

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.

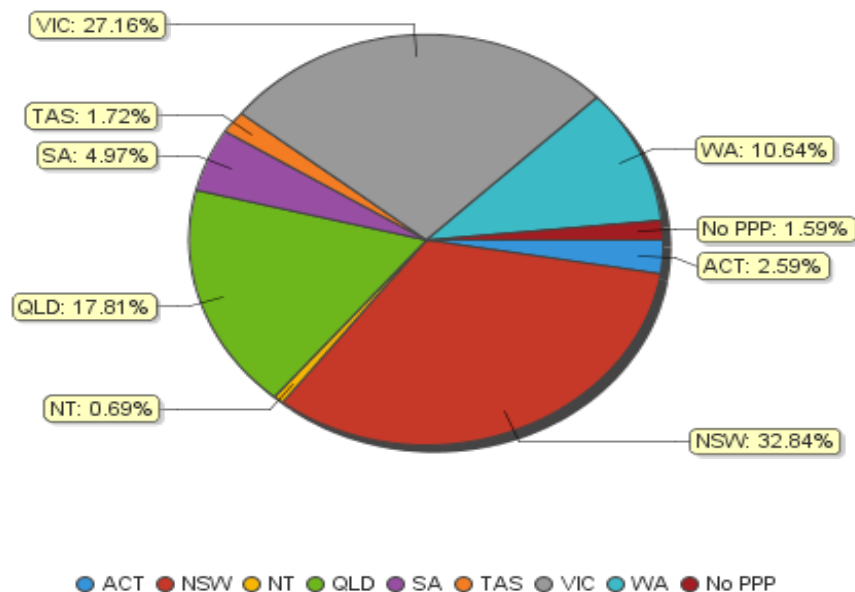
The 'No PPP' column in the tables on the following pages represents psychologists who do not have an Australian Principal Place of Practice recorded on the register usually because they are currently residing overseas or who have not provided a valid PPP.

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	729	9,096	199	4,740	1,384	493	7,442	2,803	362	27,248
Provisional	100	1,334	29	950	190	63	1,310	584	12	4,572
Non-practising	38	565	2	273	89	19	339	174	157	1,656
Total	867	10,995	230	5,963	1,663	575	9,091	3,561	531	33,476

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	6	149	1	94	22	9	277	33	10	601
Clinical psychology	204	2,270	31	1,122	573	166	1,841	1,011	77	7,295
Community psychology		7		3	1		35	9	1	56
Counselling psychology	10	218	1	73	12	6	469	137	10	936
Educational and developmental psychology	9	162		99	36	20	208	69	7	610
Forensic psychology	11	219	7	68	33	10	149	43	4	544
Health psychology	5	69	1	53	25	9	145	8	3	318
Organisational psychology	17	146	1	80	51	2	137	40	5	479
Sport and exercise psychology	5	21	1	26	8	4	22	6		93
Total	267	3,261	43	1,618	761	226	3,283	1,356	117	10,932

* Note: The figures in 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 2016 was 9,907.

Number of Endorsements

Table 3.1 Number of endorsements held

	1	2	3	4	6	Total
Number of endorsed psychologists	8,964	873	60	9	1	9,907
% of endorsed psychologists	90.48%	8.81%	0.61%	0.09%	0.01%	100%
Number of psychologists with general registration (endorsed and non-endorsed)						27,248
% of all general psychologists with one or more endorsement	32.90%	3.20%	0.22%	0.03%	<0.01%	36.36%

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	453	5.05%	601	5.50%
Clinical psychology	6,499	72.50%	7,295	66.73%
Community psychology	29	0.32%	56	0.51%
Counselling psychology	623	6.95%	936	8.56%
Educational and developmental psychology	425	4.74%	610	5.58%
Forensic psychology	296	3.30%	544	4.98%
Health psychology	157	1.75%	318	2.91%
Organisational psychology	409	4.56%	479	4.38%
Sport and exercise psychology	73	0.81%	93	0.85%
Total	8,964	100%	10,932	100%

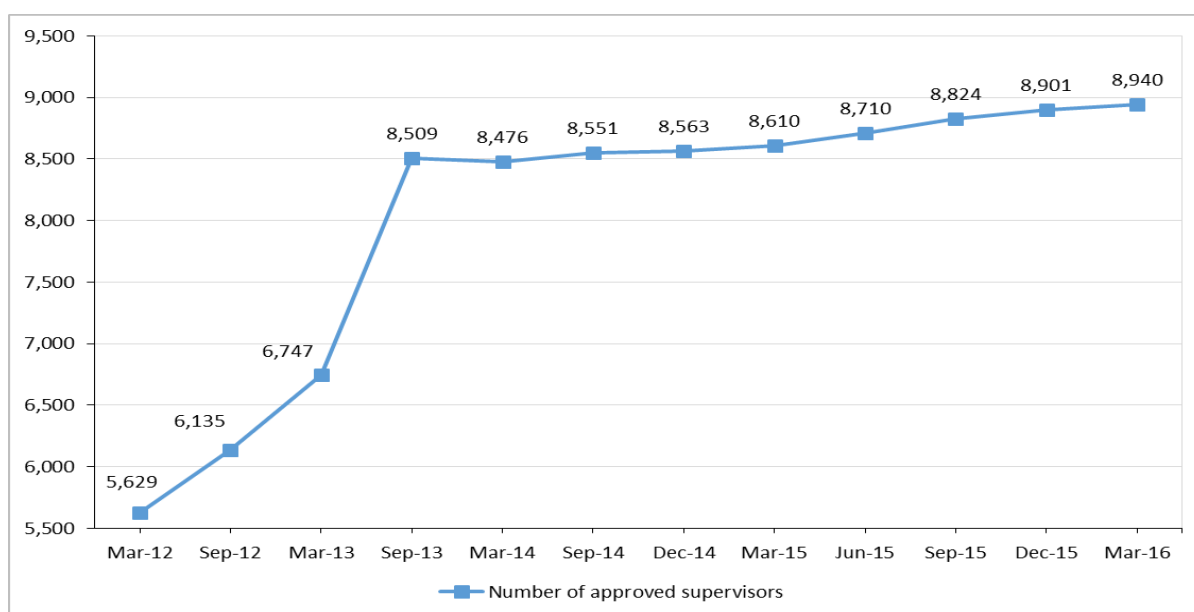
Supervisors

Board-approved supervisors

Table 4.1 Approved supervisors by PPP

PPP	Number of approved supervisors	% of general registrants ³
ACT	246	33.74%
NSW	3,186	35.03%
NT	62	31.16%
QLD	1,561	32.93%
SA	475	34.32%
TAS	193	39.15%
VIC	2,053	27.59%
WA	1,116	39.81%
No PPP	48	13.26%
Total	8,940	32.81%

Table 4.2 Change in the number of approved supervisors⁴



³ There were 27,248 psychologists with general registration after the close of business on 31 March 2016.

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	75		3	2	4	2	5			96
	Secondary	3	42		2		1	1	3		67	119
NSW	Principal	77	861	1	50	53	98	17	48	6		1,211
	Secondary	64	648	1	34	38	78	10	42	2	339	1,256
NT	Principal	1	8				3		1			13
	Secondary	1	8		1				1		7	18
QLD	Principal	39	393		31	37	33	20	25	8		586
	Secondary	11	113		8	11	5	6	11	3	463	631
SA	Principal	14	211		4	15	15	14	17	2		292
	Secondary	4	87		4	6	3	5	8		193	310
TAS	Principal	3	74		3	11	5	4	1	1		102
	Secondary	1	56		1	10	3	2	1		31	105
VIC	Principal	141	638	17	164	67	51	45	45	5		1,173
	Secondary	84	392	10	90	34	37	35	31	4	446	1,163
WA	Principal	15	465	2	60	24	21		11	2		600
	Secondary	11	295	2	34	10	8		9	2	229	600
No PPP	Principal	3	8		1		2	1	1			16
	Secondary	1	8				2	1	1		11	24
Total		478	4,382	33	490	318	369	163	261	35	1,786	8,315

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	206	207	63	66	106	92
NSW	2,681	2,576	851	877	1,442	847
NT	54	58	7	8	19	16
QLD	1,354	1,412	329	337	931	586
SA	359	358	52	53	314	221
TAS	159	161	65	70	111	90
VIC	1,382	1,399	260	262	1,517	840
WA	879	865	149	139	456	322
No PPP	36	33	5	5	27	15
Total	7,110	7,069	1,781	1,817	4,923	3,029

*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*.

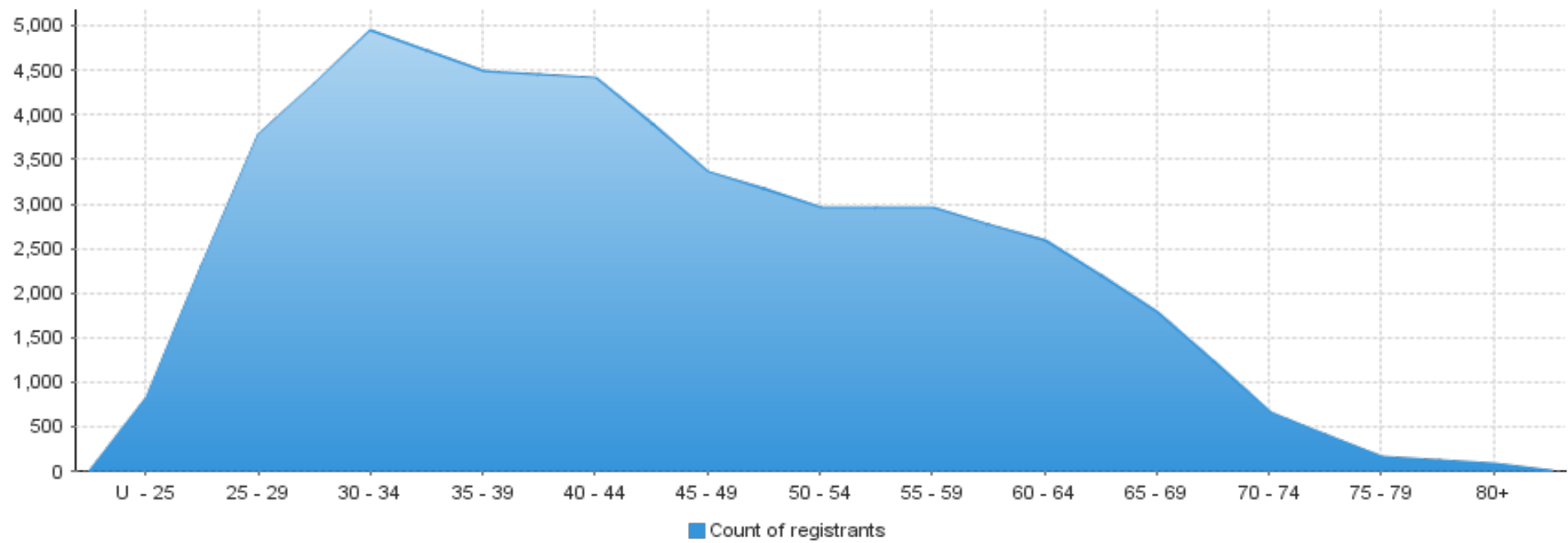
Age group

Registration type by age group

Table 7.1 Registration type by age group

Age Group	General	Provisional	Non-practising	Total
U - 25	62	855		917
25 - 29	2,032	1,678	84	3,794
30 - 34	4,022	761	302	5,085
35 - 39	3,815	417	279	4,511
40 - 44	3,920	324	195	4,439
45 - 49	3,128	259	124	3,511
50 - 54	2,719	169	95	2,983
55 - 59	2,723	71	125	2,919
60 - 64	2,369	29	167	2,565
65 - 69	1,642	9	164	1,815
70 - 74	617		85	702
75 - 79	139		26	165
80+	60		10	70
Total	27,248	4,572	1,656	33,476

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	588	7,140	147	3,736	1,030	397	5,926	2,202	271	21,437
	Provisional	81	1,061	23	792	157	57	1,083	489	11	3,754
	Non-practising	26	464	1	226	66	14	289	150	127	1,363
Total female		695	8,665	171	4,754	1,253	468	7,298	2,841	409	26,554
Male	General	141	1,956	52	1,004	354	96	1,516	601	91	5,811
	Provisional	19	273	6	158	33	6	227	95	1	818
	Non-practising	12	101	1	47	23	5	50	24	30	293
Total male		172	2,330	59	1,209	410	107	1,793	720	122	6,922
Total		867	10,995	230	5,963	1,663	575	9,091	3,561	531	33,476

Percentage

Table 9.1 Registrants by gender percentages

Gender	ACT	NSW	NT	QLD	SA	TAS	VIC	WA	No PPP	Total
Female	80.16%	78.81%	74.35%	79.72%	75.35%	81.39%	80.28%	79.78%	77.02%	79.32%
Male	19.84%	21.19%	25.65%	20.28%	24.65%	18.61%	19.72%	20.22%	22.98%	20.68%