

QoN 1 – The number of registered practitioners under supervision

Under the National Law, there are three restriction categories where supervision requirements on a practitioner may be required.

1. **As an inherent restriction** – These are restrictions that are inherent to registration requirements for practitioners with limited or provisional registration. The most common examples of these are for graduates in professions that require a period of internship or supervised practice to be completed to obtain general registration. Data on practitioners with inherent restrictions has not been provided as this does not pertain to notification related restrictions. However, you may wish to note that 12 National Boards have completed their review of the supervised practice framework that is applicable to this type of requirement, and an advance copy has been recently published – see [here](#) – ahead of the framework taking effect in February 2022.
2. **As a suitability/eligibility restriction** (under Part 7 of National Law) – These are restrictions on a practitioner to meet eligibility or suitability requirements at application or renewal for registration due to a practitioner:
 - returning to practice after an absence, or
 - making a change to a different field or scope of practice (where applicable), or
 - needing to meet the eligibility requirements for an application for registration or endorsement, or
 - being unable to meet other requirements set out in a registration standard for the profession.
2. **As a health, performance or conduct restriction** (under Part 8 of National Law) – these are restrictions that result from a notification process.

As of 30 June 2021, Ahpra was monitoring 4,650 cases relating to 4,648 registered health practitioners across all 16 regulated professions. The restrictions were in the following categories:

- **Suitability/eligibility restriction** – 2,734 cases. Of these data, 524 are medical practitioners (including practitioners with a principal place of practice in New South Wales and Queensland).
- **Health, performance or conduct restrictions** – 1,467 cases were being monitored by Ahpra. Of these data, 582 cases relate to medical practitioners. Ahpra does not monitor these restrictions for any practitioners in New South Wales or practitioners subject to immediate registration action in Queensland. If these cases are included, there are an additional 1,249 cases, of which 516 relate to medical practitioners.

In addition, Ahpra was also monitoring 449 cases related to prohibited practitioners and students.

Of the 4,650 cases monitored by Ahpra across all professions, there were 1,691 cases requiring supervision.