






About organ and tissue donation in Australia

Around 1,800 Australians currently are on the waiting list to receive a lifesaving heart, lung, kidney or other organ or tissue transplant. Sadly, not all of those people will survive the wait. That's why we need to encourage all Australians to register to become an organ and tissue donor.

We know that most people in Australia support the idea of organ donation and would like the opportunity after they pass away to save and transform the life of another person. It's easy! Everyone can register to become a donor in three clicks via the phone Medicare app, or through the DonateLife website with their Medicare number. Best of all, it only takes a minute to register! - [find out more and register here](#).

Some DonateLife Facts

-  One organ donor can save the lives of up to 7 people and help many more through eye and tissue donation.
-  In 2022 over 14,000 additional people are on dialysis – some of whom may need a kidney transplant.
-  Only around 2% of people who die in Australian hospitals meet the criteria required to be an organ donor. With only a small number of potential donors, increasing consent is critical to increasing our donation rate.
-  Canberrans are overwhelmingly supportive of becoming a donor, however only 27% are registered in the ACT and the consent rate is only 58%. Signing on to the register and letting your family know is important if you wish to become a donor.
-  The percentages of population aged 16 and over registered on the Australian Organ and Tissue Donation Register (AODR) in 2022
 - National Average – 36%
 - South Australia – 72%
 - Tasmania – 48%
 - NSW – 42%
 - Western Australia – 38%
 - Queensland – 31%
 - ACT – 27%
 - Victoria – 23%
 - Northern Territory - 16%

Find out more from DonateLife- [2022 Australian Donation and Transplantation Activity Report](#) and the [DonateLife Fact Sheet](#)