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## UPCOMING SADA NATIONAL COUNCIL MEETING – YOUR VOICE MATTERS

The SADA National Council will convene on Friday, 23 May. As a valued member of SADA, your interests and concerns are represented by your Branch Committee.

If there's anything you'd like to raise - whether it's a major issue, a minor concern, positive feedback, or a suggestion - please share it with your Branch Committee. Every piece of input, big or small, helps shape the discussions at National Council and ensures your voice is heard.

Let's work together to strengthen our community and profession.

**PLEASE PARTICIPATE IN THIS SURVEY** by [clicking here](#)



## INVITATION TO SADA MEMBERS TO AVAIL YOURSELF FOR NOMINATION – HPCSA MEDICAL AND DENTAL PROFESSIONS BOARD (2025–2030 TERM)

We advise that the **Health Professions Council of South Africa (HPCSA)** has opened the **call for nominations** to serve on its **Professional Boards for the 2025–2030 term**.

As a valued member of the dental profession, we invite you to avail yourself for nomination to the **Medical and Dental Professions Board**, which has **five (5) seats available for dentists** and **one (1) seat for a dentist representing the universities with faculties or schools of dentistry**, who shall be appointed by **Higher Education South Africa (HESA) (now Universities South Africa) (USAf)** to represent universities with faculties or schools of dentistry; a representative on behalf of universities. This is a vital

opportunity for you to contribute to the regulation, advancement, and integrity of the dental profession in South Africa.

The HPCSA Professional Boards play a critical role in protecting the public and guiding registered health practitioners in line with national health objectives. Members appointed to these Boards by the **Minister of Health** will serve a **five-year term** commencing from **1 November 2025**.

**Important Details:**

- **Closing date for nominations:** 2 June 2025
- **Eligibility:** Nominees must be health practitioners actively registered with the HPCSA
- **Appointed oversight service provider:** Election Solutions 4 Africa (ES4A)

**How to Nominate a Candidate:**

1. [Click here to download the nomination form](#)
2. **Complete the form according to the eligibility requirements**
3. **Have the form signed by a Commissioner of Oaths**
4. **Submit the form by 2 June 2025 to:**

**Chief Electoral Officer: Mr Ntokozo Ngidi**

- *Physical:* Ground Floor, Building 4, Quadrum Office Park, 50 Constantia Boulevard, Constantia Kloof Ext 28, Johannesburg, 1709
- *Email:* [hpcsa@es4a.co.za](mailto:hpcsa@es4a.co.za)
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- *WhatsApp:* 063 727 5208
- *Phone:* 011 025 3763
- *Toll-Free:* 0800 536 227

We encourage committed and passionate professionals to step forward and help shape the future of dentistry in South Africa. If you meet the criteria and are willing to serve, please consider submitting your nomination or encouraging a colleague to do so.

**DEADLINE**  
20 JUNE

**YOUNG DENTISTS**  
COUNCIL   
SADA

**CALL FOR  
ENTRIES**

**YOUNG  
PUBLISHER  
COMPETITION**



**DENTAL & ORAL HEALTH  
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CONVENTION CENTRE

#### **INVITATION TO SUBMIT YOUR SADA AWARDS NOMINATION BY 6 JUNE 2025**

The South African Dental Association (SADA), through its Awards Program, acknowledges and seeks to give due recognition to the unique abilities and contributions of many outstanding members of the dental and allied professions.

The SADA Awards Program is a showcase for all the excellent work that is taking place in dentistry in South Africa. The programme seeks to recognise and reward the work of some of the best achievers in dentistry, celebrating their efforts and commitment to the dental profession.

We call upon officers of SADA to consider the different categories of awards contained in the Awards Guidelines, and request consider nominating your colleagues for awards that most closely resemble their contribution to the Association and/or dentistry as a whole. All nominations received either be considered by the SADA Board and/or the Strategy, Ethics

& Remuneration Committee and submitted to National Council for approval where necessary.

The approved awards are presented primarily at major events of the Association, and this year will be presented at the SADA Awards Gala Dinner 2025 at the 2025 SADA Dental & Oral Health Congress and Exhibition to be held at the Durban International Convention Centre, KZN.

**THE CLOSING DATE FOR ALL AWARD NOMINATIONS IS 6 JUNE 2025**

**Links for documentation download:**

[SADA Awards Guidelines](#)

[SADA Awards Nomination Form - PDF Format](#)

[SADA Awards Nomination Form Word Format](#)

# THINGS YOU NEED TO KNOW ABOUT MERCURY REGULATIONS IN SOUTH AFRICA



SADA  
THE SOUTH AFRICAN  
DENTAL ASSOCIATION



As South Africa moves forward with mercury waste regulations, dental practices must understand the requirements and how to comply. These regulations, part of South Africa's commitment as a signatory to the Minamata Treaty, have been released by the DFFE and are in effect now.

## KEY POINTS TO KNOW

### 1. REGULATIONS IN EFFECT NOW

The South African government released the finalized regulations on March 31, 2025 and all regulations are currently in effect. These regulations aim to ensure that dental practices properly manage and dispose of mercury waste to prevent environmental contamination.

### 2. DRI-SA PROGRAM FOR SADA MEMBERS

DRI-SA offers a comprehensive solution for SADA members, providing the necessary equipment, recycling services, and compliance documentation to meet these regulations. By signing up before September 1, 2025, SADA members will receive FREE equipment valued at R25,000+ and will be able to lock in their annual recycling rates for 3 or 5 years with a signed agreement.



R25,000  
VALUE!

### 3. SPECIAL INSTALLATION OFFER

SADA members who sign up before September 1, 2025 will receive a discounted installation rate (est. R6,975) through DRI-SA's installation partner, Wright Millner's.

### 4. LOCK IN ANNUAL RATES FOR 3 OR 5 YEAR AGREEMENTS

DRI-SA guarantees no annual price increases for the duration of the 3-year or 5-year contract term. Members can rest assured that their pricing will remain stable over the life of their contract.

### 5. EQUIPMENT COMPLIANCE

The DRI-SA BU10 and BU10-30 amalgam separators meet the 95% efficiency requirement set by the DFFE regulations, ensuring that your practice stays compliant.



## 6. HOW IT WORKS

- **Amalgam Separator:** Handles **liquid mercury-bearing waste**, ensuring the safe collection and disposal of mercury-laden wastewater.
- **Chairside Amalgam Kit:** Designed for the **solid mercury-bearing waste** such as evac-u-traps, scrap amalgam, and teeth with amalgam fillings.
- After signing up for the program at [www.dri-sa.co.za/sada](http://www.dri-sa.co.za/sada), Wright Millner's will contact you to schedule your separator installation and chairside amalgam kit delivery.
- **One year from your sign up date**, you'll receive your first annual recycling invoice from DRI-SA and a new separator and bucket will be delivered/installed by Wright Millner's upon payment receipt of your annual recycling fee to DRI-SA.

## ACT NOW!

Take advantage of this limited-time opportunity to sign up for **FREE** equipment and lock in your recycling rates before the September 1, 2025 deadline. Compliance is critical, and with DRI-SA, you can rest easy knowing your practice is ready for the upcoming regulations.

For more information or to sign up:  
[www.dri-sa.co.za/sada](http://www.dri-sa.co.za/sada)



## SAMPLE SCHEDULE

Sample Payment Structure for DRISA Amalgam Recycling Program

CONTRACT YEAR	DATE	PAYMENT DUE	PAYMENT AMOUNT	WHAT IS THE PAYMENT FOR	WHAT YOU RECEIVE
START/INSTALL	Feb 2025	R6,975 (Wright Millner's installation charge)	R6,975	Installation of Amalgam Separator & Delivery of Chairside Kit (R5,000 value)	Separator Unit (BU10), Chairside Amalgam Kit (R5,000 value)
YEAR 1	Feb 2026	R7,650 (First annual recycling payment)	R7,650	Annual recycling payment for Separator (BU10)	New Separator, and Chairside Amalgam Kit (R5,000 value) – Delivered & Recycling Completed
YEAR 2	Feb 2027	R12,650 (Annual recycling for both separator and bucket)	R12,650	Annual recycling payment for both Separator and Bucket (10L Kit)	New Separator, and Chairside Amalgam Kit (R5,000 value) – Delivered & Recycling Completed
YEAR 3	Feb 2028	R12,650 (Annual recycling for both separator and bucket)	R12,650	Annual recycling payment for both Separator and Bucket (10L Kit)	New Separator, and Chairside Amalgam Kit (R5,000 value) – Delivered & Recycling Completed
YEAR 4	Feb 2029	R12,650 (Annual recycling for both separator and bucket)	R12,650	Annual recycling payment for both Separator and Bucket (10L Kit)	New Separator, and Chairside Amalgam Kit (R5,000 value) – Delivered & Recycling Completed
YEAR 5	Feb 2030	R12,650 (Annual recycling for both separator and bucket)	R12,650	Annual recycling payment for both Separator and Bucket (10L Kit)	New Separator, and Chairside Amalgam Kit (R5,000 value) – Delivered & Recycling Completed

This example is for a member who signs their contract in February 2025 for a BU10 separator and opts for the 5-year agreement.



VISIT [WWW.DRI-SA.CO.ZA](http://WWW.DRI-SA.CO.ZA) FOR MORE INFORMATION OR TO SIGN UP TODAY!

HAVE YOU REGISTERED?

To do so [click here](#)



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