

Nurse and Midwife Registrant Data: June 2013

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Introduction

This report contains registration information about nurses and midwives registered with the Nursing and Midwifery Board of Australia (National Board).

The functions of the National Board are defined under the [National Law](#), and include:

- Registering nurses, midwives and students of nursing and midwifery
- Determining national registration requirements
- Developing professional codes, standards, guidelines and position statements to guide nurses and midwives
- Managing notifications, investigations and panel hearings
- Overseeing the assessment of overseas trained practitioners who wish to practise in Australia
- Approving national accreditation standards and accredited programs of study leading to registration and endorsement
- Delegating to state and territory boards and committees*, and AHPRA staff, the power to determine individual applications for registration and notifications of a nurse's or midwife's health, performance and/or conduct, and a student's health or criminal history

*In New South Wales (NSW), where a co-regulatory model applies and notifications are managed separately by the Nursing and Midwifery Council NSW, the NSW Board of the National Board is only responsible for the registration of nurses, midwives and students.

The National Board's functions are supported by the [Australian Health Practitioner Regulation Agency](#) (AHPRA). For information about legislation governing the National Board and AHPRA, see [AHPRA's Legislation & Publications](#) at www.ahpra.gov.au/Legislation-and-Publications.aspx

AHPRA has analysed the National Board's registration data and produced a number of statistical tables about registrants to share with the professions and community. The National Board will update this statistical report regularly.

For more information on nursing and midwifery registration, please see the National Board's website: www.nursingmidwiferyboard.gov.au/Registration-and-Endorsement.aspx

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Nurse & Midwife: State and territory by registration type

The National Board recognises four nursing and midwifery registration types: general registration, limited registration, non-practising registration and student registration.

The nurse may be either a Registered Nurse or an Enrolled Nurse, or both. Refer the National Board Position Statement: [Position statement on concurrent registration as an Enrolled Nurse and Registered Nurse](#).

Practising

		ACT	NSW	NT	QLD	SA	TAS	VIC	WA	Not Stated	Grand Total
Nurse	Enrolled Nurse (EN)	709	13459	427	11220	7827	1335	19991	5079	55	60102
	Registered Nurse (RN)	4143	67809	3019	46847	20579	6164	60088	26724	6812	242185
	EN & RN	40	930	44	794	414	29	1541	379	6	4177
Nurse and Midwife	Enrolled Nurse (EN)	2	6		4	4		25			41
	Registered Nurse (RN)	637	10376	551	6625	2356	681	8532	3146	228	33132
	EN & RN		5					32	7		44
Midwife		59	442	46	403	378	10	732	270	61	2401
Sub Total		5590	93027	4087	65893	31558	8219	90941	35605	7162	342082

Non-Practising

		ACT	NSW	NT	QLD	SA	TAS	VIC	WA	Not Stated	Grand Total
Nurse	Enrolled Nurse (EN)	14	297	3	92	62	17	145	56	1	687
	Registered Nurse (RN)	47	1245	13	324	178	77	429	237	64	2614
	EN & RN		1		2			2			5
Nurse and Midwife	Enrolled Nurse (EN)							1			1
	Registered Nurse (RN)	6	326	3	52	20	7	64	39	16	533
Midwife			5		1	6		15	4	2	33
Sub Total		67	1874	19	471	266	101	656	336	83	3873

Nurse & Midwife: Age by registration type

Practising

		< 35	35 - 44	45 - 64	> 65	Grand Total
Nurse	Enrolled Nurse (EN)	12,456	10,640	34,714	2,292	60,102
	Registered Nurse (RN)	68,223	62,316	102,692	8,954	242,185
	EN & RN	2,065	913	1,180	19	4,177
Nurse and Midwife	Enrolled Nurse (EN)	23	11	7	0	41
	Registered Nurse (RN)	3,304	4,800	22,674	2,354	33,132
	EN & RN	24	13	7	0	44
Midwife	Registered Midwife (RM)	1,057	732	594	18	2,401
Grand Total		87,152	79,425	161,868	13,637	342,082

Non-Practising

		< 36	36 - 45	46 - 65	> 65	Grand Total
Nurse	Enrolled Nurse (EN)	115	120	426	26	687
	Registered Nurse (RN)	436	611	1,279	288	2,614
	EN & RN	1	1	2	1	5
Nurse and Midwife	Enrolled Nurse (EN)	1	0	0	0	1
	Registered Nurse (RN)	18	60	340	115	533
Midwife	Registered Midwife (RM)	18	8	6	1	33
Grand Total		589	800	2,053	431	3,873

Nurse& Midwife: Gender by registration type

Practising	Female	ACT	NSW	NT	QLD	SA	TAS	VIC	WA	Not Stated	Grand Total
	Nurse	Enrolled Nurse (EN)	651	11,939	345	10,157	7,155	1,230	18,209	4,745	52
	Registered Nurse (RN)	3,659	58,680	2,539	41,449	18,117	5,391	53,299	23,984	5,895	213,013
	EN & RN	35	792	38	699	343	28	1,307	362	6	3,610
Nurse and Midwife	Enrolled Nurse (EN)	2	6		4	3		25			40
	Registered Nurse (RN)	618	10,151	525	6,491	2,298	664	8,430	3,097	224	32,498
	EN & RN		5					32	7		44
Midwife	Registered Midwife (RM)	59	440	45	402	378	10	729	270	60	2,393
	Grand Total	5,024	82,013	3,492	59,202	28,294	7,323	82,031	32,465	6,237	306,081

	Male	ACT	NSW	NT	QLD	SA	TAS	VIC	WA	Not Stated	Grand Total
	Nurse	Enrolled Nurse (EN)	58	1,520	82	1,063	672	105	1,782	334	3
	Registered Nurse (RN)	484	9,129	480	5,398	2,462	773	6,789	2,740	917	29,172
	EN & RN	5	138	6	95	71	1	234	17		567
Nurse and Midwife	EN					1					1
	RN	19	225	26	134	58	17	102	49	4	634
Midwife	Registered Midwife (RM)		2	1	1			3		1	8
	Grand Total	566	11,014	595	6,691	3,264	896	8,910	3,140	925	36,001

Non-Practising	Female	ACT	NSW	NT	QLD	SA	TAS	VIC	WA	Not Stated	Grand Total
	Nurse	Enrolled Nurse (EN)	13	276	3	87	57	16	141	55	1
	Registered Nurse (RN)	40	1,138	12	303	159	74	391	224	59	2,400
	EN & RN				2			2			4
Nurse and Midwife	Enrolled Nurse (EN)							1			1
	Registered Nurse (RN)	6	320	3	51	20	5	64	39	16	524
Midwife			5		1	6		15	4	2	33
	Grand Total	59	1,739	18	444	242	95	614	322	78	3,611

	Male	ACT	NSW	NT	QLD	SA	TAS	VIC	WA	Not Stated	Grand Total
	Nurse	Enrolled Nurse (EN)	1	21		5	5	1	4	1	
	Registered Nurse (RN)	7	107	1	21	19	3	38	13	5	214
	EN & RN		1								1
Nurse and Midwife	Registered Nurse (RN)		6		1		2				9
	Grand Total	8	135	1	27	24	6	42	14	5	262

Nurse & Midwife: Endorsement by state and territory

The endorsement of registration identifies registered nurses and midwives with additional qualifications and specific expertise.

The National Board endorsements for registered nurses are:

- Nurse Practitioner – includes prescribing scheduled medicines
- Midwife Practitioner – refer [Position-Statement Midwife Practitioners \(7 April 2011\)](#)
- Registered Nurse - supply scheduled medicines (rural and isolated practice)

Endorsement	ACT	NSW	NT	QLD	SA	TAS	VIC	WA	Not stated	Total
Nurse Practitioner	34	228	15	250	75	22	145	153	4	926
Registered Nurse - supply scheduled medicines	3	30	10	701	7	2	58	12	3	826
Midwife practitioner		1								1

Note: No principal place of practice (PPP) will include practitioners with an overseas address.

The National Board endorsement for midwives is:

- Eligible Midwife – prescribe scheduled medicines

Endorsement	ACT	NSW	NT	QLD	SA	TAS	VIC	WA	Total
Eligible Midwife - Scheduled Medicines	0	3	0	6	1	1	8	3	22

Midwife: Notation by state and territory

The National Board also recognises those midwives that meet the requirements of the Eligible Midwife registration standard with a notation on their registration. The notation states:

Eligible midwife competent to provide pregnancy, labour, birth and post natal care and qualified to provide the associated services and order diagnostic investigations required for midwifery practice, in accordance with relevant State and Territory legislation.

Eligible midwife, but NOT qualified to obtain endorsement under section 94 to prescribe Schedule 2, 3, 4 & 8 medicines required for midwifery practice in accordance with state and territory legislation.

These eligible midwives will be endorsed to prescribe scheduled medicines when they successfully complete a Board-approved program of study for prescribing midwifery medicines.

Notation	ACT	NSW	NT	QLD	SA	TAS	VIC	WA	Total
Eligible Midwife	0	39	0	84	12	5	48	24	212