

Chinese Medicine Registrant Data: June 2014

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Introduction

The functions of the Chinese Medicine Board of Australia include:

* 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 | 1,721 | 14 | 788 | 164 | 34 | 1,139 | 212 | 15 | **4,149** |
| **Limited (Total of Sub Types)** | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | **-** |
| Teaching or Research | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | **-** |
| **Non-Practising** | 2 | 16 | 0 | 22 | 0 | 0 | 55 | 2 | 25 | **122** |
| **Total Practitioners** | **64** | **1,737** | **14** | **810** | **164** | **34** | **1,194** | **214** | **40** | **4,271** |

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 | 415 | 10 | 551 | 91 | 21 | 428 | 86 | 5 | **1,630** |
| **Acupuncturist and Chinese Herbal Dispensing** | - | 1 | - | 3 | - | - | 1 | - | - | **5** |
| **Acupuncturist and Chinese Herbal Dispensing and Chinese Herbal Medicine** | 7 | 365 | - | 41 | 7 | 1 | 61 | 20 | 1 | **503** |
| **Acupuncturist and Chinese Herbal Medicine** | 34 | 888 | 4 | 207 | 61 | 11 | 677 | 104 | 33 | **2,019** |
| **Chinese Herbal Dispensing** | - | 34 | - | 1 | 1 | - | 3 | 2 | - | **41** |
| **Chinese Herbal Dispensing and Chinese Herbal Medicine** | - | 11 | - | - | 3 | - | - | - | - | **14** |
| **Chinese Herbal Medicine** | - | 23 | - | 7 | 1 | 1 | 24 | 2 | 1 | **59** |
| **Total** | **64** | **1,737** | **14** | **810** | **164** | **34** | **1,194** | **214** | **40** | **4,271** |

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 | 24 | - | - | 24 | 0.56% |
| 25-29 | 226 | - | 5 | 231 | 5.41% |
| 30-34 | 373 | - | 15 | 388 | 9.08% |
| 35-39 | 575 | - | 20 | 595 | 13.93% |
| 40-44 | 574 | - | 20 | 594 | 13.91% |
| 45-49 | 499 | - | 11 | 510 | 11.94% |
| 50-54 | 597 | - | 12 | 609 | 14.26% |
| 55-59 | 553 | - | 18 | 571 | 13.37% |
| 60-64 | 397 | - | 11 | 408 | 9.55% |
| 65-69 | 190 | - | 3 | 193 | 4.52% |
| 70-74 | 87 | - | 3 | 90 | 2.11% |
| 75-79 | 39 | - | 3 | 42 | 0.98% |
| 80+ | 15 | - | 1 | 16 | 0.37% |
| **Total** | 4,149 | - | 122 | 4,271 | **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** | **32** | **907** | **10** | **425** | **84** | **22** | **654** | **124** | **21** | **2,279** |
| General | 30 | 898 | 10 | 413 | 84 | 22 | 620 | 123 | 7 | **2,207** |
| Limited | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| Non-Practising | 2 | 9 | - | 12 | - | - | 34 | 1 | 14 | 72 |
| **Male** | **32** | **830** | **4** | **385** | **80** | **12** | **540** | **90** | **19** | **1,992** |
| General | 32 | 823 | 4 | 375 | 80 | 12 | 519 | 89 | 8 | 1,942 |
| Limited | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| Non-Practising | - | 7 | - | 10 | - | - | 21 | 1 | 11 | 50 |
| **Total Practitioners** | **64** | **1,737** | **14** | **810** | **164** | **34** | **1,194** | **214** | **40** | **4,271** |

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** | 50.00% | 52.22% | 71.43% | 52.47% | 51.22% | 64.71% | 54.77% | 57.94% | 52.50% | **53.36%** |
| **Male** | 50.00% | 47.78% | 28.57% | 47.53% | 48.78% | 35.29% | 45.23% | 42.06% | 47.50% | **46.64%** |

Table 5: Chinese Medicine health practitioners – percentage by gender