

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.

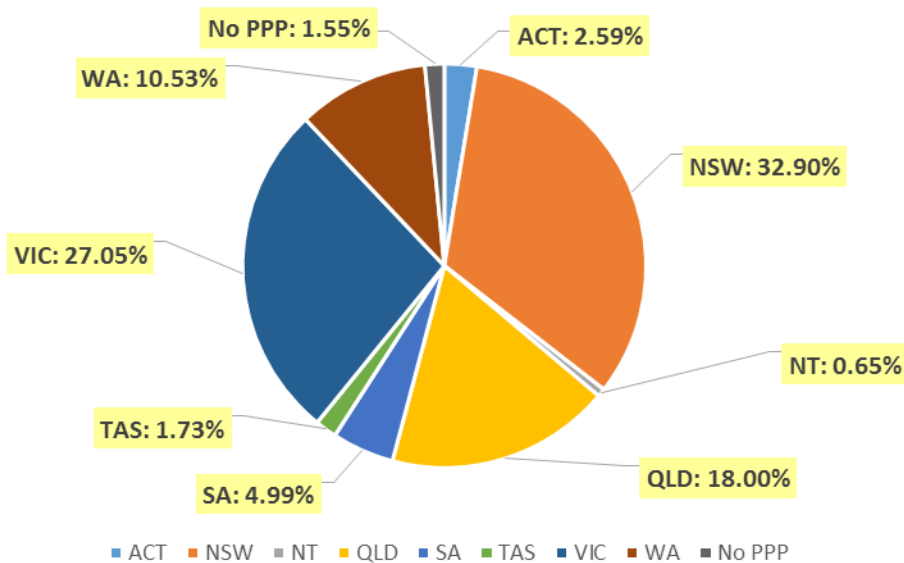
The 'No PPP' column in the tables on the following pages represents psychologists who do not have an Australian Principal Place of Practice recorded on the register usually because they are currently residing overseas or who have not provided a valid PPP.

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	753	9,333	189	4,935	1,416	490	7,685	2,888	337	28,026
Provisional	105	1,421	34	986	202	79	1,266	569	13	4,675
Non-practising	35	567	2	274	98	27	359	168	183	1,713
Total	893	11,321	225	6,195	1,716	596	9,310	3,625	533	34,414

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	7	155	1	95	21	8	288	32	9	616
Clinical psychology	226	2,404	36	1,225	595	176	1,955	1,057	70	7,744
Community psychology		6		2	1		35	10	1	55
Counselling psychology	10	209		72	12	6	477	140	12	938
Educational and developmental psychology	10	161	2	108	36	20	219	73	6	635
Forensic psychology	13	225	6	69	34	9	158	43	5	562
Health psychology	5	67	1	53	27	10	149	7	3	322
Organisational psychology	14	158	2	81	47	2	144	41	6	495
Sport and exercise psychology	5	22	1	28	8	3	21	6	1	95
Total	290	3,407	49	1,733	781	234	3,446	1,409	113	11,462

* 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 2017 was 10,445.

Number of Endorsements

Table 3.1 Number of endorsements held

	1	2	3	4	6	Total
Number of endorsed psychologists	9,505	875	55	9	1	10,445
% of endorsed psychologists	91.0%	8.4%	.5%	.1%	<.01%	100.0%
Number of psychologists with general registration (endorsed and non-endorsed)						28,026
% of all general psychologists with one or more endorsement	33.9%	3.1%	.2%	<.01%	<.01%	37.3%

* 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	469	4.9%	616	5.4%
Clinical psychology	6,948	73.1%	7,744	67.6%
Community psychology	29	0.3%	55	0.5%
Counselling psychology	628	6.6%	938	8.2%
Educational and developmental psychology	453	4.8%	635	5.5%
Forensic psychology	314	3.3%	562	4.9%
Health psychology	161	1.7%	322	2.8%
Organisational psychology	427	4.5%	495	4.3%
Sport and exercise psychology	76	0.8%	95	0.8%
Total	9,505	100.0%	11,462	100.0%

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

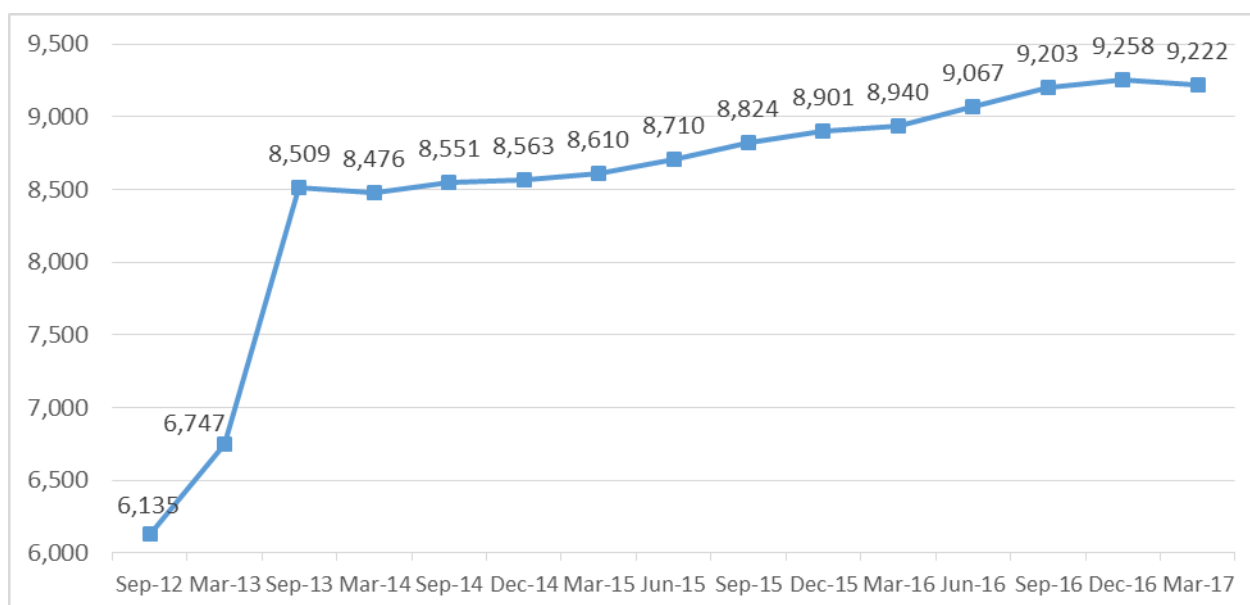
Supervisors

Board-approved supervisors

Table 4.1 Approved supervisors by PPP

PPP	Number of approved supervisors	% of general registrants ³
ACT	275	36.5%
NSW	3,253	34.9%
NT	61	32.3%
QLD	1,640	33.2%
SA	498	35.2%
TAS	195	39.8%
VIC	2,126	27.7%
WA	1,125	39.0%
No PPP	49	14.5%
Total	9,222	32.9%

Table 4.2 Change in the number of approved supervisors⁴



³ There were 28,026 psychologists with general registration after the close of business on 31 March 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	90		3	3	5	2	4		1	113
	Secondary	4	63		2		2	1	2		74	148
NSW	Principal	78	939	2	52	54	102	17	51	7		1,302
	Secondary	65	728	2	37	38	85	11	46	3	352	1,367
NT	Principal	1	12				3		1			17
	Secondary	1	13			1		1	1		8	25
QLD	Principal	44	463		31	44	31	23	30	11		677
	Secondary	10	147		9	14	5	8	14	4	530	741
SA	Principal	14	232		4	18	16	16	16	2		318
	Secondary	4	98		4	7	4	6	7		200	330
TAS	Principal	3	81		3	11	6	4	1	1		110
	Secondary	1	62		1	11	4	2	1		30	112
VIC	Principal	151	711	18	181	74	59	46	49	6		1,295
	Secondary	90	443	11	104	39	44	34	34	5	488	1,292
WA	Principal	18	479	2	63	23	25		11	2		623
	Secondary	12	309	2	36	10	10		10	3	226	618
No PPP	Principal	2	12		2	1	4	1				22
	Secondary	1	8		1	1	3	1			11	26
Total		504	4,890	37	533	349	408	173	278	44	1,920	9,136

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	229	233	99	105	118	120
NSW	2,743	2,646	1,053	1,076	1,510	926
NT	54	58	14	15	23	17
QLD	1,428	1,488	503	516	966	678
SA	375	379	81	86	331	248
TAS	160	162	76	81	111	93
VIC	1,457	1,469	440	450	1,574	966
WA	884	880	231	227	492	371
No PPP	37	32	9	9	30	19
Total	7,367	7,347	2,506	2,565	5,155	3,438

*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*.

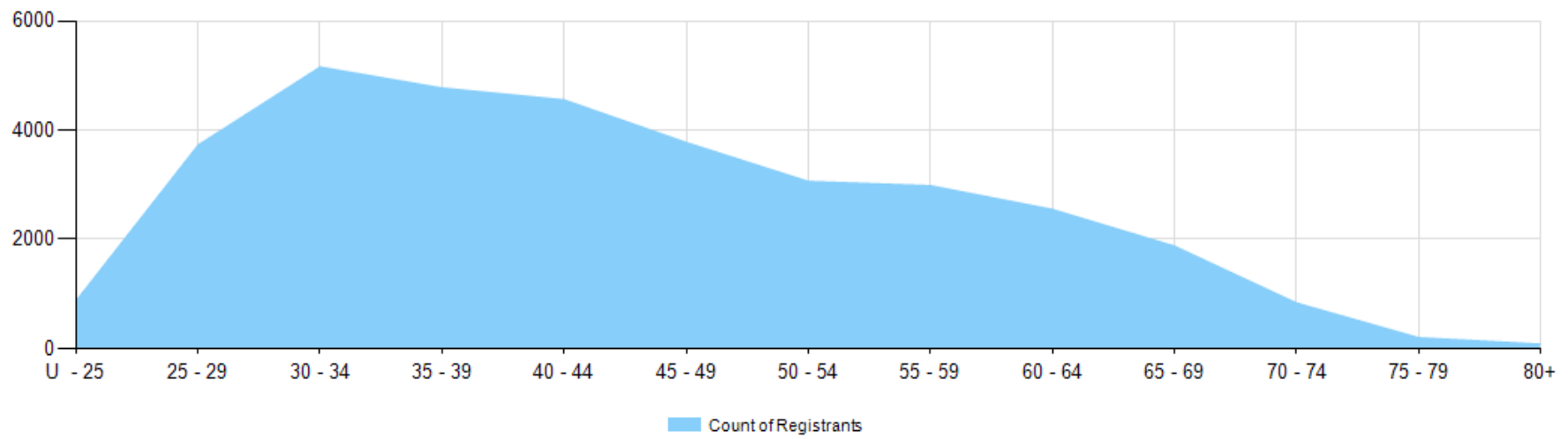
Age group

Registration type by age group

Table 7.1 Registration type by age group

Age Group	General	Provisional	Non-practising	Total
U - 25	54	814	2	870
25 - 29	1,970	1,663	91	3,724
30 - 34	4,050	792	312	5,154
35 - 39	4,036	460	273	4,769
40 - 44	4,011	351	192	4,554
45 - 49	3,335	290	147	3,772
50 - 54	2,792	180	87	3,059
55 - 59	2,757	94	130	2,981
60 - 64	2,363	21	163	2,547
65 - 69	1,694	9	171	1,874
70 - 74	731	1	101	833
75 - 79	166		31	197
80+	67		13	80
Total	28,026	4,675	1,713	34,414

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	620	7,352	145	3,909	1,057	392	6,143	2,283	253	22,154
	Provisional	86	1,150	27	824	165	69	1,030	486	11	3,848
	Non-practising	24	450	1	225	74	21	307	148	141	1,391
Total female		730	8,952	173	4,958	1,296	482	7,480	2,917	405	27,393
Male	General	133	1,981	44	1,026	359	98	1,542	605	84	5,872
	Provisional	19	271	7	162	37	10	236	83	2	827
	Non-practising	11	117	1	49	24	6	52	20	42	322
Total male		163	2,369	52	1,237	420	114	1,830	708	128	7,021
Total		893	11,321	225	6,195	1,716	596	9,310	3,625	533	34,414

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%	76.9%	80.0%	75.5%	80.9%	80.3%	80.5%	76.0%	79.6%
Male	18.3%	20.9%	23.1%	20.0%	24.5%	19.1%	19.7%	19.5%	24.0%	20.4%