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Let’s not sugar coat it, dental school is a tough slog, from treacherous theoretical and practical exams, to meeting clinical requirements - so a huge congratulations is in order! To the graduating class of 2017, what an incredible milestone you have achieved, I hope you are all truly proud of yourselves!

Through the excitement of graduating, I’m sure most of you consider this moment to be bitter sweet - apart from looking forward to a new chapter in your life like not being a poor uni student, the uncertainty of job prospects and what it will be like to be in the workforce is looming too. To help you prepare for the real world we’ve put together this short booklet, which details the steps required before obtaining employment as a graduate dentist. We have information regarding registering with the Dental Board of Australia and AHPRA, obtaining a provider number with Medicare and applying for indemnity insurance.

Though you’ll be a new grad next year, don’t forget that ADSA still have valuable resources, events and opportunities for you too. For further support and guidance on your new profession, the ADA are always there. We encourage you to join the professional body that represents our industry!

Wishing you all the best in your new and exciting careers and I hope all your future endeavours are fruitful and rewarding! Celebrate, you’ve worked hard for it!

Peace,

Nicole Contemplacion
President
Australian Dental Students Association
Your ADA membership has real value

Educational Resources
100s of hours of peer-reviewed content via the CPD Portal + access to the National Online Library.

Advocacy
The ADA works continuously with government and regulatory bodies to effect real change on policies concerning dentistry and oral health.

News & Updates
ADA publications and e-newsletters keep you updated on the latest clinical advances and industry news.

Oral Health Promotion
Ongoing public awareness campaigns including our flagship Dental Health Week event each August.

For more information about your membership and services available contact your Membership Team at membership@ada.org.au

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Community
Gain support, advice and professional insights from fellow members via networking events and state-based activities.

Professional Advice
Information on clinical issues, government programmes, practice management and regulatory issues as well as access to the ADA’s HR Hotline.

Jobs Board
Find a job for yourself or a member of your team and list any positions your practice has available.

Great membership rates
As a new graduate, enjoy reduced fees on ADA membership with full access to our range of services.

For more information about your membership and services available contact your Membership Team at membership@ada.org.au

ada.org.au
Congratulations class of 2017, you’ve made it! The collective years of blood, sweat and tears (even some of your own) have been distilled into a single sheet of paper which can now be framed and triumphantly hung on your wall. Graduating dentistry is a huge achievement and deserves sincere commendation. I am sure that you will all immensely enjoy the graduation revels and I encourage you to take a moment to specially thank all the family and friends who have helped you through your journey to this point. Be prepared to also experience sadness as you farewell friends and close this chapter of your lives.

Looking forward to the next chapter can be daunting; friends will murmur horror stories and whispers of corporate malice abound. Do not fear. Every graduate gets work. Every single one. Yes, there are more dentists now than there used to be. Yes, you may need to find two part-time jobs but find them you will.

Searching for the elusive first job is incredibly stressful but it is important to remember that it is not a last job. Very few dentists remain in a single workplace for their entire career – and if they do, is this paradise hiring? (asking for a friend). Be aware that not all practices are created equal and it may take a few goes before you find a place where you are happy. Seriously though, careers rarely follow clear paths and opportunities arise in the places you least expect.

As we head together into the collegiate future it is my privilege to share seven secrets for splatter-free success:

1. Be professional, not just at work or dental events. This includes when you are out on a Friday night or grocery shopping on a Sunday. Dentistry is a small profession and your reputation is invaluable.

2. Stay connected. Feelings of isolation are common as we leave uni and plunge into new environments or move away for work. It is essential to make time to see your close friends and family as you step into the unknown.
Mentors are like mums, at some point we all need one. Mostly they are there to tell us that we are doing well and everything will be okay but occasionally we really need their wisdom and experience. Make sure you find a great mentor who you trust and respect (mine is actually my mum).

Know your worth! Do not undervalue yourself because you are a new grad, everyone is at some point. Rather, be honest and upfront about your skills and limitations; and don’t worry about the mythical “2 years experience”.

Start adulting. Set some personal and financial goals – write them down! Speak to a financial planner, get income protection insurance and stay fit. You’re going to be doing this for a while.

Let it go. Always do your best work but when things go wrong, remember that dentistry is only one facet of your life. Don’t let that fractured endo file keep you up at night; you didn’t cause the decay in that tooth and besides, that’s what specialists are for.

Once again, I offer my congratulations and welcome you all to the profession as new colleagues. I wish you all the best as you shake a hand, toss a cap, and embark on your next adventure.

Your colleague,
Dr Patrick Bowman
BDSc Hons (Qld)
Class of 2016
So the first tip I can give enthusiastic new grads that did not complete years 11 and 12 in Australia is this: thoroughly familiarise yourself with AHPRA’s registration criteria. Topping your class academically does not guarantee registration.

Before graduating, I was approached by a private dental practice and offered a position. However, my heart has always been in the public sector and my vision was to find employment with Queensland Health. I went for an interview and was ranked third – sadly, there were only two positions available. I decided it would be prudent to accept the position at the private practice. I realised that I was blessed to be offered a position as a new grad without even having to be interviewed. I also inferred that I should start gaining experience as soon as possible rather than waiting for the perfect job to cross my path. I was reasonably happy at the private practice. The people were lovely but I was under an immense amount of pressure. I didn’t have a DA and found it difficult to do debridements while suctioning myself. This slowed me down, but I was pushed to do a comprehensive exam and a debridement in 45 minutes AND then I had to wait for the dentist to check my exam. I found this incredibly annoying because I have adult scope and felt that valuable time was being wasted. I also did very few restorations and feared I would start losing skills because my full scope was not being utilised. Fortunately, the young lady that ranked above me in the interview decided to resign (to go to a private practice, ironically) so that opened the door for me to get into Queensland Health.

I have been working in the public sector for nearly 6 months now, and I couldn’t be happier. My role is extremely varied: I do talks at kindies, young mothers’ groups and intercultural playgroups. I’ve been involved in numerous promotions including Trade-A-Toothbrush days. I work at both the Rockhampton Base and Yeppoon Dental Clinics, school dental clinics and dental vans where I do restorations on adults and children, and I have a couple of hygiene days each month. Gone are the private practice days where I had hygiene patient after hygiene patient until it felt as if I would have a nervous breakdown if I had to do one more brushing and flossing recitation.

A few days a week I also work as Clinical Coordinator in a role that assists the Principal Oral Health Therapist, and I am very grateful for the experience I’m gaining in this leadership area as well.

So in conclusion, my five top tips for all you wonderfully talented students are:

1. Don’t get complacent.
   Get your facts about AHPRA’s registration requirements straight long before you graduate.
Finally, congratulations on making it this far, and all the very best for the future!

Your friend and colleague,
Liza Pretorius
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TO DO

Before you find a job

YOU MUST REGISTER WITH THE DENTAL BOARD OF AUSTRALIA BEFORE YOU CAN PRACTICE.

To register with the board, you can apply through the Australian Health Practitioner Regulation Agency (AHPRA). December is a very busy time of year with thousands of medicine and allied health graduates sending in their application forms. Luckily, you can start the registration process 4-6 weeks before completing your course. Once you complete all the requirements for your degree, your university will inform the AHPRA that you have officially completed your degree and your application will be processed. We recommend sending in your forms early so you can skip the queues and practice sooner rather than later.

To Do #2

Medicare
ALL DENTISTS NEED A MEDICARE PROVIDER AND PRESCRIBER NUMBER

After you register with the Dental Board of Australia you need to fill out the two forms below from Medicare and mail or fax your application form along with supporting documentation to the contact details found on the forms.

Application for an initial Medicare provider/registration number for a Dentist, Dental Specialist or Dental Prosthesist.

The provider number allows dentists to request certain diagnostic imaging services set out in the Medicare Benefits Schedule (MBS), available online on the Department of Health and Ageing website. It allows the dentist and the location from which a service is provided to be uniquely identified. You need to have a medicare provider number before you can start billing patients.

Application for approval to prescribe medications under the Pharmaceutical Benefits Scheme.

This is the application form to allow you to prescribe medications under the Pharmaceutical Benefits Scheme (PBS).

DOWNLOAD FORMS ONLINE

To Do #3

Insurance
BEFORE YOU PRACTICE YOU MUST HAVE INDEMNITY INSURANCE

This must cover all aspects of dental practice that you plan to carry out. There are a number of indemnity insurance providers that currently insure dentists, including:

DPL (Dental Protection Limited)
http://www.dentalprotection.org/australia/

Guild

MIPS (Medical Indemnity Protection Society)

Understand that providers differ in membership fees, level of cover and support beyond insurance needs. Also be aware that insurance requirements are also different for each state.

When choosing a provider, we suggest that you make an informed decision based on your needs as a recent graduate. Ask those around you whose opinions matter and don’t be afraid to quiz providers about their policies!

DENTAL PROFESSIONAL INDEMNITY INSURANCE REGISTRATION STANDARD

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Radiation Licence

The requirements of a radiation licence will depend on the state in which you wish to practice in. Each state has different practising radiation regulations, e.g. dentists in NSW only need registration to take OPGs and in WA radiation licences are not required. So before you take that first bitewing, make sure that you’re licensed!

- **WESTERN AUSTRALIA**
  - Current legislation does not require a radiation licence.

- **NORTHERN TERRITORY**
  - Department of Health
    - Radiation Protection Act 2011

- **SOUTH AUSTRALIA**
  - EPA South Australia
    - Radiation Protection and Control Act 1982

- **QUEENSLAND**
  - Queensland Health
    - Radiation Safety Act 1999

- **SOUTH AUSTRALIA**
  - EPA South Australia
    - Radiation Protection and Control Act 1982

- **NEW SOUTH WALES**
  - NSW Government Licensing Service Radiation Control Act 1990

- **VICTORIA**
  - Department of Health
    - Radiation Act 2005

- **TASMANIA**
  - Department of Health and Human Services
    - Radiation Protection Act 2005
Finding a job isn’t always easy. It may take a few interviews and resume drops before you find a clinic that you feel you would like to work in. Word of mouth is a great way to find out who is willing to take on a new graduate. Here are some places you can try.

**ADA**
www.ada.org.au
Visit your local ADA branch website and the classifieds section of ADA bulletins. Make sure to also check out the ADA job classifieds site: [http://www.ada.org.au/dentalProfessionals/positionsVacant.aspx](http://www.ada.org.au/dentalProfessionals/positionsVacant.aspx)

**Dentist Job Search (DJS)**
A job search company, where you can simply register your details and they will “promote” you to clinics looking for dentists. Additionally, for those looking to buy or sell clinics, a Practice Sale Search has been integrated into the website as well.

**The Young Dentist**
www.theyoungdentist.com/au
A one stop shop resource for young dentists by young dentists. This website includes articles on finding the perfect job, setting up a practice, working abroad and much more.

**Other places to visit**
- State health service or state dental health service websites
- Australian Defence Forces
- General medical hospitals
- Dental hospitals

**General Job Sites**
Seek
www.seek.com.au
MyCareer
www.mycareer.com.au
CareerOne
www.careerone.com.au
An interview is a chance for your potential employer to get to know you. They might want to know what parts of dentistry you enjoy, what your interests are, how much experience you have had at a dental school and what your attitude to patient care is.

At the interview, besides the standard queries regarding pay, hours and holidays, some important questions to ask could be:

- Have you hired a new graduate before?
- Will I be able to book longer appointments until you pick up some speed?
- Will you have time to review cases with me during the week or do you expect me to work alone?
- Do you use amalgam, rotary endodontic instruments, written or electronic records?
- What areas of dentistry do you focus on and which cases do you refer?

These questions will give you an idea of the attitude of your potential employer as it’s important that you feel comfortable with their expectations and working conditions. It is also a good idea to find out if they want to restrict you to certain types of treatment or allow you to practice to your full scope. Often new graduates find having some extra support, especially in the first few weeks, invaluable so find out if they are happy for you to refer cases to them or if you can start off with a few easier cases until you feel a bit more comfortable. Don’t forget to have a contract signed before you start work!

Currently, approximately 93% of dentists work in the private sector, 4% work in government positions and the remaining 3% work in other settings such as in the Armed Forces or as a locum dentist.

Your first job as a new graduate may have an important impact on your future. Consider carefully before taking on a job. Proper planning is imperative to ensure you make the right choices!
The majority of dentists work in private practice and this can be achieved in a few different ways

- Setting up a practice
- Purchasing an existing practice
- As an associate dentist where some of the expenses of setting up the practice are shared with other dentist(s) but fees may be collected individually and some expenses are not shared
- As a partner where all expenses and profits are shared according to an agreed percentage, or
- As an assistant dentist working for the owner of a practice

Other career choices you can consider include

- A government dentist treating patients that can have their dental treatment publicly funded
- The armed services
- As a short-term university tutor or lecturer (a permanent position will require higher degrees)

Dental Board of Australia’s List of Specialties

Additional programs of study must be completed after graduating in order to become a specialist. Normally you need to be working for at least two years as a general dentist before you can apply for a specialist training program. These training programs are normally 3 years, and each has different requirements. Different course providers for specialist training programs can be found in AHPRA’s database at [http://www.ahpra.gov.au/Education/Approved-Programs-of-Study.aspx](http://www.ahpra.gov.au/Education/Approved-Programs-of-Study.aspx)

Below is a list of some of the areas you can specialise in:

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<td>Oral and maxillofacial surgery</td>
<td>Surgery of injuries and defects of the jaws and associated structures.</td>
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<td>Oral medicine</td>
<td>Diagnosis and non-surgical management of the oral and maxillofacial region.</td>
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<td>Supporting tissues of the teeth.</td>
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<td>Prosthodontics</td>
<td>Coronal alteration or reconstruction of natural teeth or replacement of teeth, oral and maxillofacial tissues.</td>
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<td>Public health dentistry</td>
<td>Oral health education of the public, administering dental care programs, prevention and control of oral diseases in communities.</td>
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<td>Special needs dentistry</td>
<td>Special dental treatment plans for patients with intellectual, medical, physical or psychiatric conditions.</td>
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<td>Forensic odontology</td>
<td>Examine, document and evaluate dental evidence in cases including human identification, orofacial trauma and bitemarks.</td>
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The Dental Board has stipulated the following guidelines concerning mandatory continual professional development (CPD) for dentists.

**A** Complete a minimum of 60 hours of CPD activities over three years

**B** Ensure that 80% of the minimum 60 CPD hours are clinically or scientifically based

**C** Make a declaration of their compliance with CPD requirements at the time of annual renewal

**D** Maintain records detailing CPD activities for audit purposes

**E** Produce evidence of CPD activities when requested to do so by the Dental Board

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**EARN CPD POINTS FREE**

There are many opportunities to earn CPD points for free. Keep your eyes peeled for fliers from your local dental hospital, radiographer and other dental companies or help groups such as Dental ED. The ADA Bulletin often contains articles with question and answer sheets that can be submitted for CPD points.

**CPD THROUGH THE ADA**

The ADA run a dental congress over 3-4 days, every two years. This will accrue over 20 CPD points for a relatively low cost compared to other CPD courses. The congress is also a great way to network with other dentists and suppliers. Your local ADA branch also run several lecture series and hands-on courses where you can extend your knowledge in many areas of dentistry.

**OTHER OPTIONS**

There are a myriad of companies and lecturers who hold courses and seminars for CPD points. These are often informative and insightful, but make sure that they are reputable before you sign up!
Royal Australasian College of Dental Surgeons (RACDS) study programs provide opportunities for new graduates and experienced dentists to improve their skills, knowledge and understanding of clinical dentistry.

ATTAINING MEMBERSHIP OR FELLOWSHIP

The main focus of the RACDS education programs is to provide world standard, evidence based education, training and assessment in dentistry, leading to Membership (MRACDS) or Fellowship (FRACDS) of the College. Membership and Fellowship begins from the moment you decide to aim for achievement by joining the RACDS.

Your RACDS qualifications demonstrate to patients that their practitioner is equipped with the knowledge and skills to practise clinical dentistry at the highest standards throughout their working life.

ADVANCE YOUR CAREER WITH THE RACDS

Participation in RACDS programs is suited to all dentistry careers including private practice, government health services, academia, and the armed services. Many dentists enrolled in university postgraduate studies will find Membership or Fellowship of the RACDS a rewarding addition to their postgraduate qualification.

RACDS has education programs in both General Dental Practice (GDP) and Specialist Dental Practice (SDP). Successful completion can lead to either Membership or Fellowship in your chosen stream.

MEMBERSHIP IN GENERAL DENTAL PRACTICE

The MRACDS(GDP) Program is a 2-3 year structured educational learning program for qualified General Dental Practitioners (GDPs), that aims to provide an ongoing high standard of patient management, diagnosis and treatment for the benefit of the community. The program comprises six core and three elective modules.

The MRACDS(GDP) Program is structured to enhance and support the acquisition of knowledge and skills of GDPs and provide a structured approach to Continuing Professional Development (CPD).

MRACDS(GDP) is the first step to RACDS Fellowship. On its own it is not a registrable qualification to practice dentistry in Australia or New Zealand.

FELLOWSHIP IN GENERAL DENTAL PRACTICE

Attain FRACDS(GDP) by obtaining a pass in the RACDS examinations which involves the Primary Exam and the Final Exam.

The Primary Exam consists of study and examination in the areas of Anatomy, Histology, Physiology, Cell Biology and Biochemistry, Pathology and Microbiology. The aim is for candidates to
demonstrate an understanding of the fundamental principles of the basic sciences and, importantly, their relationship to clinical dental practice.

QUALIFICATIONS IN SPECIALIST DENTAL PRACTICE DISCIPLINES

Membership and Fellowship is available in the following disciplines.

- Dental Public Health
- Endodontics
- Oral Medicine
- Orthodontics
- Paediatric Dentistry
- Periodontics
- Prosthodontics
- Special Needs Dentistry

Fellowship in the Specialty Practice of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery is a four year structured training program. Further information can be found in the OMS Handbook on the college website.

MEMBERSHIP IN SPECIALIST DENTAL PRACTICE

Membership in Specialist Dental Practice is granted in recognition of a candidate’s standing as a specialist in their discipline. It is seen as the attainment and recognition of specialist status by one’s peers. Membership is awarded by examination. Either by the College or via University Post Graduate course work where there is an agreement with the College to award conjoint qualifications.

FELLOWSHIP IN A SPECIALIST DENTAL PRACTICE

Fellowship in a Specialist Dental Practice discipline represents the assessment and peer review of a candidate at an advanced level following the completion of a period of specialist experience gained after the completion of a higher university qualification in that discipline. It is seen as a continuation of learning and professional development in that discipline.
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The Australian Dental and Oral Health Therapists' Association is the peak national body representing dental therapists and oral health therapists.
What can ADOHTA do for you!

- We advocate for you!
- Provide you with legislation updates
- Notify you of Job Opportunities
- We can help with your structured professional relationship?
- We can help with your Scope of Practice
- ADOHTA is Australia Wide
- Discounted Indemnity Insurance
- Discounted CPD Online
- Discounted CPD Events
- You will receive our Journal Publications
- Network with other Therapists and Industry associates
- We represent you with many key industry bodies worldwide

Why employ a Dental or Oral Health Therapist?

The demands on private dental practices continue to evolve and increase. Dental and Oral Health Therapists add value, efficiency and another dimension to your practice. They open opportunities for growth in your client base and enhance your dental team.

For a full list of member benefits go to https://www.adohta.net.au/content/members-benefits
PAYING OFF YOUR STUDENT LOANS

If you have deferred paying your tuition fees at University, chances are you know you have a HECS-HELP debt and need to pay back this money to the Commonwealth Government once you start earning an income.

HOW MUCH DO I OWE?

Your debts are managed by the Australian Taxation Office (ATO). To request the balance of your account, have your tax file number ready and call them on 13 28 61.

WHEN DO I HAVE TO START PAYING BACK MY LOAN?

When your repayment income exceeds the compulsory repayment threshold which, for the 2015-16 income year, is $54,126. That means once you start earning over $54 126 it is compulsory to pay back some of your loan.

HOW MUCH IS EACH COMPULSORY REPAYMENT?

The ATO calculates your compulsory repayment as a percentage of your income and the amount will be on your income tax notice of assessment. This percentage increases as your income increases.

IS INTEREST CHARGED?

No, however on June 1 each year, your debt is adjusted in line with changes to the cost of living to maintain its real value.

CAN I PAY OFF MY DEBT SOONER?

Yes, this is known as a voluntary repayment and can be made to the ATO at any time for any amount on top of the compulsory payments.

IS THERE A BONUS FOR VOLUNTARY REPAYMENTS?

Your account is credited with an additional 5% of the payment amount if you make a voluntary repayment of $500 or more on top of the compulsory repayments.

WHAT DO I DO IF I CAN’T AFFORD THE REPAYMENTS?

You can apply to the ATO to defer your repayment. To justify your financial hardship, you will need to complete a form titled Deferring your compulsory HELP, HECS or Financial Supplement repayment.

FOR MORE INFORMATION

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www.studyassist.gov.au

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www.ato.gov.au

Call ATO on 13 28 61
Superannuation is a fund that is only accessible to people once they retire. Employers must contribute to this fund, and individuals are encouraged to contribute and manage their superannuation accounts so they can maximise their funds available for them in retirement.

For graduates who are dealing with superannuation for the first time, here are the basics of superannuation. The two types of contributions are concessional and non-concessional.

**MAKING CONCESSIONAL (BEFORE-TAX) CONTRIBUTIONS**

Superannuation guarantee (SG) is a compulsory superannuation contribution from the employer which eligible employees are entitled to. For those aged 18 years or over, your employer must pay 9.25% of your earnings into your super account if you earn at least $450 a month before tax.

Salary sacrificing is when your employer can put some of your before-tax salary to your superannuation fund.

Self-employed or not employed or if you receive less than 10% of your income from an employer, then you can also make concessional contributions.

Concessional contributions are generally hit with a 15% contributions tax.

**MAKING NON-CONCESSIONAL (AFTER-TAX) CONTRIBUTIONS**

These are contributions from money on which you have previously paid income tax already. There is no 15% tax on such contributions, so the full contribution reaches your super account. Earnings on these contributions are usually taxed at a lower rate compared to earnings that are not put into a super-fund.

**WHAT HAPPENS TO MY EMPLOYER’S SUPERANNUATION CONTRIBUTIONS?**

They are paid by certain deadlines into a super fund which can be chosen by your employer or in most cases, you have the right to choose your own super fund by filling out a Standard Choice Form given by the employer.

**SUPERANNUATION FUNDS**

Each superannuation fund has different fees, benefits and choices about where you can invest your money. It is worthwhile finding a superannuation fund that suits your needs.

Your superannuation goes in to your superannuation account, and your superannuation provider will send you statements informing you how much superannuation you have in your account.

For more information:
www.superguide.com.au
ADOHTA as a representative body promotes the internal development of
the dental and oral health therapy profession by maintaining its goal ‘to
achieve growth and development in dental and oral health therapy across
Australia and the pursuit of excellence’.

MEMBERSHIP BENEFITS

• Australia wide Membership of the Aus-
tralian Dental and Oral Health Thera-
pists’ Association Inc.
• Representation and advocacy
• Peer Reviewed Journals – ANZDOHT
• Continuing Professional Development
• Discounted registration to Conferences,
seminars, workshops and events
• State & National Newsletters
• Regular E-Mail Bulletins
• Discount to cost of Dental Protection
Indemnity Insurance
• Discount to cost of e-Den education
online CPD
• Notification of job opportunities
• Employment register of members in pri-
vote, public and education sectors
• Networking opportunities with other
therapists & hygienists
• Alliances with similar industry groups
• Contribute to the shaping of Oral Health
Care Services.
• Community information and liaison,
raising awareness and promotion of oral
health issues.

MEMBERSHIP FEES

Full membership- $330
Graduate membership- $165
Student membership- Free

Become a part of a progressive
national representative body for
Dental and Oral Health Therapists
by joining ADOHTA today!

FOR MORE
INFORMATION
http://www.adohta.net.au
**THE FINAL CHECKLIST**

**BEFORE FINISHING UNI**

- □ AHPRA registration

**AFTER RECEIVING YOUR REGISTRATION NUMBER**

- □ Indemnity insurance
- □ Medicare Provider Number
- □ Medicare Prescriber Number
- □ Radiation licence
- □ Consider ADA membership
- □ Keep track of your CPD points

Oral Health Hygienists/Therapists do not need a Medicare Provider or Medicare Prescriber Number. Also consider joining ADOHTA or DHAA (p. 28, 29).
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