

Australian Ophthalmic Nurses Association Membership Report

Insights and trends in ophthalmic nursing membership

Organisational Overview



National Professional Body

AONA is the national body supporting nurses involved in ophthalmic care across Australia.

Professional Development

AONA promotes education, networking, and advocacy to enhance nurses' skills and eye health services.

Membership and Resources

Membership nurses professionals with access to clinical meetings and CPD resources.

Healthcare Advocacy

AONA represents ophthalmic nurses in broader health initiatives and engages with state chapters for regional support. Agency of Clinical Innovation (ACI) NSW, Statewide referral criteria Ophthalmology NSW, RANZCO.

Membership Overview

Benefits of Membership

Professional Development Access

Members gain access to clinical meetings and Tele-ED sessions earning CPD points to advance their skills.

Conference Participation

Annual national conference attendance fosters learning and networking among ophthalmic nursing professionals.

Educational Grants and Scholarships

Members are eligible for grants and scholarships to support further education and research opportunities.

Networking and Updates

Networking newsletters keep members informed and connected in the field.



Membership Status Breakdown

STATUS

NUMBER OF MEMBERS

Active

254

Expired

217

Total

471

Target
Expired
Members



Geographic Distribution

STATE/TERRITORY	NUMBER OF MEMBERS	PERCENTAGE
NSW	87	35%
VIC	30	12%
WA	17	7%
SA	14	5%
QLD	7	2%
TAS	6	2%
NT	3	1%
ACT	2	0.7%
No State Recorded	86	35%

Strategic Direction

Goals for 2026



Membership challenges

- Aim to restore membership to over 214 expired member.
 - Survey expired members to establish reasons for non-renewal
- Fee event in SA – networking opportunity -did not result in new AONA members.
- Non AONA members attending clinicals – 2025 they were given membership as part of the Non -clinical fee. Review whether these members remain AONA members in 2026.

Member Engagement

- Boost engagement via regional events and digital resources tailored for members.