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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

When the mass registration for the Diagnostic Radiographers (DRs) and Radiation Therapists (RTs) was completed on 14 April 2017, a total of 1,579 DRs and 161 RTs were successfully registered. 408 registration applications were also received in 2017 including the DRs and RTs after 14 April 2017. On 31 December 2017, there was a total of 5,328 allied health professionals on the Allied Health Professions' Register.

Mr Koh Kok Khai, Director of Psychological Services, Ministry of Education was appointed to the Allied Health Professions Council (AHPC) on 13 January 2017 replacing Ms Phyllis Chua as representative of the Director-General of Education. On behalf of the AHPC, we thank Ms Phyllis Chua for her various contributions in the preceding term of the AHPC.

I would like to highlight the contributions of the committees which have assisted the AHPC. The appointed Credentials Committees for each of the five professional groups met regularly and worked tirelessly to review many applications for registration. The Committees advised the AHPC on whether the applicants for registration should be registered or have conditions or restrictions imposed to be registered.

The Credentials Committees were each concurrently appointed to be the Curriculum and Organisation Review Committee (CORC) for their profession. As CORC, and using AHPC's evaluation framework for review of university programmes, they reviewed the universities including their curricula. The CORCs also reviewed organisations' ability and readiness to meet supervision requirements before they were approved to hire conditionally registered professionals.

The Additional Qualifications Review Committee formed in July 2014, recommended the principles and guidance for the display of additional qualifications and developed an evaluation framework for additional qualifications recognised by the AHPC for display and conducted the evaluation of applications to display these qualifications.

I would like to thank all members of our AHPC committees. Their names have been included in this report. Apart from these committees, there were many other colleagues who have unstintingly supported the work of the AHPC. These included the trainers in the supervisor training workshops. Without them, the task of self-regulation cannot be realised. In this regard we also appreciate the support of the many trained supervisors who have taken time and effort to assess our conditionally registered professionals. They have trained and guided our young or new allied health professionals and enabled the new entrants to adjust to their work environment.

On behalf of the AHPC, I would like to thank the AHPC Secretariat for their good work. The AHPC will continue to look into our processes working with the Ministry of Health and other healthcare professional boards to ensure that AHPC's regulation and processes continue to protect the health and safety of the public.

Dr Lau Hong Choon
President
Allied Health Professions Council

INTRODUCTION

The AHPC was formed on 8 April 2013 and the implementation of the Allied Health Professions Act commenced on 15 April 2013 with the registration of Occupational Therapists (OTs), Physiotherapists (PTs) and Speech-Language Therapists (SLTs). On 15 April 2016, the AHPC commenced the registration of DRs and RTs.

The AHPC maintains the Registers of allied health professionals and renews practising certificates, issues certificates of good standing and regulates the conduct and practice of registered allied health professionals. The AHPC specifies pre-registration requisites and approves pre-registration training centres.

The AHPC also investigates any complaints against registered allied health professionals. Registrants found guilty of professional misconduct may be reprimanded, suspended or removed from the Register.

The Annual Report 2017 documents the activities and registration statistics as at 31 December 2017 for DRs, OTs, PTs, RTs and SLTs.

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OVERVIEW OF REGISTERED ALLIED HEALTH PROFESSIONALS

The registration of DRs, OTs, PTs, RTs and SLTs are mainly categorised into full, conditional and temporary registration. Restricted registration is a transitional category applicable only during the starting grace period of registration for foreign-trained allied health professionals who were practising in Singapore before the Act came into force and whose qualifications were not in the List of Recognised Qualifications under the Allied Health Professions Act. Restricted registration allowed these professionals to practise within the AHPC-approved restricted scope of practice and to continue their practice in the specified areas where they have demonstrated competence.

Allied health professionals whose qualifications were recognised, and who had no prior professional practice in Singapore must undergo conditional registration and supervised practice before they can be fully registered. Returnees to practice may also be put on conditional or temporary registration depending on the period they have been out of professional practice to enable them to practise safely and competently before they can be accorded full registration.

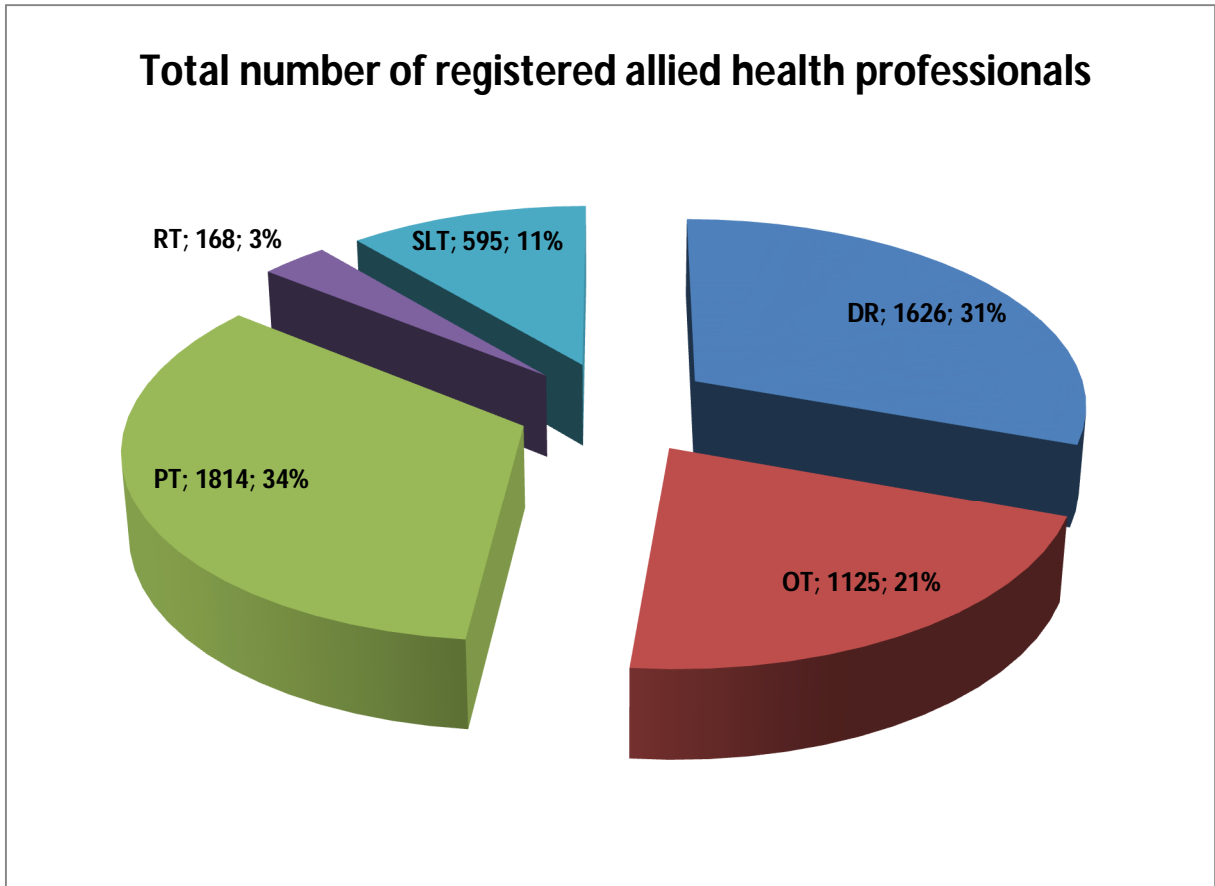
As at end 2017, a total of 5,328 allied health professionals consisting of 1,626 DRs, 1,125 OTs, 1,814 PTs, 168 RTs and 595 SLTs were on the Allied Health Professions' Register. This number also includes temporary registration granted to eligible DRs and SLTs to allow them to prepare and take the qualifying examination before being considered for conditional registration.

OVERVIEW

DISTRIBUTION OF REGISTERED ALLIED HEALTH PROFESSIONALS

PTs form the largest group of allied health professionals registered by the AHPC followed by the DRs and OTs.

Chart 1. Total number of registered allied health professionals as at 31 December 2017



REGISTRATION NUMBERS BY TYPE OF REGISTRATION

There was a 5% increase of registered OTs, 7% increase of PTs, and 14% increase of registered SLTs in 2017 over the preceding year. 90% of DRs, 88% of OTs, 81% of PTs, 89% of RTs and 82% of SLTs were fully registered. The majority of the remaining DRs, OTs, PTs, RTs and SLTs were conditionally registered.

Table 1. Number of registered allied health professionals by registration type at 31 December of each registration year below

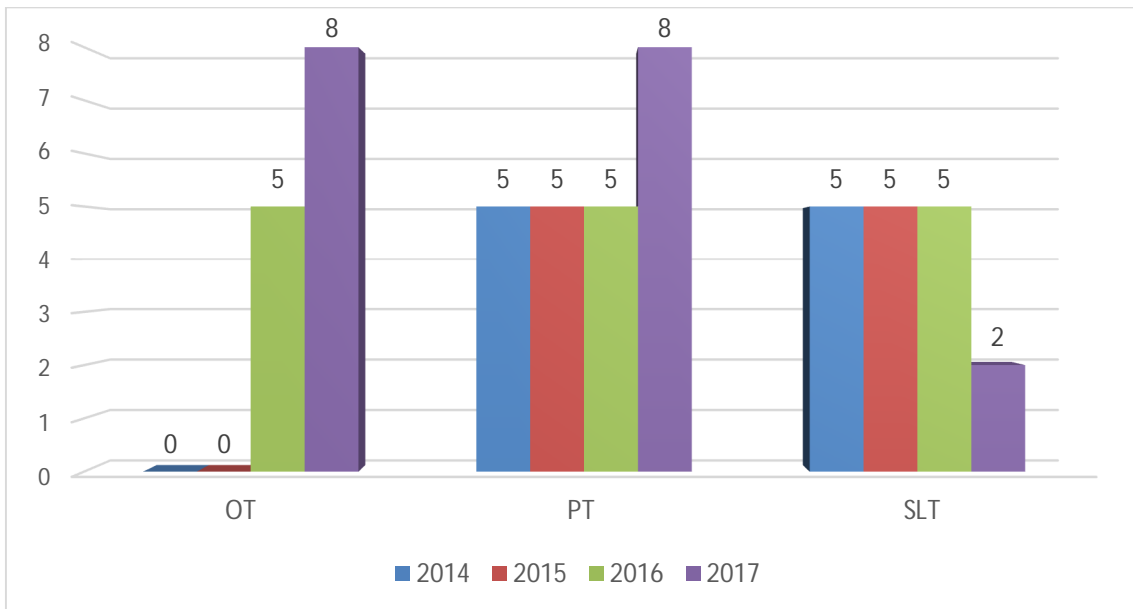
Diagnostic Radiography	2014	2015	2016	2017
Full Registration	-	-	-	1,469
Restricted Registration	-	-	-	12
Conditional Registration	-	-	-	132
Temporary Registration	-	-	-	13
TOTAL	-	-	-	1,626
Occupational Therapy				
Occupational Therapy	2014	2015	2016	2017
Full Registration	732	814	898	992
Restricted Registration	3	3	2	2
Conditional Registration	170	150	167	131
TOTAL	905	967	1,067	1,125
Physiotherapy				
Physiotherapy	2014	2015	2016	2017
Full Registration	1,066	1,167	1,341	1,474
Restricted Registration	56	57	57	58
Conditional Registration	272	325	295	282
TOTAL	1,394	1,549	1,693	1,814
Radiation Therapy				
Radiation Therapy	2014	2015	2016	2017
Full Registration	-	-	-	150
Conditional Registration	-	-	-	18
TOTAL	-	-	-	168
Speech-Language Therapy				
Speech-Language Therapy	2014	2015	2016	2017
Full Registration	309	342	435	488
Restricted Registration	2	3	5	5
Conditional Registration	88	128	84	101
Temporary Registration	-	-	-	1
TOTAL	399	473	524	595

The AHPC also registers overseas experts who provide training to fellow professionals, and/or provide professional opinion on assessment or treatment of patients in Singapore through Temporary Registration for Visiting Experts. Such visiting experts are required to be registered with the AHPC if they participate in hands-on demonstration on clients/patients/caregivers during lectures, workshops or seminars or provide advice to patients and their caregivers. These temporarily registered visiting experts are excluded from the registration numbers in Table 1. In 2017, there was a total of 18 visiting experts registered.

Table 2. Total number of temporary registrants (Visiting Experts) in 2017

Types of Registration	DR	OT	PT	RT	SLT	TOTAL
Temporary Registration	0	8	8	0	2	18

Chart 2. Number of temporary registrants (Visiting Experts) for the Years 2014 to 2017



SECTOR DISTRIBUTION

The public healthcare institutions were the largest sector employer for all five professions. The voluntary welfare organisations (VWOs) were the second largest sector employer for OTs while the private sector was the second largest sector employer for DRs, PTs, SLTs and RTs. Tables 3a – 3d provide a snapshot of the sectors of employment of the registered allied health professionals

Table 3a. Sector distribution of OTs from 2014 to 2017

Occupational Therapy	2014	2015	2016	2017
Public Healthcare Sector (Restructured Hospitals and Institutions, Polyclinics)	456 (50.4%)	431 (44.6%)	462 (43.3%)	454 (40.4%)
Community Hospitals	112 (12.4%)	112 (11.6%)	142 (13.3%)	140 (12.4%)
Voluntary Welfare Organisations*	180 (19.9%)	206 (21.3%)	219 (20.5%)	256 (22.8%)
Private Hospitals/Clinics/Centres/Schools	128 (14.1%)	134 (13.8%)	147 (13.8%)	143 (12.7%)
Public Sector Educational Institutions	12 (1.3%)	17 (1.8%)	15 (1.4%)	13 (1.2%)
Statutory Boards and Government-linked Agencies	16 (1.8%)	27 (2.8%)	13 (1.2%)	14 (1.2%)
Others^	1 (0.1%)	40 (4.1%)	69 (6.5%)	105 (9.3%)
TOTAL	905 (100%)	967 (100%)	1,067 (100%)	1,125 (100%)

* Voluntary Welfare Organisations include organisations such as SPD, AWWA Ltd, Rainbow Centre, etc and excludes VWO Community Hospitals

^ Others include those who have retired, working overseas, working in other fields, pursuing further education or not working

Table 3b. Sector distribution of PTs from 2014 to 2017

Physiotherapy	2014	2015	2016	2017
Public Healthcare Sector (Restructured Hospitals and Institutions, Polyclinics)	785 (56.3%)	792 (51.1%)	821 (48.5%)	817 (45.0%)
Community Hospitals	117 (8.4%)	135 (8.7%)	169 (10.0%)	165 (9.1%)
Voluntary Welfare Organisations*	136 (9.8%)	155 (10.0%)	181 (10.7%)	210 (11.6%)
Private Hospitals/Clinics/Centres/Schools	293 (21.0%)	339 (21.9%)	369 (21.8%)	419 (23.1%)
Public Sector Educational Institutions	19 (1.4%)	18 (1.2%)	18 (1.1%)	16 (0.9%)
Statutory Boards and Government-linked Agencies	42 (3.0%)	44 (2.8%)	23 (1.3%)	20 (1.1%)
Others^	2 (0.1%)	66 (4.3%)	112 (6.6%)	167 (9.2%)
TOTAL	1,394 (100%)	1,549 (100%)	1,693 (100%)	1,814 (100%)

* Voluntary Welfare Organisations include organisations such as SPD, AWWA Ltd, Rainbow Centre, etc and excludes VWO Community Hospitals

^ Others include those who have retired, working overseas, working in other fields, pursuing further education or not working

Table 3c. Sector distribution of SLTs from 2014 to 2017

Speech-Language Therapy	2014	2015	2016	2017
Public Healthcare Sector (Restructured Hospitals and Institutions, Polyclinics)	185 (46.3%)	202 (42.7%)	212 (40.5%)	229 (38.5%)
Community Hospitals	21 (5.3%)	14 (3.0%)	15 (2.9%)	14 (2.4%)
Voluntary Welfare Organisations*	73 (18.3%)	99 (20.9%)	115 (21.9%)	134 (22.5%)
Private Hospitals/Clinics/Centres/Schools	113 (28.3%)	131 (27.7%)	140 (26.7%)	159 (26.7%)
Public Sector Educational Institutions	1 (0.3%)	2 (0.4%)	1 (0.2%)	2 (0.3%)
Statutory Boards and Government-linked Agencies	6 (1.5%)	7 (1.5%)	1 (0.2%)	1 (0.2%)
Others^	0 (0.0%)	18 (3.8%)	40 (7.6%)	56 (9.4%)
TOTAL	399 (100%)	473 (100%)	524 (100%)	595 (100%)

* Voluntary Welfare Organisations include organisations such as SPD, AWWA Ltd, Rainbow Centre etc and excludes VWO Community Hospitals

^ Others include those who have retired, working overseas, working in other fields, pursuing further education or not working

Table 3d. Sector distribution of DRs & RTs as at 31 December 2017

Sectors of Employment	Sector Distribution		Total
	DR	RT	
Public Healthcare Sector (Restructured Hospitals and Institutions, Polyclinics)	1,145 (70.4%)	137 (81.5%)	1,282
Voluntary Welfare Organisations*	19 (1.1%)	0 (0.0%)	19
Private Hospitals/Clinics/Centres/Schools	405 (24.9%)	28 (16.8%)	433
Public Sector Educational Institutions	14 (0.9%)	1 (0.6%)	15
Statutory Boards and Government-linked Agencies	8 (0.5%)	0 (0.0%)	8
Others^	35 (2.2%)	2 (1.2%)	37
TOTAL	1,626 (100%)	168 (100%)	1,794

* Voluntary Welfare Organisations include organisations such as SATA.

^ Others include those who have retired, working overseas, working in other fields, pursuing further education or not working

EMPLOYMENT STATUS OF REGISTERED ALLIED HEALTH PROFESSIONALS

Of the registered Allied Health Professionals who were working in Singapore, the majority were in full time employment, with around 7% of the registered allied health professionals working part-time. For OTs, PTs and SLTs, the percentage working part-time remained stable from 2014 to 2017.

Table 4. Employment status of registered allied health professionals from 2014 to 2017

Diagnostic Radiography	2014	2015	2016	2017
Full Time	-	-	-	1,529 (94.0%)
Part Time	-	-	-	62 (3.8%)
Others*	-	-	-	35 (2.2%)
TOTAL	-	-	-	1,626 (100%)
Occupational Therapy				
Occupational Therapy	2014	2015	2016	2017
Full Time	832 (91.9%)	843 (87.2%)	911 (85.4%)	939 (83.5%)
Part Time	72 (8.0%)	84 (8.7%)	87 (8.1%)	81 (7.2%)
Others*	1 (0.1%)	40 (4.1%)	69 (6.5%)	105 (9.3%)
TOTAL	905 (100%)	967 (100%)	1,067 (100%)	1,125 (100%)
Physiotherapy				
Physiotherapy	2014	2015	2016	2017
Full Time	1,273 (91.3%)	1,361 (87.8%)	1,457 (86.1%)	1,508 (83.1%)
Part Time	119 (8.5%)	122 (7.9%)	124 (7.3%)	139 (7.7%)
Others*	2 (0.2%)	66 (4.3%)	112 (6.6%)	167 (9.2%)
TOTAL	1,394 (100%)	1,549 (100%)	1,693 (100%)	1,814 (100%)
Radiation Therapy				
Radiation Therapy	2014	2015	2016	2017
Full Time	-	-	-	165 (98.2%)
Part Time	-	-	-	1 (0.6%)
Others*	-	-	-	2 (1.2%)
TOTAL	-	-	-	168 (100%)
Speech-Language Therapy				
Speech-Language Therapy	2014	2015	2016	2017
Full Time	347 (87.0%)	396 (83.7%)	421 (80.4%)	467 (78.5%)
Part Time	52 (13.0%)	59 (12.5%)	63 (12.0%)	72 (12.1%)
Others*	0 (0.0%)	18 (3.8%)	40 (7.6%)	56 (9.4%)
TOTAL	399 (100%)	473 (100%)	524 (100%)	595 (100%)

* Others include those who have retired, working overseas, working in other fields, pursuing further education or not working

DEMOGRAPHIC PROFILE OF REGISTERED ALLIED HEALTH PROFESSIONALS

The registered Allied Health Professionals for all five professions were mainly between 20 to 39 years of age, and of female gender (Table 5). Singapore citizens and permanent residents (PRs) numbered between 67 – 91% of the various health professions (Table 6a).

Table 5. Gender and age profile of registered Allied Health Professionals
(31 December 2017)

Demographic Profile	Number for Each Profession				
	DR	OT	PT	RT	SLT
Gender					
Male	575 (35.4%)	188 (16.7%)	512 (28.2%)	52 (31.0%)	43 (7.2%)
Female	1,051 (64.6%)	937 (83.3%)	1,302 (71.8%)	116 (69.0%)	552 (92.8%)
Age					
20-29	564 (34.7%)	473 (42.0%)	769 (42.4%)	51 (30.3%)	240 (40.4%)
30-39	600 (36.9%)	453 (40.3%)	660 (36.4%)	81 (48.2%)	239 (40.2%)
40-49	301 (18.5%)	153 (13.6%)	296 (16.3%)	22 (13.1%)	90 (15.1%)
50-59	114 (7.0%)	38 (3.4%)	57 (3.1%)	6 (3.6%)	21 (3.5%)
60 and above	47 (2.9%)	8 (0.7%)	32 (1.8%)	8 (4.8%)	5 (0.8%)
Total Number	1,626	1,125	1,814	168	595

Charts 3a to 3b provide graphic illustrations of the information in Table 5.

Chart 3a. Total number of registered allied health professionals by gender as at 31 December 2017

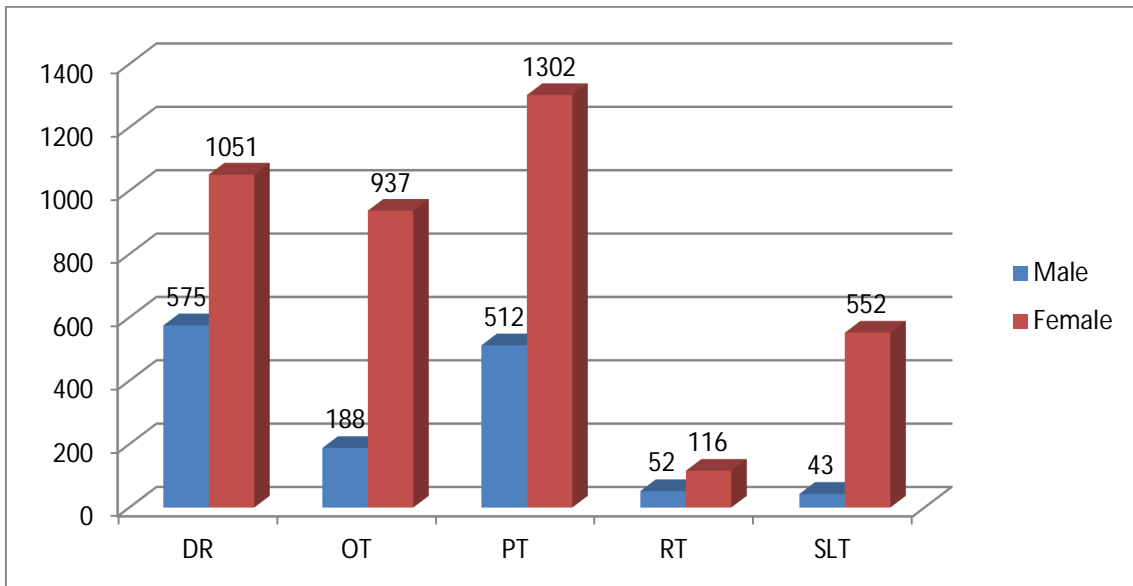


Chart 3b. Registered allied health professionals by age group as at 31 December 2017

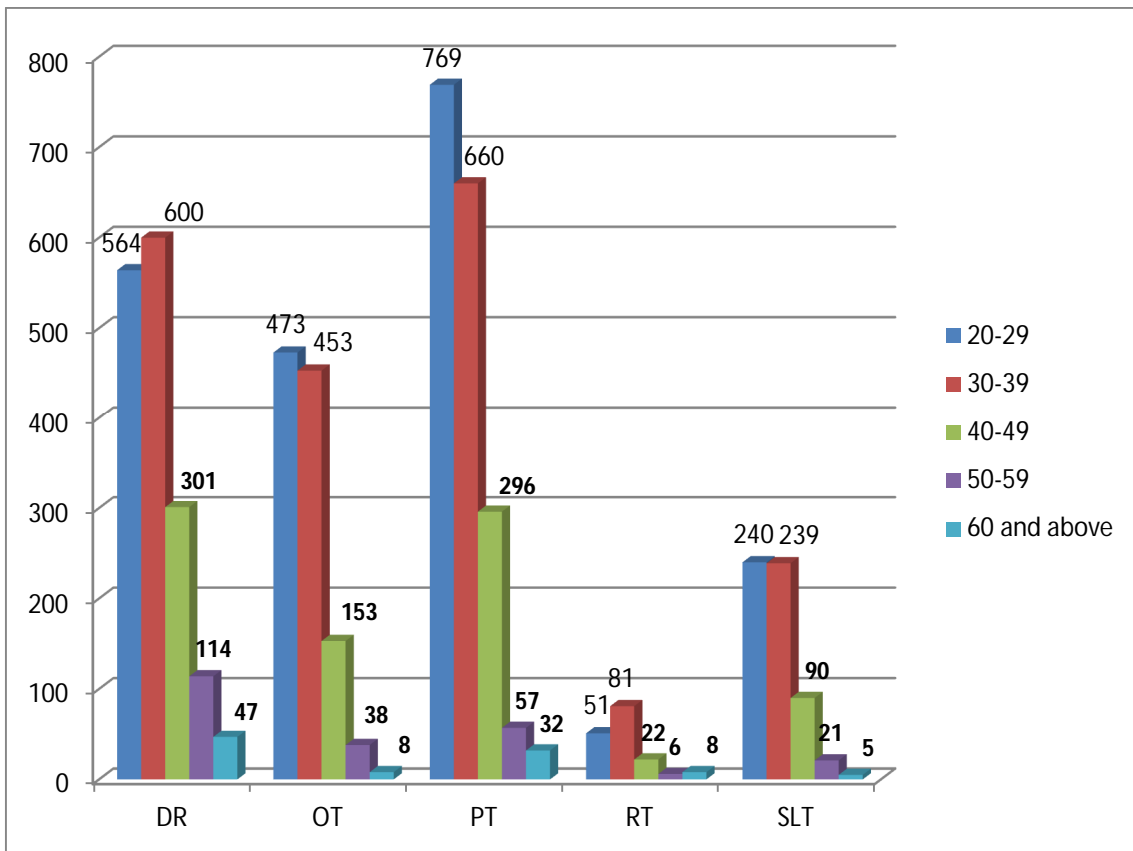


Table 6a. Nationality of registered Allied Health Professionals (31 December 2017)

Demographic Profile	Number for Each Profession				
	DR	OT	PT	RT	SLT
Nationality					
Singapore Citizen & PR	1,082 (66.5%)	902 (80.2%)	1,423 (78.4%)	153 (91.1%)	460 (77.3%)
Non-Citizen	544 (33.5%)	223 (19.8%)	391 (21.6%)	15 (8.9%)	135 (22.7%)
Total Number	1,626	1,125	1,814	168	595

Table 6b. Breakdown of non-citizens by country/area origin (31 December 2017)

Country/Area	DR	OT	PT	RT	SLT
Australia	2	14	19	0	21
India	3	54	60	0	16
Ireland	1	48	78	0	35
Malaysia	74	15	82	7	11
Myanmar	43	0	36	0	0
Philippines	284	57	24	5	10
Taiwan	102	8	10	1	0
United Kingdom	8	18	57	0	18
Others	27	9	25	2	24
Total Number	544	223	391	15	135

COUNTRY/AREA OF BASIC QUALIFICATION OF REGISTERED ALLIED HEALTH PROFESSIONALS

DIAGNOSTIC RADIOGRAPHY

The majority of registered DRs qualified from Singapore. Other major countries/areas where our registered DRs qualified from include Philippines, Taiwan and Malaysia.

Table 7a. Country/Area of basic qualification for registered DRs as at 31 December 2017

Country/Area of Basic Qualification	Number of DR
Singapore	856
Philippines	413
Taiwan	134
Malaysia	79
Myanmar	55
Australia	47
India	19
United Kingdom	10
Others	13
Total	1,626

OCCUPATIONAL THERAPISTS

The majority of registered OTs qualified in Singapore. Other major countries in which registered OTs qualified from include Australia, India and Philippines.

Table 7b. Country/Area of basic qualification for registered OTs
(2014 to 2017)

Country/Area of Basic Qualification	Number of Occupational Therapists			
	2014	2015	2016	2017
Singapore	499	541	615	664
Australia	101	109	120	132
India	76	82	84	83
Philippines	72	70	72	72
United Kingdom	43	52	57	57
Ireland	29	31	30	35
Taiwan	23	21	24	23
Malaysia	23	23	24	22
Hong Kong SAR	12	11	11	11
Others	27	27	30	26
Total	905	967	1,067	1,125

PHYSIOTHERAPISTS

The majority of registered PTs qualified in Singapore. Other major countries in which our registered PTs qualified from include Australia, India and the United Kingdom.

Table 7c. Country/Area of basic qualification for registered PTs
(Years 2014 to 2017)

Country/Area of Basic Qualification	Number of Physiotherapists			
	2014	2015	2016	2017
Singapore	605	702	772	844
Australia	190	221	255	271
India	158	156	159	162
United Kingdom	129	135	136	144
Malaysia	71	84	103	111
Ireland	55	62	65	68
Myanmar	46	47	54	62
Taiwan	38	41	43	43
Philippines	36	37	38	38
New Zealand	21	23	22	23
United States of America	15	12	14	15
Hong Kong SAR	10	10	12	13
Others	20	19	20	20
Total	1,394	1,549	1,693	1,814

RADIATION THERAPISTS

The majority of registered RTs qualified from Singapore. Other countries in which our registered RTs qualified from include Australia and Philippines.

Table 7d. Country/Area of basic qualification for registered RTs as at 31 December 2017

Country/Area of Basic Qualification	Number of RT
Singapore	139
Australia	11
Philippines	10
Malaysia	4
Others	4
Total	168

SPEECH LANGUAGE THERAPISTS

The majority of SLTs qualified from Australia, followed by Singapore and India. The NUS Speech-Language Therapy programme only commenced in 2007.

Table 7e. Country/Area of basic qualification for registered SLTs
(Years 2014 to 2017)

Country/Area of Basic Qualification	Number of Speech-Language Therapists			
	2014	2015	2016	2017
Singapore ¹	58	80	82	100
Australia	169	209	250	293
India	44	52	55	58
United Kingdom	40	37	37	37
Ireland	29	31	31	33
United States of America	16	18	19	23
Malaysia	15	15	15	14
Philippines	12	11	11	11
Others	16	20	24	26
Total	399	473	524	595

¹ The Master of Science (Speech and Language Pathology) programme was established at the National University of Singapore in 2007.

PRACTISING CERTIFICATE RENEWAL 2017

A total of 2,168 registered allied health professionals were required to renew their practising certificates (PCs) when their PCs lapsed on 31 December 2017. 94% of these allied health professionals submitted their applications to renew their PCs by the end of 2017. The majority of registrants who did not submit a renewal application had either left the country or were pursuing further studies overseas.

Table 8. Applications for renewal of practising certificate (Mass Renewal 2017)

Allied health professionals	DR	OT	PT	SLT
Total no. required to renew their PCs by 31 Dec 2017	1 (100%)	710 (100%)	1,131 (100%)	326 (100%)
No. of applications processed	0 (0%)	673 (94.8%)	1,064 (94.1%)	303 (92.9%)
No. of allied health professionals who did not renew their PCs by 31 Dec 2017*	1 (100%)	37 (5.2%)	67 (5.9%)	23 (7.1%)

* 3 OTs, 2 PTs and 1 SLT applied after 31 December 2017.

ADDITIONAL QUALIFICATIONS (FOR DISPLAY)

Allied health professionals may only display any higher qualifications obtained upon AHPC's approval. A total of 61 applications were received since the start of the application for display of additional qualification. Of the 61 applications, 56 of them were approved as shown in Table 9.

Table 9. Applications for Additional Qualifications

	2015		2016		2017	
	Approved	Rejected	Approved	Rejected	Approved	Rejected
OT	0	0	5	1	2	0
PT	5	2	13	1	25	0
SLT	0	0	3	1	3	0
Total	5	2	21	3	30	0

SUPERVISOR TRAINING WORKSHOPS

The supervisor training workshops assist supervisors of the respective Allied Health Professions to understand the AHPC's supervisory framework better and provide the necessary skills and knowledge to supervise the conditionally and temporarily registered allied health professionals. These workshops were developed when regulation was being implemented for the respective Allied Health Professions.

A total of 1,527 Allied Health Professionals have been trained in AHPC's supervisor training workshops to date. In 2017, 226 registered allied health professionals attended the training workshops.

The majority of attendees have given positive feedback that the supervisory workshops helped them better understand their role and responsibilities as a supervisor, and they were more confident when taking on the supervisory roles. The workshops also helped attendees better understand the AHPC's supervisory framework and the way to complete supervisory reports.

Chart 5. Allied Health Professionals who have completed Supervisor Training Workshops in 2017



COMPLAINTS

The AHPC received seven complaints against registered allied health professionals since the start of registration of the allied health professionals. Six complaints were closed, including one against a PT, two against OTs and three against SLTs. Only one complaint was received in 2017 against a PT. The complaint is still under investigation as at 31 December 2017.

Table 10. Complaints received by AHPC from 2013 to 2017

Complaints Received	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017
Occupational Therapists	1	1	0	0	0
Physiotherapists	0	1	0	0	1
Speech-Language Therapists	0	1	0	2	0
TOTAL	1	3	0	2	1



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