

Chinese Medicine Registrant Data: March 2014

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Introduction

The functions of the Chinese Medicine Board of Australia include:

* registering registering Chinese medicine practitioners and students
* developing standards, codes and guidelines for the Chinese Medicine profession
* handling notifications, complaints, investigations and disciplinary hearings
* assessing overseas trained practitioners who wish to practise in Australia
* approving accreditation standards and accredited courses of study.

The Board’s functions are supported by [Australian Health Practitioner Regulation Agency](http://www.ahpra.gov.au/About-AHPRA/What-We-Do.aspx)(AHPRA). For information about legislation governing our operations see [AHPRA's Legislation & Publications](http://www.ahpra.gov.au/Legislation-and-Publications.aspx) at <http://www.ahpra.gov.au/Legislation-and-Publications.aspx>

The Board has analysed its fourth quarter of registration data and produced a number of statistical breakdowns about registrants to share with the profession and community.

The Board shares these breakdowns regularly. In the context of “grandparenting”, as registration applications are finalised a clearer picture of the profession will emerge.

For more information on Chinese Medicine registration, please see the Board’s website [www.chinesemedicineboard.gov.au/Registration.aspx](http://www.chinesemedicineboard.gov.au/Registration.aspx)

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| **Chinese Medicine health practitioners – registration type and sub type by state or territory** |
| **Chinese Medicine Practitioner** | **ACT** | **NSW** | **NT** | **QLD** | **SA** | **TAS** | **VIC** | **WA** | **No PPP** | **Total** |
| **General** | 62 | 1,690 | 14 | 782 | 162 | 35 | 1,124 | 213 | 15 | **4,097** |
| **Limited (Total of Sub Types)** | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | **-** |
| Teaching or Research | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | **-** |
| **Non-Practising** | 2 | 17 | 0 | 20 | 1 | - | 56 | 2 | 24 | **122** |
| **Total Practitioners** | **64** | **1,707** | **14** | **802** | **163** | **35** | **1,180** | **215** | **39** | **4,219** |

Table 1: Chinese Medicine health practitioners – registration type and sub type by state or territory

### **Chinese medicine health practitioners – percentage by principal place of practice**

Chart 1: Chinese Medicine health practitioners – percentage by principal place of practice

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| **Chinese Medicine health practitioners – registration division(s)** |
| **Chinese Medicine Practitioner** | **ACT** | **NSW** | **NT** | **QLD** | **SA** | **TAS** | **VIC** | **WA** | **No PPP** | **Total** |
| **Acupuncturist** | 23 | 413 | 10 | 545 | 91 | 21 | 423 | 85 | 4 | **1,615** |
| **Acupuncturist and Chinese Herbal Dispensing** | - | 1 | - | 3 | - | - | 1 | - | - | **5** |
| **Acupuncturist and Chinese Herbal Dispensing and Chinese Herbal Medicine** | 7 | 349 | - | 39 | 7 | 1 | 59 | 20 | 1 | **483** |
| **Acupuncturist and Chinese Herbal Medicine** | 34 | 877 | 4 | 207 | 60 | 12 | 670 | 106 | 32 | **2,002** |
| **Chinese Herbal Dispensing** | - | 34 | - | 1 | 1 | - | 3 | 2 | - | **41** |
| **Chinese Herbal Dispensing and Chinese Herbal Medicine** | - | 11 | - | - | 3 | - | - | - | - | **14** |
| **Chinese Herbal Medicine** | - | 22 | - | 7 | 1 | 1 | 24 | 2 | 2 | **59** |
| **Total** | **64** | **1,707** | **14** | **802** | **163** | **35** | **1,180** | **215** | **39** | **4,219** |

Table 2: Chinese Medicine health practitioners – registration division(s)

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|  **Chinese Medicine health practitioners – registration type by age group** |
| **Chinese Medicine Practitioner** | **Type** | **Total** | **% by Age Group** |
| **Age Group** | **General** | **Limited** | **Non-Practising** |
| U-25 | 22 | - | - | 22 | 0.52% |
| 25-29 | 216 | - | 5 | 221 | 5.24% |
| 30-34 | 366 | - | 15 | 381 | 9.03% |
| 35-39 | 561 | - | 22 | 583 | 13.82% |
| 40-44 | 566 | - | 19 | 585 | 13.87% |
| 45-49 | 491 | - | 10 | 501 | 11.87% |
| 50-54 | 597 | - | 11 | 608 | 14.41% |
| 55-59 | 551 | - | 18 | 569 | 13.49% |
| 60-64 | 395 | - | 12 | 407 | 9.65% |
| 65-69 | 190 | - | 3 | 193 | 4.57% |
| 70-74 | 88 | - | 3 | 91 | 2.16% |
| 75-79 | 39 | - | 3 | 42 | 1.00% |
| 80+ | 15 | - | 1 | 16 | 0.38% |
| **Total** | **4,097** | **-** | **122** | **4,219** | **100.00%** |

Table 3: Chinese Medicine health practitioners – registration type by age group

Chart 2: Chinese Medicine health practitioners – by age group

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| **Chinese Medicine health practitioners – registration type by gender** |
| **Chinese Medicine Practitioner** | **ACT** | **NSW** | **NT** | **QLD** | **SA** | **TAS** | **VIC** | **WA** | **No PPP** | **Total** |
| **Female** | **33** | **886** | **10** | **426** | **84** | **22** | **646** | **124** | **20** | **2,251** |
| General | 31 | 876 | 10 | 415 | 83 | 22 | 612 | 123 | 7 | **2,179** |
| Limited | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | **-** |
| Non-Practising | 2 | 10 | - | 11 | 1 | - | 34 | 1 | 13 | **72** |
| **Male** | **31** | **821** | **4** | **376** | **79** | **13** | **534** | **91** | **19** | **1,968** |
| General | 31 | 814 | 4 | 367 | 79 | 13 | 512 | 90 | 8 | **1,918** |
| Limited | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | **-** |
| Non-Practising | - | 7 | - | 9 | - | - | 22 | 1 | 11 | **50** |
| **Total Practitioners** | **64** | **1,707** | **14** | **802** | **163** | **35** | **1,180** | **215** | **39** | **4,219** |

Table 4: Chinese Medicine health practitioners – registration type by gender

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| **Chinese Medicine health practitioners – percentage by gender** |
| **Chinese Medicine Practitioner** | **ACT** | **NSW** | **NT** | **QLD** | **SA** | **TAS** | **VIC** | **WA** | **No PPP** | **Total** |
| **Female** | 51.56% | 51.90% | 71.43% | 53.12% | 51.53% | 62.86% | 54.75% | 57.67% | 51.28% | **53.35%** |
| **Male** | 48.44% | 48.10% | 28.57% | 46.88% | 48.47% | 37.14% | 45.25% | 42.33% | 48.72% | **46.65%** |

Table 5: Chinese Medicine health practitioners – percentage by gender