

# Practice Category Guide

This Practice Category Guide is effective 1 July 2025.

It is to be read in conjunction with the current Dental Indemnity Policy Important Information and Policy Wording document and any Supplementary Important Information and Endorsement to Policy Wording issued by MDA National Insurance Pty Ltd ABN 56 058 271 417 AFS Licence No. 238073 and is applicable to direct and prospective Members of the Australian Dental Association (WA Branch) Inc (ADAWA).

For the calculation of private practice hours, you must include your total involvement in dentistry including clinical and non-clinical work.

**Please be aware that you are required to have the appropriate recognised training and qualifications for the Dental services you provide and to ensure that you comply with Guidelines for Scope of Practice issued by the Dental Board of Australia.**

If you require any further information about practice categories, please contact ADAWA on 08 9211 5600.

| Practice description                         | Category code | Category description  |
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| <b>Dentists and Specialists</b>              |               |   |
| <b>Students</b>                              | DST           | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>For dentistry students enrolled in, but not yet graduated from, a course of study approved by the Dental Board of Australia for the purpose of becoming a qualified registered dentist</li> </ul>  |
| <b>Final Year Students /Dental Graduates</b> | FYS/GDY       | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>For final year dentistry students in their six months prior to graduation and for a new dental graduate where none of the conditions relating to the YD4I, YD4M and YD4X categories apply</li> </ul>   |
|  | YD1           | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>For Australian graduates in their first full year after graduation where none of the conditions relating to the YD4I, YD4M and YDX categories apply</li> </ul>   |
|  | YD2           | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>For those in their second full year after graduation where none of the conditions relating to the YD4I, YD4M and YDX categories apply</li> </ul>   |
|  | YD3           | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>For those in their third full year after graduation where none of the conditions relating to the YD4I, YD4M and YDX categories apply</li> </ul>  |
| <b>Part time</b>                             | SLA           | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>For those completing not more than four hours per week on average or up to a maximum of 200 hours during the financial year where none of the conditions relating to the YD4I, YD4M and YDX categories apply</li> </ul>  |
|  | SR1           | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>For those completing not more than 16 hours per week on average or up to a maximum of 770 hours during the financial year where none of the conditions relating to the YD4I, YD4M and YDX categories apply</li> </ul>  |
|  | SR2           | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>For those completing not more than 20 hours per week on average or up to a maximum of 1,000 hours during the financial year where none of the conditions relating to the YD4I, YD4M and YDX categories apply</li> </ul>  |
|  | YDTR          | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>For dentists who are currently engaged in an Ahpra approved specialist training pathway to attain specialist registration in an Ahpra approved program of study and undertaking no more than 10 hours maximum per week up to 500 hours per annum of private practice. Details of specialist training pathway must be provided when applying for this category. Conditions relating to the YD4M, YD4I or YD4X do not apply to this category.</li> </ul> |
| <b>Full time</b>                             | YD4           | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>For general dentists in their fourth year or subsequent years after graduation and where none of the conditions relating to the YD4I, YD4M and YDX categories apply</li> </ul>   |
|  | YD4I          | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>For general dentists or registered Ahpra specialists undertaking placement of implants with or without adjunctive bone and soft tissue augmentation and where none of the other conditions relating to the YD4M and YDX categories apply</li> </ul>  |
|  | YD4M          | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>For general dentists or registered Ahpra specialists undertaking removal of impacted and/or unerupted/partially erupted mandibular third molars where none of the other conditions relating to the YD4I and YDX categories apply</li> </ul>  |

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### Dentists and Specialists (continued)

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| <b>Surgical procedures</b>           | YDX | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>For any general dentists or registered specialists undertaking:               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(a) surgical placement of implants and</li> <li>(b) removal of impacted and/or unerupted/partially erupted mandibular third molars and/or</li> <li>(c) any sinus lift or bone augmentation procedures involving the maxillary sinus and/or nasal floor are carried out*</li> </ul> </li> </ul> <p><i>*NOTE – Carrying out any bone harvesting from outside the maxilla/mandible is not included. If you are harvesting bone from outside the mouth, you need to be qualified and registered as an Oral and Maxillofacial surgeon and the RMA, OMX or OMZ categories may be appropriate.</i></p> |
| <b>Orthodontists</b>                 | ORS | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>For specialist Orthodontists</li> </ul>  |
| <b>Other Specialists</b>             | OSP | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>For any Specialists other than Orthodontists and Oral Maxillofacial Surgeons where none of the conditions relating to the YD4I, YD4M and YDX categories apply</li> </ul>   |
| <b>Employer indemnified</b>          | E1S | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>For those who do not undertake any private practice and have an entitlement to indemnity from their employer for civil liability claims arising from their practice with their employer but require ongoing cover for their past private practice which is not subject to employer indemnity</li> </ul>  |
|                                      | E2S | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>For those who have an entitlement to indemnity from their employer but who also do a small amount of private work which is not subject to employer indemnity</li> </ul> <p><i>This category covers private practice up to 16 hours per week on average or up to a maximum of 770 hours during the insurance year.</i></p>  |
| <b>Voluntary Gratuitous Services</b> | VGS | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>For those who have ceased all practice except for undertaking voluntary overseas Gratuitous Services</li> </ul>  |
| <b>Cessation of practice</b>         | YLA | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>For those who have either               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>temporarily ceased practice for greater than three months or</li> <li>retired permanently from practice</li> </ul> </li> </ul> <p><i>NOTE – If you are retiring from all dental practice please refer to section on Retirement from Practice.</i></p>   |

### Oral and Maxillofacial surgery

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| <b>Part time</b> | RMA | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>For those who are completing not more than 20 hours per week on average or up to a maximum of 1,000 hours during the financial year and are a Member of ANZAOMS</li> </ul> |
| <b>Full time</b> | OMX | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>For those who are a Member of ANZAOMS</li> </ul>   |
|                  | OMZ | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>For those who are NOT a Member of ANZAOMS</li> </ul> <p><i>These categories allow unlimited private practice.</i></p>  |

## Notes

### Retirement from Practice

If you have permanently ceased practising in Australia please contact ADAWA regarding cover for your past practice. Following 4 years of ceasing practice permanently, you may be eligible for an Extended Reporting Period (ERP) subject to approval by MDA National Insurance which will continue to provide you with ongoing cover to notify any matters you become aware of after your retirement.