

Practice Category Guide

This Practice Category Guide is effective 1 July 2026.

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
Dental Students and Graduates		
Students	DST	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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.
Final Year Students/Dental Graduates	FYS/GDY	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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 YDI, YDM and YDX categories apply.
Dentists and Specialists Private – Full Time		
Dentist – First full year after Graduation	YD1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> For Australian graduates in their first full year after graduation where none of the conditions relating to the YDI, YDM and YDX categories apply.
Dentist – Second full year after Graduation	YD2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> For those in their second full year after graduation where none of the conditions relating to the YDI, YDM and YDX categories apply.
Dentist – Third full year after Graduation	YD3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> For those in their third full year after graduation where none of the conditions relating to the YDI, YDM and YDX categories apply.
Dentist – Fourth full year after Graduation	YD4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> For general dentists in their fourth year or subsequent years after graduation and where none of the conditions relating to the YDI, YDM and YDX categories apply.
Dentist – Fifth + full year after Graduation	YD5	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> For general dentists in their fifth year or subsequent years after graduation and where none of the conditions relating to the YDI, YDM and YDX categories apply.
General Dentist and registered specialists undertaking implants	YDI	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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 YDM and YDX categories apply.
General Dentist and registered specialists undertaking removal of 3rd molars	YDM	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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 YDI and YDX categories apply.

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Dentists and Specialists Private – Full Time (continued)

General Dentists and registered Specialists – extended procedures	YDX	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> For any general dentists or registered specialists undertaking: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> surgical placement of implants and removal of impacted and/or unerupted/partially erupted mandibular third molars and/or any sinus lift or bone augmentation procedures involving the maxillary sinus and/or nasal floor are carried out* <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>
Other Specialists	OSP	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> For any Specialists other than Oral Maxillofacial Surgeons where none of the conditions relating to the YDI, YDM and YDX categories apply.

Dentists and Specialists Private Practice – Part Time

Part time – 1 day per week	SLA	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> For those completing not more than the equivalent of 1 day per week during the financial year and where none of the conditions relating to the YDI, YDM and YDX categories apply.
Part time – < 2.5 days per week	SR1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> For those completing not more than the equivalent of 2.5 days per week during the financial year where none of the conditions relating to the YDI, YDM and YDX categories apply.
Part time – < 3.5 days per week	SR2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> For those completing not more than the equivalent of 3.5 days per week during the financial year where none of the conditions relating to the YDI, YDM and YDX categories apply.
AHPRA approved specialist training pathway < 2 days per week private practice	YDTR	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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 the equivalent of 2 days maximum per week of private practice. Details of specialist training pathway must be provided when applying for this category. Conditions relating to the YDM, YDI or YDX do not apply to this category.

Employer Indemnified Dentists and Specialists

Dentist – Employer Indemnified	E1S	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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.
Dentist – Employer Indemnified + – < 2.5 days per week private practice	E2S	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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. <p><i>This category covers private practice up to the equivalent of 2.5 days per week on average during the insurance year.</i></p>

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Dentists and Specialists – Cessation of Practice and Non-Clinical Practice

Cessation of Practice	YLA	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> For those who have either: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) temporarily ceased practice for greater than three months or (b) retired permanently from practice <p><i>*NOTE - If you are retiring from all dental practice please refer to section on Retirement from Practice.</i></p>
Dentist – Non-Clinical	DNC	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Suitable for dental practitioners whose work or responsibilities are not concerned directly or indirectly with the diagnosis, treatment or management of individual patients, for example research, administration, dento-legal reporting (no clinical contact) or academia.
Voluntary Gratuitous Services	VGS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> For those who have ceased all practice except for undertaking voluntary overseas Gratuitous Services.

Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery

Oral & Maxillofacial Surgeon – Full time	OMX	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> For those who are a Member of ANZAOMS. <p><i>This category allows unlimited private practice.</i></p>
Oral & Maxillofacial Surgeon – Part time < 3 days per week	RMA	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> For those who are completing not more than the equivalent of 3 days per week on average during the financial year.

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.