# Voluntary assisted dying in Queensland
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| First assessments[1] | Consulting assessments[2] | Substance supplied[3] | Voluntary assisted dying deaths[4] |
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| 616 | 530 | 386 | 283 |

### Demographics of people who received a first assessment for voluntary assisted dying (N=616)

**Age**



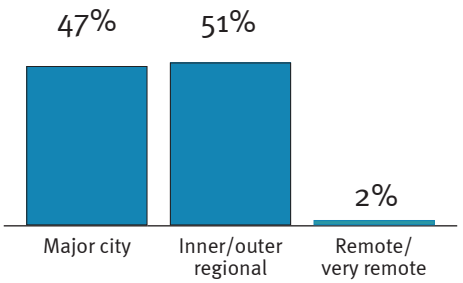

**Gender**

57% male, 42% female,
<1% non-binary

**Palliative care access[6]**

76%

**Location[5]**

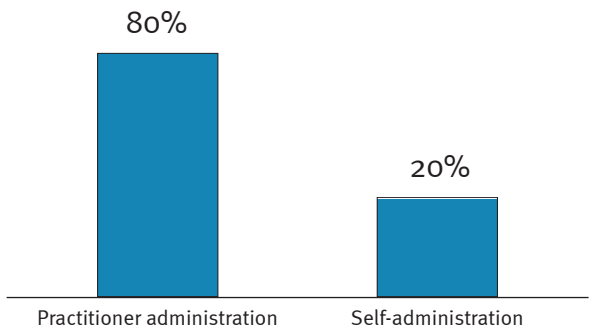



**Assessed as ineligible[7]**

47

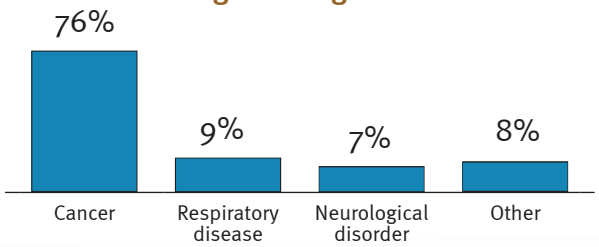
### Death from administration of a voluntary assisted dying substance (N=278)

**Administration type**




### People assessed as eligible for voluntary assisted dying (N=524)

**Eligible diagnosis**




**Withdrew from process[8]**

4

### Authorised practitioners

**Authorised practitioners[9]**

**395**

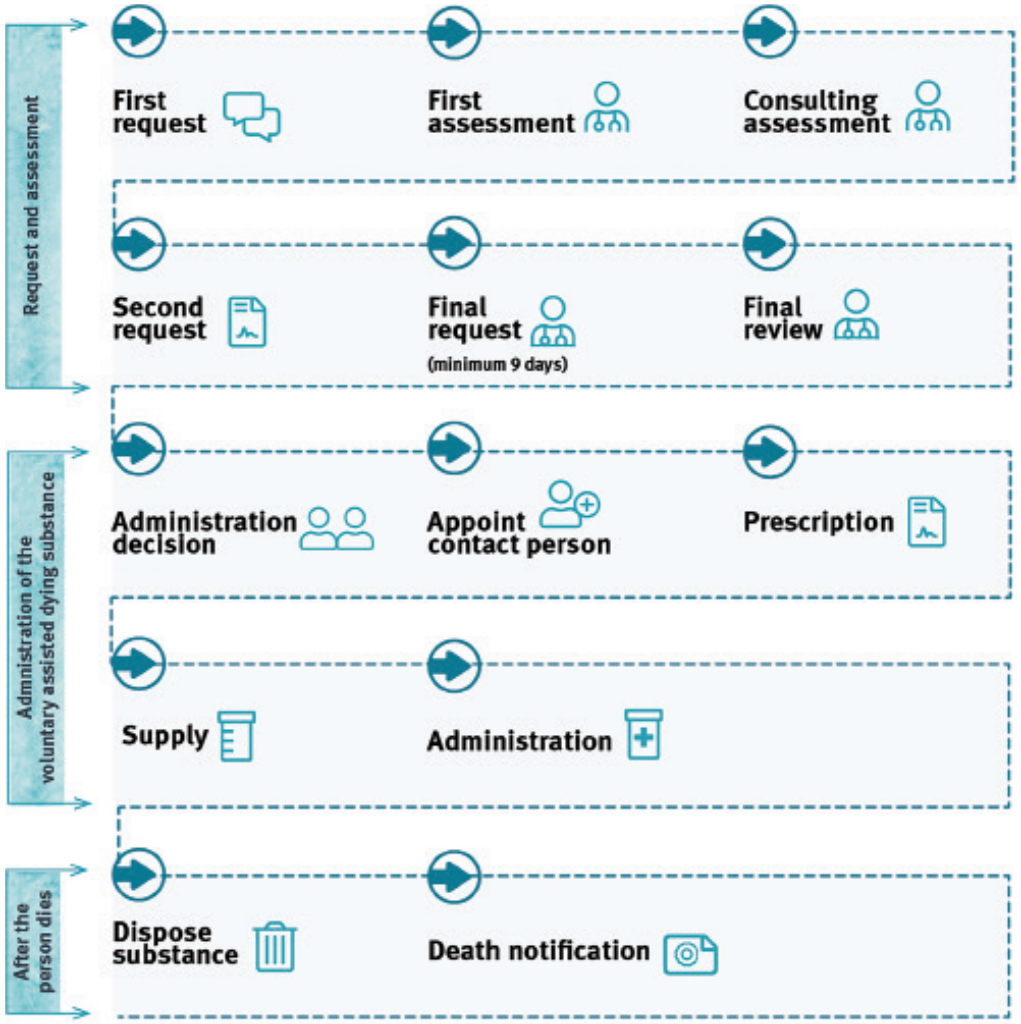
Medical practitioners: **206**
Nurse practitioners: **21**
Registered nurses: **168**



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### The voluntary assisted dying process
an overview:




### Resources:

- Information for consumers and healthcare workers

www.health.qld.gov.au/vad

- Queensland Voluntary Assisted Dying Support Service

www.health.qld.gov.au/clinical-practice/guidelines-procedures/voluntary-assisted-dying/support/qvad-support

- Voluntary Assisted Dying Review Board

www.health.qld.gov.au/vadreviewboard

### Key contacts:

**QVAD Support and Pharmacy Service**
Phone: 1800 431 371
Email: QVADSupport@health.qld.gov.au

**Voluntary Assisted Dying Review Board**
Email: VADReviewBoard@health.qld.gov.au

**Support services**

- Mental Health Access Line: 1300 64 22 55 (24/7)
- Lifeline: 13 11 14 (24/7)
- Beyond Blue: 1300 22 4636 (24/7)
- Griefline: 1300 845 745 (8am to 8pm AEST, Monday to Friday)
- 13YARN for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples: 13 92 76

For more information and support visit:
www.qld.gov.au/health/mental-health/help-lines

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### Notes:

*Please note that the current report is a summary of activity and demographics related to people who completed a step in the voluntary assisted dying process within the 3-month period ending 30 September 2026. Accordingly, assessments and steps may refer to requests started in a previous quarter or not completed in this quarter.*
*Due to rounding, some proportions may add up to slightly more or less than 100%.*

1. **First assessment:** Number of people who had a first assessment completed.
2. **Consulting assessment:** Number of people who had a consulting assessment completed. A person who has a first assessment may not go on to have a consulting assessment if they are found ineligible, withdraw from the process, or die from their underlying condition or an unrelated condition.
   More information: www.qld.gov.au/health/support/voluntary-assisted-dying/explained/process
3. **Substance supplied:** Number of people for whom a voluntary assisted dying substance was supplied .
   More information: www.health.qld.gov.au/clinical-practice/guidelines-procedures/voluntary-assisted-dying/voluntary-assisted-dying-substances
4. **Voluntary assisted dying deaths:** Number of people who have died following self-administration or practitioner administration of a voluntary assisted dying substance. This number does not include those who have started the voluntary assisted dying process and died without administration of the voluntary assisted dying substance.
5. **Location:** Location of people who have had a first assessment. The location is categorised by the Australian Statistical Geography Standard Remoteness Structure classes of remoteness: Major Cities, Inner Regional, Outer Regional, Remote and Very Remote.
   More information: www.abs.gov.au/statistics/standards/australian-statistical-geography-standard-asgs-edition-3/jul2021-jun2026/remoteness-structure
6. **Palliative care access:** Proportion of persons who advised during a first assessment they are currently accessing or have previously accessed palliative care.
7. **Assessed as ineligible:** Number of people who did not meet the eligibility criteria during a first assessment.
   More information: www.qld.gov.au/health/support/voluntary-assisted-dying/explained/eligibility-criteria
   More information: www.qld.gov.au/health/support/voluntary-assisted-dying/ineligible/assessed-as-ineligible
8. **Withdrawn:** Number of people who made a first request for voluntary assisted dying, decided not to continue with the process during the request and assessment stage (i.e. before the substance is supplied) and have formally withdrawn from the process.
9. **Authorised practitioners:** Medical practitioners, nurse practitioners and registered nurses who have been authorised by the Queensland Health Chief Medical Officer to provide voluntary assisted dying services as a coordinating, consulting or administering practitioner. Authorised practitioners must meet eligibility requirements and complete and pass the voluntary assisted dying mandatory training before being authorised.
   More information: www.health.qld.gov.au/clinical-practice/guidelines-procedures/voluntary-assisted-dying/authorised-practitioners/becoming-vad-practitioner