



The **CONSTITUTION** of The Dental Technology Association of South Africa

1. **NAME**

The name of The Association shall be:

THE DENTAL TECHNOLOGY ASSOCIATION of SOUTH AFRICA abbreviated as DENTASA and hereafter referred to as “The Association”.

2. **HEAD OFFICE**

The Head Office of The Association shall be situated in Pretoria or such other place as decided by the executive committee.

3. **OBJECTIVES**

The objectives of The Association shall be:

- To promote the interests of members of The Association.
- To encourage the settlement of disputes by conciliatory methods.
- To promote, support or oppose as it may be deemed, expedient any proposed legislation.
- To use every legitimate means to persuade all persons who are eligible for membership to become members.
- To co-operate with other associations in dealing with matters affecting members.
- To maintain a Code of Ethical practise amongst its members.
- To promote equality and diversity.
- DENTASA is an advocacy group for the profession of Dental Technology.



4. LEGAL STATUS OF THE ASSOCIATION

The Association is a voluntary, non-profit organisation and is registered as a Section 21 Company with the Department of Trade and Industry.

The Association shall:

- a) Exist in its own right, separately from its members.
- b) Continue to exist even when its membership changes and there are different office bearers.
- c) Be able to own property and other possessions.
- d) Be able to sue and be sued in its own name.

5. INCOME AND PROPERTY

The following pertains to income and property:

- a) The Association will keep records of everything it owns.
- b) The Association may not give any of its money or property to its members or office bearers. The only time it can do this is when it pays for work that a member or office bearer has done for the Association.
- c) A member of the Association can only get money back from the Association for expenses that he/she has paid for or paid on behalf of the Association
- d) Members/office bearers do not have rights over things that belong to the Association.

6. STRUCTURE

6.1. Executive Committee

The following pertains to the Association's Executive Committee:

- a) The Committee will be made up of at least eleven members which will consist of the following office bearers:
 - President
 - Vice President
 - Treasurer
 - Chairpersons of each branch
- b) The members of the Executive Committee so elected shall hold office for a period of four years.
- c) Members shall be eligible for re-election at the end of their terms of office.



- d) Office bearers may not serve more than two consecutive terms.
- e) A member of the Executive Committee shall vacate his/her seat while under investigation.
- f) The Executive Committee may appoint sub-committees and ad hoc committees.
- g) The Executive Committee's activities must abide by the laws of the country.

6.2. The Executive Committee shall co-opt, in case of a dispute, senior DENTASA members onto an Arbitration and Mediation Committee.

6.3. Branches –

- a) Branches shall be established according to the demographics of DENTASA members.

6.4. Each Branch Committee shall consist of a minimum of five office bearers:

- Chairperson
- Vice Chairperson
- Secretary
- Treasurer
- A member

7. MEMBERSHIP

The following pertains to memberships to the Association:

- a) Open to all technicians/technologists/students registered at and in good standing with the South African Dental Technicians Council and honorary and life membership recipients.

7a) (i) Types of membership includes:

- Dental Manufacturing Facility through its members
- Dental Technician / Technologist
- Student
- Honorary member
- Life Member



8. **SUBSCRIPTION**

Subscription and/or levies will be adjusted annually.

9. **RESIGNATION**

A member may resign by giving 21 working days notice in writing to the Secretary. Such a member will be liable to pay all outstanding monies.

10. **MEETINGS**

The following pertains to meetings to be held by the Association:

- a) **Executive Committee meetings:** These shall be held at least bimonthly and not less than six meetings per annum.
- b) **Annual General Meeting:** This shall be held once per year
- c) **Special meetings:** Special meetings can be called.

11. **DECISION TAKING**

All decision taking shall be by majority vote.

12. **QUORUM**

- a) **Executive committee:** A quorum for the Executive Committee shall consist of fifty percent plus one.
- b) **Annual General Meeting:** A quorum at an Annual General Meeting shall consist of at least ten percent of the total membership.
- c) Proxy votes shall be allowed.



13. **REPORTS**

- a) **Annual report** will be compiled by the Executive Committee.
- b) **Monthly reports** will be compiled by the Chief Operating Officer.
- c) **Branch reports** will be compiled by the Branch Chairperson after every branch meeting.

14. **DISCIPLINARY CODE**

Disciplinary codes shall be in accordance with the Rules and Regulations of the Association.

15. **FINANCIALS**

- a) **Financial statements:** Audited annual financial statements shall be made available to members.

16. **DISSOLUTION OF THE ASSOCIATION**

The following pertains to the dissolution of the Association:

- a) The Association may be disbanded if at least two thirds of the members are present and voting at a meeting convened for the purpose of considering such a matter, are in favour of disbanding. The remaining assets are to be proportionately distributed amongst paid up members.

17. **AMENDMENTS**

An amendment to the Constitution shall only be passed at a full Annual General Meeting or Special General Meeting.

Please refer to policies and procedures.