



Together
we are stronger
and better

Compelling reasons to join the Association

Financial savings for members

Many dentists have been hit hard in recent years with increased costs and less free time. It's good to know, therefore, that membership of the Irish Dental Association really does save you money. Our figures show that members can save over €2,000 on essential equipment and services for you and your practice. That's far more than the cost of a membership subscription.

- 11.5% discount on professional indemnity insurance with Dental Protection.
- Discounted income protection in association with Omega Financial Management.
- Huge discounts on essential equipment, from defibrillators to oxygen.
- Motor/home/dental surgery insurance in association with Gallagher Insurance.
- Credit Union – through Dubco Credit Union.
- Credit card merchant services discounted rates in association with AIB.
- CPD – 50% reduction on all IDA courses.

Advice on the business of dentistry

Dentists aren't just clinicians; many are also business owners, working in a challenging environment of Government contracts, supply chain shortages, and recruitment difficulties. Association members can rest assured that they have access to a range of supports through the Association's bespoke Employment Relations Service, where all your queries on HR and employment law will be dealt with promptly, expertly, and in confidence.

- Personalised and prompt response to your query.
- Advertise your vacancies online and in the *Journal of the Irish Dental Association*.
- Advice and guidance on Dental Council registration and visa requirements for non-EEA nationals.
- *PRO FORMA* contracts of employment and practice agreements available to download.
- IDA publication: *HUMAN RESOURCES ESSENTIALS FOR YOUR PRIVATE PRACTICE*.
- Huge cost savings, as no need to engage an employment law solicitor.
- Downloadable forms and information for public dental surgeons.

As a newly qualified dentist I found the IDA's support to be invaluable. Starting your first job in dentistry can be daunting but they provide a lot of support and guidance along the way.



Dr Annie Hughes, Postgraduate student.

Leading on continuing professional development

The IDA is the main provider of CPD to the dental profession in Ireland. Our Annual Conference provides members with the opportunity to gain verifiable CPD hours, as well as meet colleagues and friends. Learning never stops, and our highly successful webinars, hands on courses and lectures ensure that dentists can continue to upskill, and maintain core competencies.

- Successful webinar series, with sessions available to members at any time via the Association website: www.dentist.ie.
- Easy to book online and gain CPD hours on your unique online learning management account.
- Hands on/practical courses organised regionally throughout the year.
- Annual Conference – superb lectures, workshops and pre-conference courses.
- Peer-reviewed and practical clinical content in the *JOURNAL OF THE IRISH DENTAL ASSOCIATION*, with MCQs to gain CPD points.
- Access to the *JOURNAL OF THE AMERICAN DENTAL ASSOCIATION*.
- Discounts for IDA members on all CPD, and unique access to many CPD courses.

Vital source of support

We've never been more aware of the importance of mental health and well-being. The IDA has long been a means of practical and discreet support for dentists at all stages of their career. Talk to us, and let us help.

- IDA Professional Mentoring Programme.
- Free access to the Practitioner Health Matters Programme.
- Free access to the Dental Complaints Resolution Service.
- Support for young dentists.
- Support for dentists who are new to Ireland.
- Support for dentists considering retirement.
- Mental health webinars.
- Connect with colleagues at IDA branch and national meetings.
- Social events including annual awards.



Dr Will Rymer, GP, Roscrea.

A cost neutral membership that provides comradeship in the profession during an array of battles with various government departments, with the bonus of allowing significant discount packages for practice management essentials. Not to forget the access to fantastic CPD.

Have a voice in public

With the assistance of our public affairs advisers, the Association brings dentistry and oral health front and centre in the discourse on health in Ireland. We are always looking for dentists from all over the country to get involved and have your say on the big issues in dentistry today, from the medical card scheme crisis, and the delays in updating the Dentists Act, issues sourcing staff for practices, to the problems with the proposed new oral health policy.

- Seize your chance to advocate for your profession.
- Let the world know what's really going on with oral health.
- Talk about the issues that affect your practice, and your part of the country.
- Speak to your TDs, senators, councillors and the media.
- Media training will be provided.
- Briefing documents will be available on the big issues.
- Ensure dentistry continues to have a voice.

Leadership when navigating the minefield

In recent years, the amount of regulation that dentistry is subject to has increased exponentially. Association members, as always, have access to a well of expertise on every aspect of compliance, so you never need to worry when the inspector calls!

The IDA has provided the only training/guidance on the role of a radiation protection officer (RPO) in dentistry, exclusive to IDA members.

- Downloadable guidance on: amalgam; antimicrobial guidelines; emergency drugs and equipment; health and safety; infection prevention and control; patient matters; radiology; teeth whitening; and, waste management/green dentistry.
- Advice on State schemes.
- Advice on data protection/GDPR.
- Advice on practice management, including: dento-legal reports; dental records; and, marketing your practice.
- Dental Council Codes of Practice available to download.
- Dedicated section on our website – IDA members only on all compliance issues.



Representation – speaking for dentistry

The Irish Dental Association is a tireless advocate for dentistry and oral health, engaging regularly with Government, regulatory bodies and the Department of Health, and lobbying on a range of issues vital to the profession in Ireland.

- Discussions with Revenue on proposed tax changes for dentists in private practice.
- Ongoing liaison with the Dental Council of Ireland on the new Dental Council Code of Practice, among other issues.
- Representation on the need to renegotiate the Dental Treatment Services Scheme (DTSS) contract, and the need for a review of fees for the Dental Treatment Benefits Scheme (DTBS).
- Representation of public and private dentists with the HSE and other health stakeholders.
- Participation in international dental affairs, including membership of the Council of European Dentists (CED) and FDI – World Dental Federation.
- Submissions and position papers presented to Government departments, Revenue and the Dental Council.

Information – we keep you briefed

Dentistry can be a solitary profession and the Association's role in connecting members is vital. www.dentist.ie is an essential resource for news, guidance documents and templates. Online meetings and CPD allow you to air your views and keep learning, keep the lines of communication open, and face-to-face meetings provide a compelling human professional connection that was so hugely missed during the pandemic.

- Email updates and newsletters.
- *JOURNAL OF THE IRISH DENTAL ASSOCIATION*.
- Exclusive 'Members Only' area on the IDA website.
- Free listing in 'Find a Dentist'.
- Regular regional and national meetings – make your voice heard.
- Regular member surveys to get your views on the important issues.

Message from Fintan Hourihan, Chief Executive

Together we are stronger

You may not be aware but in 2022 the Association, through its political advocacy and public affairs work, managed to have 807 parliamentary questions asked about dentistry. Of course, that's just the tip of the iceberg of our work. You wouldn't know it either, but we helped members more than 800 times with HR and other advice for their businesses. You may have noticed that we get a lot of media coverage but it's unlikely you would know that we featured in over 600 pieces of media coverage last year. We also welcomed 115 new members.

Our work is only possible through the strength of membership. Aoife can tell you so much about what we can do for you, but we also believe that by being a member, you can do a lot for your fellow dentists. If you are not already in membership, we hope the contents of this brochure will convince you that it will be the best decision you make this year.

Message from Aoife Moran, Membership Manager

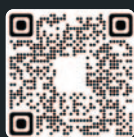
We're here to help you

We exist to help dentists. Whatever your age or stage of career, we can help you. There's no aspect of dental life that we in head office haven't dealt with or your fellow dentists in membership have not been through.

In the collaborative nature of our Association, help is available to you and the very best advice we can give any dentist is to seek advice from those who have already been through it. So I repeat this message at every opportunity I get: we exist to help dentists so we exist to help you.

Call me today to join. My number is below and you'll never regret it.

In membership, you get savings, representation and support that can't be found anywhere else.



Join today

At www.dentist.ie.

By email to amoran@irishdentalassoc.ie.

Telephone the IDA office on 01-295 0072.

Telephone Aoife Moran, Membership Manager, directly on 086-805 2846.

Are you working abroad?

Join as an Affiliate Member at a special rate and stay connected to all the essential information on dentistry in Ireland. It's a great way to stay in touch.



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Membership Application Form

Please fill out and return this form by FREEPOST.

Alternatively, fill it out, photograph it with your phone and email it to amoran@irishdentalassoc.ie.

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Surname

First name(s)

Date of birth

Gender Male ☐ Female ☐ Prefer not to say ☐

Address

Mobile Landline

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Dental Council Registration Number

Category of membership (*see enclosed list of categories of membership*)

If accepted, I agree to abide by the Rules and Policies of the IDA now existing or which hereafter may be made. Please visit www.dentist.ie to view the rules of the IDA.

Applicant signature

Date

If re-applying please indicate reason for resigning original membership.

Please provide the name of a current IDA member who proposes you for membership and who will confirm when contacted that you are a suitable candidate for membership of the Association.

Proposed by (please print)

who is a current Member of the Association.

SEPA Direct Debit Mandate

1. Name on the account to be debited

2. Address of Debtor (optional)

3. Account

Bank

IBAN

BIC

General Dental Practitioners ONLY

Do you hold a DTBS contract (PRSI) YES ☐ NO ☐

Do you hold a DTSS contract (Medical card) YES ☐ NO ☐

4. Type of payment:

One-off ☐ Recurrent ☐

If paying by direct debit, frequency of direct debit

Monthly ☐ Quarterly ☐ Biannually ☐ Annually ☐

Signature(s)

Date

By signing this mandate form, you authorise (A) Irish Dental Association to send instructions to your bank to debit your account and (B) your bank to debit your account in accordance with the instruction from Irish Dental Association.

As part of your rights, you are entitled to a refund from your bank under the terms and conditions of your agreement with your bank. A refund must be claimed within eight weeks starting from the date on which your account was debited. Your rights are explained in a statement that you can obtain from your bank.

Find-a-Dentist

I wish to be included in the Find-a-Dentist section of www.dentist.ie ☐

Name of surgery

Address

Telephone

Email

Web

Classification:

Dental Surgeon ☐

Specialist Orthodontist ☐

Specialist Oral Surgeon ☐

Type of Practice:

GP ☐ HSE Dental Surgeon ☐ Hospital ☐

Practice limited to:

Where relevant please complete the following section:

Treatment available at my practice:

Private Treatment ☐ PRSI Scheme ☐

Dental Treatment Services Scheme ☐
(Medical Card)

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