

The ADA has a membership option that's right for you!

Now that you're graduating from dental school, it's time to think about your ADA options. While your ASDA/ADA student membership continues through December 31 of your graduation year, you can apply for the following options anytime after graduation.

Tripartite Membership

Most new graduates fall into this membership category. If you will be in private practice as an associate, an employee or on your own, in a group practice or clinic, or on the faculty of a dental school, tripartite membership is for you. Tripartite membership includes membership at three levels: local, state and national.

Graduate Student Membership

If you are going into a graduate program, residency or specialty training program, you can join the ADA directly at the national level as a graduate student member. In many states, tripartite membership is also available for graduate students.

Federal Dental Services

For new graduates going into the Army, Air Force, Navy, U.S. Public Health Service, Department of Veterans Affairs or other full-time federal employment, federal dental service (FDS) membership is available. FDS membership is at the national level only and tripartite membership is not required. Dentists in the federal services who are considering a graduate program/residency as a part of their service should apply using the FDS membership application.

Provisional Membership

Licensed dentists who are relocating, or taking some time off due to family or other responsibilities, are eligible for provisional membership. In fact, any new graduate who has completed dental school but has not yet a place of practice is eligible for this category. If you do not have a license, you qualify for the non-practicing dentist category.



For information or to apply for membership call member services at 800-621-8099, or visit www.ADA.org/goto/join. You can also email us at studentaffairs@ada.org

ADA Reduced Dues Program Offers Great Value for Recent Graduates (and Graduate Students)

The ADA Reduced Dues Program allows recent graduates to become members of the American Dental Association without having to pay full dues until five years after graduation!

Year 1 = \$0

Year 2 = 25% of full national dues

Year 3 = 50% of full national dues

Year 4 = 75% of full national dues

Year 5 and thereafter = 100% of full national dues

Graduate student dues are \$30

Whether you go into a residency right after graduation (or decide to enter a program one or more years later), the Reduced Dues Program will stay with you every step of the way. You can now put the Reduced Dues Program on hold until you complete your program ... then pick up your reduced dues right where you left off!

Your ADA membership must be continuously maintained after dental school graduation to be eligible for this program. State and local dental societies also offer dues reductions, many matching the ADA program.

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