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Dear Members

WELCOME to 2026

As we begin 2026, we would like to extend our very best wishes to the leadership, members, and wider community of the profession. We hope the year ahead brings continued progress, good health, and success in advancing excellence in dental care, education, and patient outcomes. We look forward to engaging constructively throughout the year and to supporting the shared goals of the profession.

2026 DENTAL TARIFF, BENEFIT CHANGES & INDUSTRY INCREASES

The tariff documentation from relevant schemes has been published online for Members.

To download, follow these steps:

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<https://www.sada.co.za/medical-schemes-2026>

ADMINISTRATION OF SASOLMED DENTAL BENEFITS

Members are advised that, with effect from 1 January, Discovery Health will continue to act as the Administrator of Sasolmed. However, dental benefits administration will be handled

by the Dental Risk Company (DRC).

From 2026, the Scheme will no longer reimburse dental-related claims (both basic and advanced dentistry) on a traditional fee-for-service basis. Instead, dental benefits will be administered under a managed care arrangement by the Dental Risk Company, funded through a fixed capitation fee per beneficiary per month. This change applies to both the Comprehensive Network Option and the Restricted Network Option.

HPCSA, SADJ and CPD Requirements

Do not be caught short on your Continuing Professional Development (CPD) requirements. As is customary, the Health Professions Council of South Africa (HPCSA) will, in the coming months, be notifying practitioners nationwide regarding their CPD compliance status.

The *South African Dental Journal (SADJ)* plays a vital role in keeping dental professionals informed of the latest developments in dentistry. SADJ is the only fully accredited scientific dental journal in South Africa, publishing peer-reviewed scientific papers, clinical articles, current dento-political information and opinion, as well as relevant trade information.

SADA Members

We would like to remind all SADA members that CPD requirements can be completed timeously through accredited CPD activities published in the *South African Dental Journal (SADJ)*. This is a complimentary benefit of SADA membership.

Accredited CPD articles and questionnaires are available online via the SADA website at www.sada.co.za, enabling members to earn CPD points conveniently and at their own pace.

Members are encouraged to engage regularly with SADJ content to ensure ongoing compliance with HPCSA CPD requirements and to avoid last-minute difficulties.

For assistance or queries relating to SADJ CPD activities, please contact Mr Dumisani Nkomo at the SADA office on +27 11 484 5288 or via email at sadj@sada.co.za

HPCSA ANNUAL FEES

The annual fees payable by persons registered with the HPCSA are due and payable by **1 April 2026**. Kindly note that the applicable fees are:

Code	Category	Fees payable
TT	Dental Therapist	R2515
OH	Oral Hygienist	R2515
DA	Dental Assistant	R1055
SDA	Supplementary Dental Assistant	R1055
DP	Dentist and Dental Specialist	R3349

PCNS ANNUAL FEES

The PCNS annual fee for 2026 is **R443.00** for Solus Practice HPCSA Professionals and is due by **31 March**. Members may view their balance or make a payment on the PCNS website at <https://www.pcns.co.za/Payment/CheckBalance>

DISPENSING LICENCE ANNUAL FEES

Dispensing dentists are reminded that the annual Fees for dispensing licences, are due with the Department of Health. The due date for payments is the **28th of February 2026**. Dispensing licences shall remain valid until it is suspended or revoked by the Director-General in terms of Section 22E of the Act and provided the applicable annual fee of R200.00 before 28 February of each year is paid.

SADJ CALL FOR MANUSCRIPT SUBMISSIONS

SADJ keeps readers informed of the latest developments in dentistry and is the only fully accredited scientific dental journal in South Africa. The journal publishes high-quality scientific papers, clinical articles, current dento-political information, and opinion pieces, as well as relevant trade information.

SADJ is published ten times per year, from February to November, and is available electronically as an open-access journal at no cost to readers with an interest in oral health.

Journal Information

- **Publication model:** Open Access (Online)
- **Peer review:** All submissions undergo a peer-review process

Submission Process

Authors are required to register on the ASSAF platform to submit and track manuscripts. Please follow the [Instructions to Authors](#) carefully before submitting your manuscript.

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We look forward to receiving your contribution.

Complying with the National Environmental Management Act: Management of Mercury in South Africa

For the latest information, watch this pre-recorded webinar available on the SADA YouTube channel

SADA DRISA Webinar

YouTube

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Marc Sussman

DRISA

Yours in oral health
Dr Tinesha Parbhoo - Head Clinical Support

Save the date

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21 - 23 AUGUST 2026 CAPE TOWN CTICC

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14 Feb	SADA Mpumalanga Branch - 14 February 2026 (MP022)
19 Feb	SADA Pretoria Branch - 19 February 2026 (PTA061)
21 Feb	SADA Border Kei Branch - 21 February 2026 (BK044)

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SADA Western Cape Branch - 28 February 2026 (WC069)

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SADA Algoa Midlands - 3 March 2026 (AM035)

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