

Nurse and Midwife Registrant Data: March 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
- Assessing internationally qualified nurses and midwives who wish to practice 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)	708	13261	404	11100	7789	1340	19814	4989	44	59449
	Registered Nurse (RN)	4162	69856	3006	47859	20825	6278	62261	26771	6118	247136
	RN & EN	33	890	38	792	414	27	1514	363	4	4075
Nurse and Midwife	Enrolled Nurse (EN)	2	5		3	4		26			40
	Registered Nurse (RN)	641	10347	550	6610	2381	677	8576	3154	199	33135
	RN & EN		5					32	7		44
Midwife		66	502	50	431	397	14	839	278	52	2629
Sub Total		5612	94866	4048	66795	31810	8336	93062	35562	6417	346508

Non-practising

		ACT	NSW	NT	QLD	SA	TAS	VIC	WA	Not stated	Grand Total
Nurse	Enrolled Nurse (EN)	11	277	3	64	53	18	123	46		595
	Registered Nurse (RN)	36	1185	17	278	146	62	373	188	27	2312
	RN & EN		5		1			4	1		11
Nurse and Midwife	Enrolled Nurse (EN)							1			1
	Registered Nurse (RN)	4	310	3	51	14	7	49	28	5	471
Midwife			21		1	4		19	2		47
Sub Total		51	1798	23	395	217	87	569	265	32	3437

Nurse & Midwife: Age by registration type

		Practising				Not Stated	Grand Total
		< 36	36 - 45	46 - 65	> 65		
Nurse	Enrolled Nurse (EN)	12,391	11,081	33,736	1,675	225	59,108
	Registered Nurse (RN)	67,316	62,398	103,847	7,874	49	241,484
	RN & EN	1,486	717	930	14		3,147
Nurse and Midwife	Enrolled Nurse (EN)	18	6	5			29
	Registered Nurse (RN)	3,306	5,067	22,602	1,839	11	32,825
	RN & EN	12	4	6			22
Midwife	Registered Midwife (RM)	939	701	681	56		2,377
Grand Total		85,468	79,974	161,807	11,458	285	338,992

		Non-practising				Not Stated	Grand Total
		< 36	36 - 45	46 - 65	> 65		
Nurse	Enrolled Nurse (EN)	103	116	352	15	1	587
	Registered Nurse (RN)	383	561	1,113	217		2,274
	RN & EN	2	1	2	1		6
Nurse and Midwife	Enrolled Nurse (EN)	1					1
	Registered Nurse (RN)	16	61	302	82		461
Midwife	Registered Midwife (RM)	18	11	15	4		48
Grand Total		523	750	1,784	319	1	3,377

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	11,803	324	1,0074	7,086	1,232	18,028	4,684	41	53,923
	Registered Nurse (RN)		3698	61,070	2,531	42,431	18,219	5,484	55,477	24,037	5328	218,275
	RN & EN		27	765	34	699	343	26	1285	347	4	3,530
Nurse and Midwife	Enrolled Nurse (EN)		2	5	0	3	3	0	26	0	0	39
	Registered Nurse (RN)		623	10,117	525	6,475	2,304	659	8,474	3,104	193	32,474
	RN & EN		0	5	0	0	0	0	32	7	0	44
Midwife	Registered Midwife (RM)		66	499	48	429	392	13	837	278	52	2614
Sub Total			5,067	84,264	3,462	60,111	28,347	7,414	84,159	32,457	5,618	310,899

		Male	ACT	NSW	NT	QLD	SA	TAS	VIC	WA	Not stated	Grand Total
Nurse	Enrolled Nurse (EN)		57	1,452	80	1,022	659	108	1,784	304	3	5,469
	Registered Nurse (RN)		463	8,738	472	5,417	2,418	794	6,775	2,730	781	28,588
	RN & EN		6	125	3	93	71	1	229	16		544
Nurse and Midwife	Enrolled Nurse (EN)					1						1
	Registered Nurse (RN)		18	230	25	135	58	18	102	49	6	641
	RN & EN											
Midwife	Registered Midwife (RM)			3	2	2		1	2			10
Sub Total			544	10,548	582	6,669	3,207	922	8,892	3,099	790	35,253

		Not Stated	ACT	NSW	NT	QLD	SA	TAS	VIC	WA	Not stated	Grand Total
Nurse	Enrolled Nurse (EN)			6		4	44		2	1		57
	Registered Nurse (RN)		1	48	3	11	188		9	4	9	273
	RN & EN				1							1
Nurse and Midwife	Registered Nurse (RN)						19			1		20
Midwife	Registered Midwife (RM)						5					
Sub Total			1	54	4	15	256	0	11	6	9	356

Non-practising

		Female	ACT	NSW	NT	QLD	SA	TAS	VIC	WA	Not stated	Grand Total
Nurse	Enrolled Nurse (EN)		10	257	3	60	50	18	121	46		565
	Registered Nurse (RN)		30	1085	16	260	133	60	344	179	26	2133
	RN & EN			4		1			4	1		10
Nurse and Midwife	Enrolled Nurse (EN)								1			1
	Registered Nurse (RN)		4	304	3	50	14	5	49	28	5	462
	RN & EN											
Midwife	Registered Midwife (RM)			21		1	4		19	2		47
Sub Total			44	1671	22	372	201	83	538	256	31	3218

		Male	ACT	NSW	NT	QLD	SA	TAS	VIC	WA	Not stated	Grand Total
Nurse	Enrolled Nurse (EN)		1	20		4	3		2			30
	Registered Nurse (RN)		6	100	1	18	13	2	29	9	1	179
	RN & EN			1								1
Nurse and Midwife	Registered Nurse (RN)			6		1		2				9
Sub Total			7	127	1	23	16	4	31	9	1	219

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	Grand Total
Nurse Practitioner	30	211	12	229	70	20	124	145	2	843
Registered Nurse - supply scheduled medicines	2	32	12	679	8	2	60	9	3	807
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	TOTALS
Eligible Midwife Scheduled Medicines	0	1	0	4	1	0	2	0	8

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	Grand Total
Eligible Midwife	0	31	0	71	12	4	31	17	166