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Dear Members

SADA WELCOMES CONSTITUTIONAL COURT RULING STRIKING DOWN "CERTIFICATE OF NEED"

The South African Dental Association (SADA) has welcomed the landmark judgment by the Constitutional Court of South Africa declaring sections 36 to 40 of the National Health Act unconstitutional, effectively striking down the controversial “Certificate of Need” framework.

The ruling represents a significant moment for healthcare practitioners across South Africa and reinforces long-standing concerns raised by SADA regarding excessive state control over healthcare practices and professional autonomy.

From the outset, SADA has consistently and unequivocally opposed the Certificate of Need provisions. The Association previously submitted formal objections to the National Department of Health, highlighting the constitutional, operational and practical risks associated with the proposed framework.

SADA also made its position clear during its presentation to the Portfolio Committee on Health on the National Health Insurance (NHI), where concerns were raised regarding the concentration of regulatory powers and the potential impact on access to care, private practice sustainability and patient choice.

In addition, SADA formally supported opposition to the Certificate of Need through its participation in the South African Health Practitioners Collaboration and broader healthcare collaboration structures that challenged the provisions through legal processes.

For SADA, the judgment provides critical clarity that the government cannot introduce quasi-legislative mechanisms through the back door to control where and how healthcare professionals conduct their practices and businesses.

While the Department of Health has indicated that the judgment does not directly affect the NHI Act, the ruling nevertheless raises important constitutional principles that remain central to ongoing legal challenges against aspects of the NHI framework.

- excessive concentration of power within the Department of Health;
- limitations on professional and business freedoms;
- patient freedom of choice; and
- the broader impact on access to quality healthcare services.

The Association further reiterated that South Africa's healthcare future must be built on partnership, evidence-based policymaking and respect for constitutional rights — to ensure that all South Africans have access to quality oral healthcare services.

As a valued SADA member, you have access to a range of exclusive Lifestyle Rewards and benefits designed to add value both professionally and personally. These offerings include discounts, preferential rates, and special member rewards across wellness, financial services, and more. We encourage you to explore the full range of available benefits and make the most of your SADA membership by visiting [SADA Lifestyle Benefits](#).

SURVEY PARTICIPATION CALL

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SADA & DENTASA Joint Private Dental Practitioner/Technician

SADA and DENTASA encourage your participation in this joint survey to strengthen collaboration and understanding between private dental practitioners and dental technicians. Your feedback is valuable in helping identify opportunities, challenges, and priorities that will support the continued growth and sustainability of the profession.

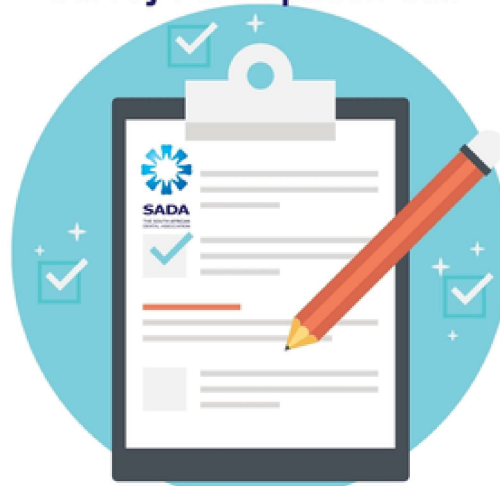
SADA invites you to participate in this important survey on amalgam use and procurement within the profession. Your feedback will provide valuable insights into current practices, challenges, and future trends, helping SADA engage more effectively on matters affecting dental practitioners and the broader oral healthcare sector.

Survey Participation Call



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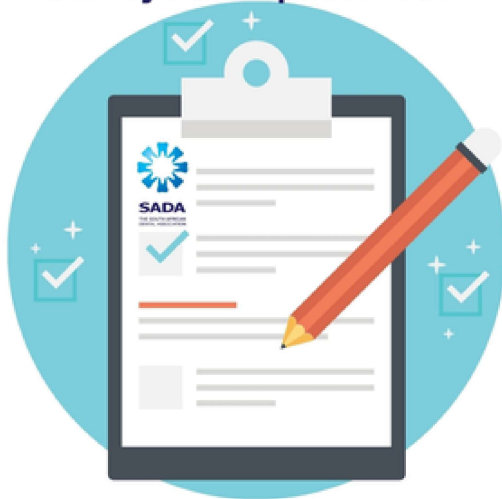
SADA Community Service Dentist

SADA invites Community Service Dentists to participate in this survey to better understand the experiences, challenges, and support needs of young professionals entering the profession. Your participation will help inform future advocacy, engagement, and initiatives to support Community Service Dentists and strengthen the future of oral healthcare in South Africa.

Shaping the Future of SADA CPD and Congress

Your input is important in helping SADA shape the future of Continuing Professional Development and Congress offerings for the profession. By participating in this survey, you will help us understand members' needs, preferences, and expectations, ensuring that future initiatives remain relevant, valuable, and impactful.

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SADA MEMBER DISCOUNT when attending FDI

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Yours in Oral Health
KC Makhubele
Chief Executive Officer

UPCOMING EVENTS

06 Jun	SADA Northern Cape CPD Day - 6 June 2026 (NC015)
09 Jun	SADA Algoa Midlands - 9 June 2026 (AM036)

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Jun**SADA Mpumalanga Branch – Skukuza Mini Congress (MP023) - 13 -14 June 2026**22
Aug**SADA AWARDS & GRADUAND GALA DINNER 22 August 2026****Will we see you in Cape Town?**

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