

Nurse and Midwife Data: September 2012

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Introduction

This report contains registration information about persons who are 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
- Assessing internationally qualified nurses and midwives 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 \(AHPRA\)](http://www.ahpra.gov.au). 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 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 NMBA Position Statement: [Position statement on concurrent registration as an Enrolled Nurse and Registered Nurse](#).

		ACT	NSW	NT	QLD	SA	TAS	VIC	WA	Not Stated	Grand Total
Nurse	Registered Nurse (RN)	3,803	66,781	2,836	45,723	19,824	5,999	59,598	25,045	8,302	237,911
	Non-practising (RN)	32	1,124	17	258	140	62	347	170	85	2,235
	RN & EN	21	556	30	499	232	21	982	199	6	2,546
	Enrolled Nurse (EN)	698	13,191	394	10,893	7,725	1,309	19,675	4,998	84	58,967
	Non-practising EN	11	275	3	58	51	19	118	43	1	579
	Non-practising RN & EN		2		1			3			6
Midwife	Registered Midwife (RM)	48	424	40	350	347	14	741	238	83	2,285
	Non-practising (RM)		21			3		18	2	2	46
Midwife and Nurse	Registered Nurse (RN)	629	10,294	534	6,505	2,357	658	8,406	3,108	251	32,742
	Non-practising (RN)	3	292	2	46	12	9	46	24	13	447
	RN & EN		3					8	3		14
	Enrolled Nurse (EN)	1	5		2	4		16			28
	Non-practising EN							1			1
Grand Total		5,246	92,968	3,856	64,335	30,695	8,091	89,959	33,830	8,827	337,807

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 +	Not Stated	Grand Total
Nurse	Registered Nurse (RN)	14,836	28,337	26,615	30,628	31,491	29,433	31,683	24,704	14,253	4,674	995	168	17	3	74	237,911
	Non-practising (RN)	69	175	183	268	285	260	298	292	219	124	41	18	1	2		2,235
	RN & EN	409	520	294	292	291	342	234	127	28	8	1					2,546
	Enrolled Nurse (EN)	4,256	4,550	3,923	4,778	7,022	9,165	11,122	8,236	4,245	992	129	24	3	1	521	58,967
	Non-practising EN	25	41	44	50	71	91	112	87	43	8	2	1			4	579
	Non-practising RN & EN		1	1		1	2					1					6
Midwife	Registered Midwife (RM)	288	358	290	354	339	270	162	109	70	35	7		1		2	2,285
	Non-practising (RM)	4	7	7	6	6	4	4	4	2	2						46
Midwife and Nurse	Registered Nurse (RN)	459	1,491	1,559	2,213	3,236	5,174	7,360	6,286	3,596	1,084	224	40	8		12	32,742
	Non-practising (RN)		5	17	28	34	40	78	97	81	41	18	3	5			447
	RN & EN	2	2	1	3	2	1		3								14
	Enrolled Nurse (EN)	4	11	3	1	5		2	2								28
	Non-practising EN		1														1
Grand Total		20,352	35,499	32,937	38,621	42,783	44,782	51,055	39,947	22,537	6,969	1,417	254	35	6	613	337,807

Nurse & Midwife: Gender by Registration Type

		FEMALE									Not Stated	Grand Total
		ACT	NSW	NT	QLD	SA	TAS	VIC	WA			
Nurse	Registered Nurse (RN)	3,389	58,429	2,403	40,562	17,359	5,237	53,182	22,618	7,141	210,320	
	Non-practising (RN)	26	1,029	16	243	126	61	319	162	74	2,056	
	RN & EN	16	472	27	440	192	20	813	186	5	2,171	
	Enrolled Nurse (EN)	644	11,757	324	9,896	7,026	1,206	17,922	4,709	75	53,559	
	Non-practising EN	10	255	3	54	48	19	116	43	1	549	
	Non-practising RN & EN		1		1			3			5	
Midwife	Registered Midwife (RM)	48	420	39	349	342	13	739	238	82	2,270	
	Non-practising (RM)		21			3		18	2	2	46	
Midwife and Nurse	Registered Nurse (RN)	613	10,063	510	6,374	2,280	641	8,306	3,059	243	32,089	
	Non-practising (RN)	3	287	2	45	12	7	46	24	12	438	
	RN & EN		3					8	3		14	
	Enrolled Nurse (EN)	1	5		2	3		16			27	
	Non-practising EN						1				1	
SUB TOTAL		4,750	82,742	3,324	57,966	27,391	7,204	81,489	31,044	7,635	303,545	
		MALE									Not Stated	Grand Total
		ACT	NSW	NT	QLD	SA	TAS	VIC	WA			
Nurse	Registered Nurse (RN)	413	8,298	430	5,150	2,277	762	6,406	2,424	1,147	27,307	
	Non-practising (RN)	6	95	1	15	14	1	28	8	11	179	
	RN & EN	5	84	2	59	40	1	169	13	1	374	
	Enrolled Nurse (EN)	54	1,426	70	992	655	103	1,751	288	9	5,348	
	Non-practising EN	1	20		4	3		2			30	
	Non-practising RN & EN		1								1	
Midwife	Registered Midwife (RM)		3	1	1		1	2		1	9	
Midwife and Nurse	Registered Nurse (RN)	16	231	24	131	58	17	100	48	8	633	
	Non-practising (RN)		5		1		2			1	9	
	Enrolled Nurse (EN)					1					1	
SUB TOTAL		495	10,163	528	6,353	3,048	887	8,458	2,781	1,178	33,891	
		NOT STATED									Not Stated	Grand Total
		ACT	NSW	NT	QLD	SA	TAS	VIC	WA			
Nurse	Registered Nurse (RN)	1	54	3	11	188		10	3	14	284	
	RN & EN			1							1	
	Enrolled Nurse (EN)		8		5	44		2	1		60	
Midwife	Registered Midwife (RM)		1			5					6	
Midwife and Nurse	Registered Nurse (RN)					19			1		20	
SUB TOTAL		1	63	4	16	256	-	12	5	14	371	
GRAND TOTAL		5,246	92,968	3,856	64,335	30,695	8,091	89,959	33,830	8,827	337,807	

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	Grand Total
Nurse Practitioner	30	204	10	195	70	20	99	135	2	765
Scheduled Medicines	2	31	10	651	80	2	59	9	5	777
Midwife Practitioner		1								1

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. 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 are 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	Grand Total
Eligible Midwife		24		59	11	4	19	13	130