

Nurse and Midwife Registrant Data: December 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 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	Registered Nurse (RN)	3,829	67,701	2,879	46,409	20,117	6,130	60,431	25,486	8,502	241,484
	Enrolled Nurse (EN)	697	13,265	405	10,937	7,728	1,335	19,693	4,961	87	59,108
	RN & EN	21	657	35	606	325	25	1,164	308	6	3,147
Nurse and Midwife	Registered Nurse (RN)	629	10,280	537	6,544	2,356	671	8,425	3,131	252	32,825
	Enrolled Nurse (EN)	1	5		2	4		17			29
	RN & EN		3					15	4		22
Midwife	Registered Midwife (RM)	47	446	42	374	342	13	761	264	88	2,377
Grand Total		5,224	92,357	3,898	64,872	30,872	8,174	90,506	34,154	8,935	338,992

Non-practising		ACT	NSW	NT	QLD	SA	TAS	VIC	WA	Not Stated	Grand Total
Nurse	Registered Nurse (RN)	32	1,139	18	263	144	61	359	174	84	2,274
	Enrolled Nurse (EN)	11	278	3	60	51	18	122	43	1	587
	RN & EN		2		1			3			6
Nurse and Midwife	Registered Nurse (RN)	4	301	2	46	13	7	50	24	14	461
	Enrolled Nurse (EN)							1			1
Midwife	Registered Midwife (RM)		22			4		17	2	3	48
Grand Total		47	1,742	23	370	212	86	552	243	102	3,377

Nurse & Midwife: Age by registration type

		Practising				Not Stated	Grand Total
		< 36	36 - 45	46 - 65	> 65		
Nurse	Registered Nurse (RN)	67,316	62,398	103,847	7,874	49	241,484
	Enrolled Nurse (EN)	12,391	11,081	33,736	1,675	225	59,108
	RN & EN	1,486	717	930	14		3,147
Nurse and Midwife	Registered Nurse (RN)	3,306	5,067	22,602	1,839	11	32,825
	Enrolled Nurse (EN)	18	6	5			29
	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	Registered Nurse (RN)	383	561	1,113	217		2,274
	Enrolled Nurse (EN)	103	116	352	15	1	587
	RN & EN	2	1	2	1		6
Nurse and Midwife	Registered Nurse (RN)	16	61	302	82		461
	Enrolled Nurse (EN)	1					1
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	Registered Nurse (RN)	3,409	59,227	2,437	41,166	17,611	5,363	53,898	23,017	7,298	213,426
	Enrolled Nurse (EN)	642	11,807	327	9,922	7,027	1,228	17,940	4,670	77	53,640
	RN & EN	16	564	32	535	270	24	973	292	5	2,711
Nurse and Midwife	Registered Nurse (RN)	613	10,049	513	6,412	2,279	654	8,325	3,082	244	32,171
	Enrolled Nurse (EN)	1	5		2	3		17			28
	RN & EN		3					15	4		22
Midwife	Registered Midwife (RM)	47	442	41	373	337	12	758	264	88	2,362
Sub Total		4,728	82,097	3,350	58,410	27,527	7,281	81,926	31,329	7,712	304,360

Male		ACT	NSW	NT	QLD	SA	TAS	VIC	WA	Not Stated	Grand Total
Nurse	Registered Nurse (RN)	419	8,420	439	5,231	2,318	767	6,524	2,465	1,192	27,775
	Enrolled Nurse (EN)	55	1,450	78	1,010	657	107	1,751	290	10	5,408
	RN & EN	5	93	2	71	55	1	191	16	1	435
Nurse and Midwife	Registered Nurse (RN)	16	231	24	132	58	17	100	48	8	634
	Enrolled Nurse (EN)					1					1
Midwife	Registered Midwife (RM)		3	1	1		1	3			9
Sub Total		495	10,197	544	6,445	3,089	893	8,569	2,819	1,211	34,262

Not Stated		ACT	NSW	NT	QLD	SA	TAS	VIC	WA	Not Stated	Grand Total
Nurse	Registered Nurse (RN)	1	54	3	12	188		9	4	12	283
	Enrolled Nurse (EN)		8		5	44		2	1		60
	RN & EN			1							1
Nurse and Midwife	Registered Nurse (RN)					19			1		20
Midwife	Registered Midwife (RM)		1			5					6
Sub Total		1	63	4	17	256	-	11	6	12	370

Non-practising

Female		ACT	NSW	NT	QLD	SA	TAS	VIC	WA	Not Stated	Grand Total
Nurse	Registered Nurse (RN)	26	1,043	17	247	131	60	334	166	74	2,098
	Enrolled Nurse (EN)	10	258	3	56	48	18	120	43	1	557
	RN & EN		1		1			3			5
Nurse and Midwife	Registered Nurse (RN)	4	296	2	45	13	5	50	24	13	452
	Enrolled Nurse (EN)							1			1
Midwife	Registered Midwife (RM)		22			4		17	2	3	48
Sub Total		40	1,620	22	349	196	83	525	235	91	3,161

Male		ACT	NSW	NT	QLD	SA	TAS	VIC	WA	Not Stated	Grand Total
Nurse	Registered Nurse (RN)	6	96	1	16	13	1	25	8	10	176
	Enrolled Nurse (EN)	1	20		4	3		2			30
	RN & EN		1								1
Nurse and Midwife	Registered Nurse (RN)		5		1		2			1	9
Sub Total		7	122	1	21	16	3	27	8	11	216

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	10	201	70	20	103	140	3	788
Scheduled Medicines	2	30	10	677	8	2	61	9	5	804
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	0	25	0	65	11	4	30	17	152