

Dear Member

It's time to renew your membership

Congratulations on your qualification as a dental hygienist. This is a huge milestone in your professional journey, and as you move forward, it's important to recognise the new risks and responsibilities that come with your role.

As a newly qualified dental hygienist, ensuring you have the appropriate protection for your professional practice is essential.

Your membership options

As a qualified dental hygienist, you have two membership options to choose from, depending on your working environment:

- 1. State employment:** If you are employed by the state, your state indemnity provides protection against claims arising from your professional practice. However, it is essential to understand that state indemnity does not cover all aspects of professional risk. Specifically, state indemnity does not protect you in cases involving HPCSA investigations, inquests, or disciplinary hearings related to your professional practice all of which can be equally worrying situations.
- 2. Private practice:** If you are working in private practice, it is important that your membership includes claims indemnity to protect you against potential claims related to your professional services. This option ensures that you are fully covered in all aspects of your professional practice.

Renewal

Your current student membership will automatically renew onto the state employed membership option starting 1 January 2026.

If you are going to be working in private practice, please contact SADA to update your membership details.

I look forward to welcoming you to another year of membership with Dental Protection.

Yours sincerely



Raj Rattan
Dental Director

How to renew

1. **Check that all your details are correct including; your contact information and grade.**
 - If your details need updating – please tell us which details have changed by emailing dpmembership@sada.co.za
2. **Make payment as detailed in the enclosed invoice.**

Important information

Failure to inform us of any changes to your scope of practice, or to provide accurate and up-to-date information could affect:

- your entitlement to request future assistance;
- your membership benefits and/or the subscription fee payable;
- Any such failure could also result in the cancellation and/or termination of membership from the date your circumstances changed.
- You may cancel your membership at the end of any subscription period by giving us prior notice, or during a subscription period upon two months' notice.

By continuing in membership, you agree and confirm that:

- You understand that renewal is subject to approval by Dental Protection.
- You acknowledge that any subscription payments made are subject to verification and that acceptance of a payment by Dental Protection does not of itself confirm renewal and/or entitlement to request benefits.
- You will inform us if your personal circumstances or scope of practice change.
- For the purposes of the South Africa law and The Protection of Personal Information Act (POPIA), we may obtain, process, retain and transfer your personal data as set out in the Privacy Statement on our website dentalprotection.org/privacy

As a member of Dental Protection, you have access to the following benefits:



Advice and legal representation

Indemnity for clinical negligence claims

(not applicable for state employed)

Expert legal team



Support with complaints

Dentolegal advice

Confidential counselling



Professional development workshops and online courses

Essential skills training

Help with unwanted media attention

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