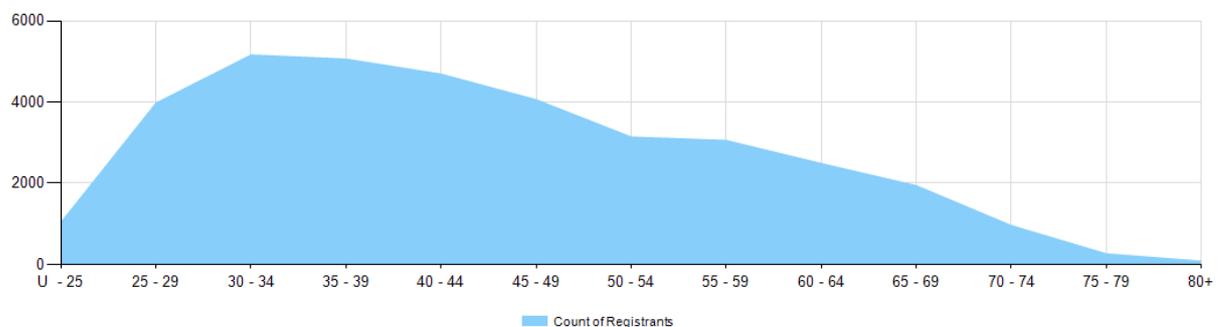
Age group

Registration type by age group

Table 7.1 Registration type by age group

Age Group	General	Provisional	Non-practising	Total
U - 25	82	955	1	1,038
25 - 29	2,161	1,751	65	3,977
30 - 34	4,031	834	296	5,161
35 - 39	4,302	499	258	5,059
40 - 44	4,147	365	176	4,688
45 - 49	3,614	293	151	4,058
50 - 54	2,857	180	103	3,140
55 - 59	2,827	102	125	3,054
60 - 64	2,310	23	154	2,487
65 - 69	1,740	10	192	1,942
70 - 74	850	4	105	959
75 - 79	222	1	39	262
80+	70		11	81
Total	29,213	5,017	1,676	35,906

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	659	7,633	155	4,147	1,117	400	6,460	2,382	260	23,213
	Provisional	99	1,239	22	801	167	76	1,148	531	11	4,094
	Non-practising	25	455	2	220	67	24	290	123	154	1,360
Total female		783	9,327	179	5,168	1,351	500	7,898	3,036	425	28,667
Male	General	145	2,019	44	1,044	352	95	1,597	612	90	5,998
	Provisional	18	293	7	194	44	11	262	93		922
	Non-practising	11	114	1	52	17	6	53	19	43	316
Total male		174	2,426	52	1,290	413	112	1,912	724	133	7,236
Intersex or Indeterminate	General		2								2
	Provisional								1		1
Total Intersex or Indeterminate			2						1		3
Total		957	11,755	231	6,458	1,764	612	9,810	3,761	558	35,906

Percentage

Table 9.1 Registrants by gender percentages

Gender	ACT	NSW	NT	QLD	SA	TAS	VIC	WA	No PPP	Total
Female	81.8%	79.3%	77.5%	80.0%	76.6%	81.7%	80.5%	80.7%	76.2%	79.8%
Male	18.2%	20.6%	22.5%	20.0%	23.4%	18.3%	19.5%	19.3%	23.8%	20.2%
Intersex or Indeterminate		<0.1%						<0.1%		<0.1%