



# SDA New Membership Application

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## MEMBERSHIP TYPE: \*ORDINARY / ASSOCIATE / STUDENT

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

SDC Registration No: \_\_\_\_\_

Gender: \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_

NRIC / FIN No: \_\_\_\_\_

Citizenship: \_\_\_\_\_ Race: \_\_\_\_\_

University: \_\_\_\_\_

Qualification & Month/Year of Graduation: \_\_\_\_\_

Specialty: \_\_\_\_\_

Office Address (including the company name): \_\_\_\_\_

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Home Address: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Preferred mailing address: \*Office / Home

Mobile: \_\_\_\_\_ Tel (Office): \_\_\_\_\_ Tel (Home): \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

***I agree to the nomination and accept the terms & conditions as stipulated in the SDA Constitution.***

***\* Please delete accordingly.***

\_\_\_\_\_  
Applicant's Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Proposer's Signature

Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Character Referee (SDA Life or Ordinary Member only)

**Supporting document to be submitted (hard or soft copies):**  
For ORDINARY membership: SDC Registration Card  
For ASSOCIATE (Foreign Dentist) Qualification  
For ASSOCIATE (OHT / DIV2) membership: SDC Registration Card  
For STUDENT membership: No supporting document required

**FOR OFFICIAL USE ONLY:**

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Approved By

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date of Approval

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photo here*

# SDA MEMBERSHIP

## WHY JOIN SDA?.....

SDA represents majority of the dental fraternity in Singapore. We have been around for over 75 years and is the largest association of dentists in Singapore.

Membership has its privileges, and these includes:

- ❖ Preferential registration rates for scientific lectures & conventions
- ❖ Peer Networking
- ❖ Access to dental classified advertisements & preferential advertising rates
- ❖ Preferential rate for professional indemnity
- ❖ Free counselling services by DPL's trusted counselling partner (if you are DPL member)
- ❖ Representation of members' concern regarding dentistry matters with the appropriate authority.
- ❖ Exclusive access to *The Dental Surgeon*
- ❖ Regular access to email announcements
- ❖ Free mediation services by our experts in the ethics committee for disputes with the patients
- ❖ Exclusive invitations to social networking events
- ❖ Exclusive discounts from our dental industry partners for new members and upon membership renewal
- ❖ Exclusive discounts from external vendors for products and services

## TYPES OF MEMBERSHIP...

### **1) Ordinary Membership**

Open to all persons who are registered with the Singapore Dental Council (SDC) & practice in Singapore, including voting right during the Annual General Meeting (AGM). Ordinary Membership enjoy the full benefits.

Cost: \$54.50 one-time entrance fee, \$218 subscription fee per year

*(For Year 1 graduate: special rate of S\$109 subscription fee for the first year if join within first year of graduation.)*

### **2) Associate Membership**

Associate Membership is open to all who are unable to register with SDC, and include but not limited as follows:

- (a) Members of the Malaysian Dental Association;
- (c) Members of the allied professions who are interested in the advancement of dentistry;
- (d) Accredited members of any foreign national dental association that extends reciprocal membership to Members without the need for any application process; and
- (e) Postgraduate students who are accredited by the Faculty of Dentistry, National University of Singapore.

Associate Members will enjoy the same benefits as Ordinary Members but will not have any voting rights at AGM.

Cost: \$54.50 one-time entrance fee, \$141.70 subscription fee per year

### **3) Student Membership**

Student Membership is open to all dental undergraduates.

Student Member enjoy the same benefits as Ordinary Members but will not have any voting rights at AGM. SDA announcement / newsletter will only be available via emails.

There will be no cost for joining SDA as a student member.

**COME JOIN US AND BE PART OF THE SINGAPORE DENTAL FAMILY!**

For more details, please visit our website at [www.sda.org.sg](http://www.sda.org.sg), contact us at 6258 9252  
or email us at [membership@sda.org.sg](mailto:membership@sda.org.sg)

# OUR STORY

The origin of Singapore Dental Association (SDA) can be traced back to 1938 when Professor E K Tratman wisely envisaged the need for an association to represent the dental profession and founded the Malayan Dental Association.

In 1929, Dr E K Tratman was appointed as Professor of Dental Surgery and Head of the Dental School of the King Edward VII College of Medicine. In 1938, he formed the Malayan Dental Association and became its first President while Tan Sri Dr Tay Teck Eng became the Honorary General Secretary.

In the early years when the number of dentists was very small, there was very little activity, and the association came to a standstill during the World War II period. After the defeat of the Axis powers, the Medical College resumed teaching in mid-1946 and slowly the Association was revived. At that time, most of the activities were organized in conjunction with and in the dental school.

After Malaya gained independence in 1957, Malayan Dental Association continued to represent the dental professions both in Malaysia and Singapore. In 1963, Singapore together with Sarawak and Sabah, merged with Malaya to become Malaysia. The following year, at the conclusion of the 4th Asia Pacific Dental Congress (APDC), the name was changed to Malaysian Dental Association.

In 1965, Singapore separated from Malaysia and became an independent nation and thus, in 1966, an agreement was reached to dichotomize the Association into the Malaysian Dental Association and the Singapore Dental Association. The SDA was formally established in 1967 and Dr Lau Kieng Hiong was elected as the first President for 1967-68.

In 1974, SDA contributed an initial capital sum of \$5,100 (which included a personal donation of \$4,100 by Dr Lau Kieng Hiong) to set up the SDA Endowment Fund. By 1989, the Fund has grown to \$76,983.

SDA first hosted the 10th APDC in 1981 and then the 2nd MDA/SDA Joint Scientific Congress in 1983. SDA has been actively projecting its image both locally and internationally culminating with the hosting of the 78th FDI Annual World Dental Congress in 1990.

SDA has grown tremendously and was chosen to host the FDI Congress again in 2009. These international events brought great prestige and honour to the Association as well as the nation.

SDA is mindful of the standards of professional conduct and ethics as well as matters affecting members. After much effort, the 'Code of Ethics' made its appearance in 1977. In recent years, the Ethics Committee has worked with Medical Protection Society in managing complaint cases successfully.

In recognition and appreciation of members who have rendered meritorious service and made significant contribution to the profession and the Association, the Roll of Honour was established in 1974.

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