

SOCIAL

Members can meet socially at Branch meetings, golf days, dinners and other functions as notified in ADAQ News.

EMPLOYMENT REGISTER

ADAQ maintains a register of positions available for dentists requiring employment, and a record of people seeking work as dental assistants and dental receptionists.

MEMBERSHIP BENEFITS & SERVICES

These include:

- * Continuing professional education courses, seminars, lectures, workshops and online programs
- * Industrial Relations - telephone advice service on industrial relations and pay award matters
- * Discounted professional indemnity insurance
- * Advice, assistance and management of professional indemnity incidents and claims
- * Patient liaison, assistance with complaint resolution and public telephone enquiry service
- * Training of dental assistants
- * Employment register of dentists and staff
- * Practice management advice and fee information
- * MIMS access via ADA website
- * Infection control accreditation
- * Liaison with health funds
- * Access to the School of Dentistry library
- * Access to Doctors Health Advisory Service
- * Public information brochures, resources and products such as Medical History & Consent Forms
- * Support for meetings of members and affiliate groups including venue, catering facility, audiovisual equipment and car parking
- * Social functions, sporting days, dinners, membership of affiliated interest groups, study clubs and Sub-branches

- * Regular publications with professional information, scientific papers, trade news, Association news, members' opinions, practice data, event calendars and more in:

- * *ADAQ News*
- * *Australian Dental Journal*
- * *ADA Inc News Bulletin*

Other Publications and Resources include:

- * Schedule of Dental Services and Glossary
- * A Guide to the Use of Drugs in Dentistry
- * ADA Dental Directory
- * Practical Guides for Successful Dentistry
- * List of Certified and Accepted Products
- * Policy and Resource Documents
- * ADAQ~ Video & general library
- * Infection Control Practice Manual
- * Workplace Health & Safety Manual
- * Dental Practice Manual

Endorsed financial services, discounts and reduced rates for:

- * gold credit card
- * financial, superannuation and investment services
- * income protection, life & disability insurances
- * dental business/practice insurance
- * motor vehicle sales and purchases
- * discount fuel card

YOUR ADA

The ADA is the only body devoted to your interests throughout your entire professional career. Your membership will contribute to the ongoing development of the profession and will benefit you as a practitioner and the profession as a whole.

It is in your interest to join and continue your membership throughout your career.



Membership & Benefits

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THE AUSTRALIAN DENTAL ASSOCIATION

The forerunner of the Australian Dental Association (Queensland Branch) (ADAQ) was the Odontological Society which had represented dentistry in Queensland from 1905.

In 1928, the present ADA structure of a national body and autonomous state branches was formed. At that time, all states joined together to create the national body, the Australian Dental Association (ADA Inc), to represent interests that extended beyond state borders. ADA Inc has its office in Sydney and is managed by Federal Council which consists of representatives from all states.

At the national level, the Association represents the views of members on important issues that are controlled by Commonwealth authorities and coordinates issues that are of national significance to members. Examples include representation to the federal government of public oral health and members' issues, overall coordination of the ADA dental health awareness program, liaison with the National Health & Medical Research Council, taxation matters, national health fund liaison and the Veterans' Affairs fee schedule and benefits. Some national member' benefits are also arranged by ADA Inc, and these include the Commonwealth Bank Gold Privilege Program, fleet discounts for some motor vehicle purchases and special travel and accommodation rates with selected companies.

ADA Inc also supports and has close links with the Australian Dental Council, the Australian Dental Research Foundation and the Dental Assistants Education Council of Australia. On the international scene, ADA Inc is a member of FDI, the World Dental Federation.

Membership of ADAQ automatically includes membership of ADA Inc.

With over 90% of registered dentists and dental specialists across the private and public sectors as members, the Association provides a most effective representative body for members.

In Queensland, ADAQ is regarded as the recognised voice of dentistry.

ADAQ strives to promote the art and science of dentistry, to represent the profession and to provide services which promote the highest level of oral health in the community.

ADAQ's strategic aims are:

- * To provide effective and efficient services to members to assist them in their profession.
- * To represent the profession of dentistry to government, academia, the media and third party groups.
- * To promote the profession of dentistry by contributing to the continuing education of dentists and the training of other oral health workforce members.
- * To promote the highest standard of dental health in the community through service delivery and public awareness of issues.
- * To achieve water fluoridation throughout Queensland.

ADAQ COUNCIL & OFFICE

ADAQ is governed by a State Council elected by the membership and is supported by a full-time administrative office. The Association office at Bowen Hills has an auditorium and meeting facilities available for use by members.

STATE ORGANISATION

ADAQ is organised in 9 Divisions to provide representation for all members throughout the State. Each Division elects its representative(s) annually. Within the divisional structure, there are Sub-branches at:

- * Far North Queensland
- * Townsville
- * North West Queensland
- * Mackay
- * Rockhampton
- * Gladstone
- * Bundaberg
- * Hervey Bay / Maryborough
- * Gympie
- * South Burnett
- * Western Queensland
- * Sunshine Coast
- * Toowoomba
- * Ipswich
- * Warwick
- * Gold Coast

CONTINUING PROFESSIONAL EDUCATION

ADAQ provides a wide range of post graduate development services. Regular lectures, continuing education seminars and meetings are held at the Branch and at Sub-Branch level. A number of Study Groups meet on a regular basis, and each of the Specialties has a Specialist Society which makes membership available to provisional and associate members as well as registered specialists. These Groups & Societies are available only to ADA members.

An Australian Dental Congress is held biennially in selected capital cities. Smaller regional meetings also occur on a regular basis and there are frequent lecture tours of Australia by recognised world leaders in their field arranged by ADA Inc. ADAQ also conducts lecture tours to provincial centres in Queensland.

TRAINING

ADAQ recognises that effective staff, trained through basic and post-graduate courses, represent a valuable asset to members in both private and public practice.

Through its qualified and experienced dental assistant training staff, ADAQ provides a variety of high quality formal and informal training opportunities for dental auxiliary staff employed by members.

ADAQ is a Registered Training Organisation and provides a nationally recognised Certificate III Course in Dental Assisting and a Certificate IV in Radiography (from 2003). All courses are available for both metropolitan and regional students.

Ongoing training and education for all members of the dental team are also offered through a variety of workshops, lectures and seminars which are advertised in ADAQ News.

PUBLICATIONS

The *ADAQ News* magazine is distributed on a monthly basis as a membership service to all members. It provides up-to-date information of ADAQ activities, legislative changes affecting dentistry, social activities, education and training courses, meetings, UQ news and classified advertisements.

ADA Inc publishes the *Australian Dental Journal*, which carries articles primarily of a scientific nature, and the *ADA Inc News Bulletin* which provides information on national level activities as well as clinical and product information.