

Psychology Board of Australia

Registrant data

Reporting period: 1 July 2018 – 30 September 2018

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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.

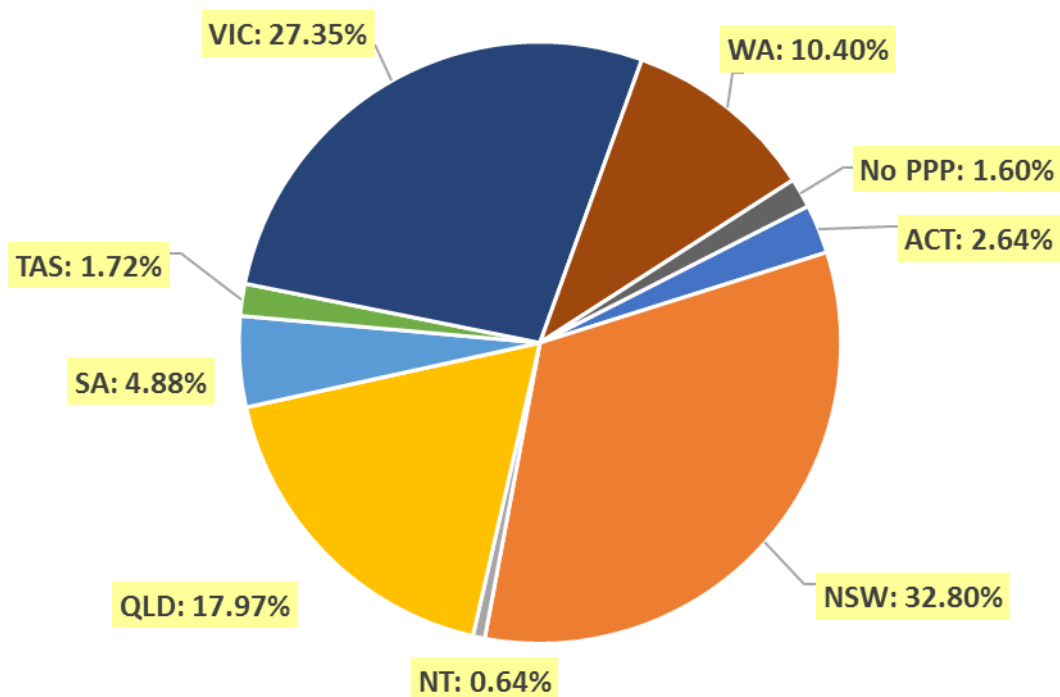
The 'No PPP' column in the tables on the following pages represents psychologists who do not have an Australian Principal Place of Practice recorded on the register usually because they are currently residing overseas or who have not provided a valid PPP.

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	813	9,836	207	5,308	1,496	512	8,266	3,039	366	29,843
Provisional	115	1,606	25	983	207	89	1,409	626	15	5,075
Non-practising	37	562	2	285	81	29	334	141	203	1,674
Total	965	12,004	234	6,576	1,784	630	10,009	3,806	584	36,592

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	165	2	106	26	6	310	35	11	671
Clinical psychology	255	2,651	38	1,411	653	202	2,204	1,150	89	8,653
Community psychology	1	6		3	1		34	10		55
Counselling psychology	10	204	1	76	11	7	494	150	10	963
Educational and developmental psychology	10	159	2	120	35	20	250	66	8	670
Forensic psychology	14	230	6	70	37	9	172	49	4	591
Health psychology	5	67	1	59	29	9	146	5	3	324
Organisational psychology	18	177	2	80	49	2	155	41	6	530
Sport and exercise psychology	5	21	1	27	7	3	23	6		93
Total	328	3,680	53	1,952	848	258	3,788	1,512	131	12,550

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 September 2018 was 11,510.

Number of Endorsements

Table 3.1 Number of endorsements held

Endorsement	1	2	3	4	5	6	Total
Number of endorsed psychologists	10,549	895	56	8	1	1	11,510
% of endorsed psychologists	91.7%	7.8%	0.5%	0.1%	<0.1%	<0.1%	100.0%
Number of psychologists with general registration (endorsed and non-endorsed)							29,843
% of all general psychologists with one or more endorsement	35.3%	3.0%	0.2%	<0.1%	<0.1%	<0.1%	38.6%

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	513	4.9%	671	5.3%
Clinical psychology	7,832	74.2%	8,653	68.9%
Community psychology	29	0.3%	55	0.4%
Counselling psychology	653	6.2%	963	7.7%
Educational and developmental psychology	489	4.6%	670	5.3%
Forensic psychology	334	3.2%	591	4.7%
Health psychology	165	1.6%	324	2.6%
Organisational psychology	460	4.4%	530	4.2%
Sport and exercise psychology	74	0.7%	93	0.7%
Total	10,549	100.0%	12,550	100.0%

The sum of individual proportions may not add up to 100% due to rounding.

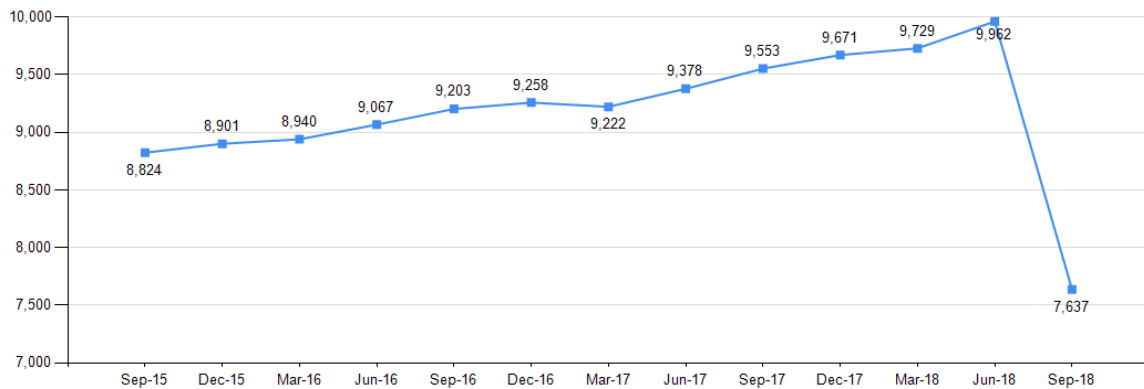
Supervisors

Board-approved supervisors

Table 4.1 Approved supervisors by PPP

PPP	Number of approved supervisors	% of general registrants
ACT	246	25.5%
NSW	2,570	21.4%
NT	52	22.2%
QLD	1,409	21.4%
SA	409	22.9%
TAS	172	27.3%
VIC	1,860	18.6%
WA	887	23.3%
No PPP	32	5.5%
Total	7,637	20.9%

Table 4.2 Change in the number of approved supervisors



8,500 psychologists were approved, under transitional arrangements in 2013, to provide supervision until 30 June 2018. 2,900 did not renew their supervision approvals, accounting for the decline in total approved supervisors in September 2018.

Registrar program supervisors

Table 5.1 Registrar program principal supervisors

Area of practice	ACT	NSW	NT	QLD	SA	TAS	VIC	WA	No PPP	Total
Clinical neuropsychology	5	82	2	56	14	4	185	21	2	371
Clinical psychology	119	1,038	20	589	247	84	887	480	9	3,473
Community psychology	1	1	1	1	1	1	17	2	1	26
Counselling psychology	3	45	1	35	5	1	173	64	1	328
Educational and developmental psychology	2	56	1	57	17	6	84	21	1	245
Forensic psychology	10	116	2	35	20	5	80	23	2	293
Health psychology	4	24	1	30	14	3	58	1	1	136
Organisational psychology	6	58	1	40	17	2	57	13	1	195
Sport and exercise psychology	1	3	1	8	2	1	4	2	1	23
Total	151	1,3	30	851	337	107	1,545	627	19	5,090

On 1 August 2018, the Board introduced new *Guidelines for supervisors* which removed all supervisor approval categories except 'Registrar program principal supervisor'.

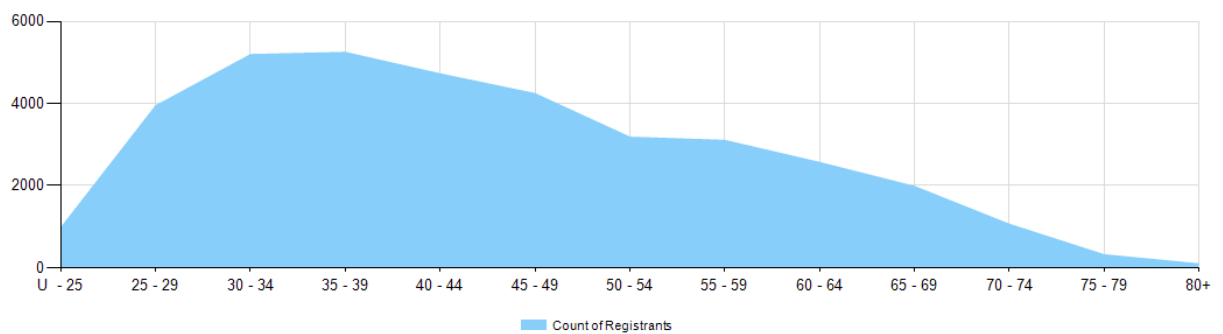
Age group

Registration type by age group

Table 6.1 Registration type by age group

Age Group	General	Provisional	Non-practising	Total
U - 25	61	908	2	971
25 - 29	2,109	1,789	46	3,944
30 - 34	4,060	856	274	5,190
35 - 39	4,478	506	259	5,243
40 - 44	4,168	371	181	4,720
45 - 49	3,786	300	153	4,239
50 - 54	2,886	189	104	3,179
55 - 59	2,861	108	131	3,100
60 - 64	2,378	35	150	2,563
65 - 69	1,776	8	194	1,978
70 - 74	934	3	121	1,058
75 - 79	267	2	46	315
80+	79		13	92
Total	29,843	5,075	1,674	36,592

Table 6.2 Registrants by age group



Gender

Registration type

Table 7.1 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	666	7,799	161	4,238	1,138	414	6,633	2,421	273	23,743
	Provisional	98	1,298	21	782	164	76	1,161	531	13	4,144
	Non-practising	25	440	1	231	64	22	278	121	158	1,340
Total female		789	9,537	183	5,251	1,366	512	8,072	3,073	444	29,227
Male	General	147	2,035	46	1,070	358	98	1,633	618	93	6,098
	Provisional	17	308	4	201	43	13	248	94	2	930
	Non-practising	12	122	1	54	17	7	56	20	45	334
Total male		176	2,465	51	1,325	418	118	1,937	732	140	7,362
Intersex or Indeterminate	General		2								2
	Provisional								1		1
Total Intersex or Indeterminate			2						1		3
Total		965	12,004	234	6,576	1,784	630	10,009	3,806	584	36,592

Percentage

Table 8.1 Registrants by gender percentages

Gender	ACT	NSW	NT	QLD	SA	TAS	VIC	WA	No PPP	Total
Female	81.8%	79.4%	78.2%	79.9%	76.6%	81.3%	80.6%	80.7%	76.0%	79.9%
Male	18.2%	20.5%	21.8%	20.1%	23.4%	18.7%	19.4%	19.2%	24.0%	20.1%
Intersex or Indeterminate		<0.1%						<0.1%		<0.1%