

Nurse and Midwife Data: June 2012

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Introduction

This report contains registration information about persons who are registered with the Nursing and Midwifery Board of Australia.

The functions of the Nursing and Midwifery Board of Australia are defined under the National Law and include:

- Registers nurses, midwives and students of nursing and midwifery
- Determines the national registration requirements
- Develops professional codes, standards, guidelines and position statements to guide nursing and midwifery practice
- Manages notifications, investigations and panel hearings
- Assesses internationally qualified nurses and midwives who wish to practise in Australia
- Approves national accreditation standards and accredited programs of study leading to registration and endorsement
- Delegates 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 NSW, where a co-regulatory model applies and notifications are managed separately, the NSW Board of the NMBA is responsible for the registration of nurses, midwives and students.

The National Board's functions are supported by the [Australian Health Practitioner Regulation Agency](http://www.ahpra.gov.au) (AHPRA). For information about legislation governing the National Board and AHPRA see [AHPRA's Legislation & Publications](http://www.ahpra.gov.au/Legislation-and-Publications.aspx) 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 and improve 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 which are 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 NMBA Position Statement - [Position statement on concurrent registration as an enrolled nurse and registered nurse](#).

		ACT	NSW	NT	QLD	SA	TAS	VIC	WA	NO PPP	Grand Total
Nurse	Enrolled Nurse (EN)	646	13,784	387	10,820	6,092	1,281	20,057	5,059	2,357	60,483
	Registered Nurse (RN)	3,549	64,420	2,664	44,738	15,642	6,049	57,486	24,392	16,530	235,470
	RN & EN	29	941	49	678	343	36	1,434	354	78	3,942
	Non-practising RN	31	1,012	12	135	67	57	273	131	143	1,861
	Non-practising EN	10	245	1	28	25	19	98	34	24	484
	Non-practising EN & RN		2					3			5
Midwife	Registered Midwife (RM)	39	369	27	295	262	9	707	211	223	2,142
	Non-practising RM		28					12	2	3	45
Nurse and Midwife	Nurse & Midwife	638	12,646	545	7,182	1,908	692	10,106	3,237	1,354	38,308
	Midwife & Non-practising Nurse	3	134		13	3	2	13	6	6	180
	Nurse and Non-practising Midwife	9	543	4	40	19	12	105	24	27	783
Grand Total		4,954	94,124	3,689	63,929	24,361	8,157	90,294	33,450	20,745	343,703

Nurse & Midwife: Age by Registration Type

		21 - 25	26 - 30	31 - 35	36 - 40	41 - 45	46 - 50	51 - 55	56 - 60	61 - 65	66 - 70	71 - 75	76 - 80	81 - 85	86 - 90	Not Available	Grand Total
Nurse	Enrolled Nurse (EN)	309	1,868	4,381	7,770	10,123	11,139	11,775	6,442	4,329	1,882	393	57	9		6	60,483
	Registered Nurse (RN)	4,961	23,008	22,202	23,464	28,250	28,240	36,300	35,546	22,287	8,600	2,000	390	70	11	141	235,470
	RN & EN	19	252	1,211	588	576	462	394	279	114	42	5					3,942
	Non-practising RN				539	450	214	272	188	138	47	9	3	1			1,861
	Non-practising EN				7	208	64	69	67	43	23	2	1				484
	Non-practising EN & RN					1	2	2									5
Midwife	Registered Midwife (RM)		153	333	356	278	273	343	234	118	47	7					2,142
	Non-practising RM		13	5	2	6	5	5	3	2	3	1					45
Nurse & Midwife	Nurse & Midwife	8,397	8,881	5,187	4,022	3,641	3,118	2,501	1,510	703	275	61	12				38,308
	Midwife and Non-practising Nurse	41	46	27	18	11	21	11	5								180
	Nurse & Non-practising Midwife	172	184	116	83	67	55	53	38	13	2						783
Grand Total		13,899	34,405	33,462	36,849	43,611	43,593	51,725	44,312	27,747	10,921	2,478	463	80	11	147	343,703

Nurse & Midwife: Gender by Registration Type

FEMALE		ACT	NSW	NT	QLD	SA	TAS	VIC	WA	NO PPP	Totals
Nurse	Enrolled Nurse (EN)	582	12,322	340	9,814	5,499	1,131	18,166	4,559	2,133	54,546
	Registered Nurse (RN)	3,152	57,782	2,389	40,791	14,006	5,444	51,963	21,690	14,845	212,062
	RN & EN	25	838	45	606	298	32	1,295	311	69	3,519
	Non-practising EN	9	227	1	27	25	19	89	28	20	445
	Non-practising RN	31	950	11	125	59	53	262	123	135	1,749
	Non-practising EN & RN		2					3			5
Midwife	Registered Midwife (RM)	34	322	23	252	218	7	620	184	189	1,849
	Non-practising RM		27					11	2	3	43
Nurse and Midwife	RN & RM	579	11,144	474	6,381	1,687	627	9,106	2,870	1,183	34,051
	Midwife & Non-practising Nurse	3	114		13	3	2	13	4	4	156
	Nurse & Non-practising Midwife	6	452	3	34	17	9	88	23	25	657
Subtotal		4,421	84,180	3,286	58,043	21,812	7,324	81,616	29,794	18,606	309,082
MALE											
Nurse	Enrolled Nurse (EN)	64	1,462	47	1,005	593	150	1,887	500	224	5,932
	Registered Nurse (RN)	391	6,507	273	3,919	1,582	602	5,478	2,690	1,632	23,074
	RN & EN	4	103	4	72	45	4	139	43	9	423
	Non-practising EN	1	18		1			9	6	4	39
	Non-practising RN		62	1	10	8	4	11	8	8	112
	Non-practising EN & RN										
Midwife	Registered Midwife (RM)	5	47	4	43	44	2	87	27	34	293
	Non-practising RM		1					1			2
Nurse and Midwife	RN & RM	59	1,487	70	798	213	65	995	366	169	4,222
	Midwife & Non-practising Nurse		20					2		2	24
	Nurse & Non-practising Midwife	3	91	1	6	2	3	17	1	2	126
Subtotal		527	9,798	400	5,854	2,487	830	8,624	3,643	2,084	34,247
Not Supplied											
Nurse	Enrolled Nurse (EN)				1			4			5
	Registered Nurse (RN)	6	131	2	28	54	3	45	12	53	334
Nurse and Midwife	RN & RM		15	1	3	8		5	1	2	35
Subtotal		6	146	3	32	62	3	54	13	55	374

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	No PPP	TOTALS
Registered Nurse										
Nurse Practitioner	30	189	11	188	69	20	98	129	2	736
Midwife Practitioner		1								1
Scheduled Medicines	2	32	11	658	8	2	60	8	3	784

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

The National Board endorsement for registered midwives is:

- eligible midwife – prescribe scheduled medicines

Endorsement	ACT	NSW	NT	QLD	SA	TAS	VIC	WA	TOTALS
Eligible Midwife									
Scheduled Medicines							1		1

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

Notation	ACT	NSW	NT	QLD	SA	TAS	VIC	WA	No PPP	Totals
Eligible Midwife		21		54	11	4	19	12		121