

From 2023, SADA Members can purchase amalgam separators at discounted prices

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At SADA we constantly and consistently seek ways to add value for the health practitioner and where possible save them money. The following is just but one example of many such actions. With the looming implementation of amalgam handling in South Africa, SADA is pleased to announce that it has entered into a collaboration with Dental Recycling International (DRI), through which SADA members will be eligible to receive a free amalgam separator beginning in November 2022.

Members interested in signing up can do so by signing on to the SADA website with their username and password and then selecting "Order your amalgam separator" from the "Clinical and Legal" menu. The member will then be forwarded to the DRI SA website to fill out an application. Your application will not be complete until we have confirmed your SADA membership. Everything in the list below is part of the deal.

All SADA members who sign a 3–5-year service agreement with DRI will be entitled to the following benefits:

- A FREE amalgam separator unit valued at approximately R17000 with an annual amalgam recycling service
- Special introductory pricing of R6520 per annum if the agreement is signed by 31st December 2023 including amalgam recycling costs and transportation fees for the standard BU10 unit, or R12185 per annum for the BU1030 unit.
- A FREE sustainable development CE course as part of an ongoing development to support members with issues and concerns around future regulatory development, which includes a "how to" guide on SMART amalgam removal i.e., Safe Mercury Amalgam Removal Technique.
- Each year after recycling has been completed, members will receive a certificate of reclamation demonstrating the wastes have been properly recycled.

Instalment fees are the only out-of-pocket expense for members, and those are paid directly to Wright-Milners. The Department of Forestry, Fisheries, and the Environment have not yet confirmed the regulations' effective date, so we recommend that members take the initiative to get their separators well in advance of those days.

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The Continuing Professional Development (CPD) section provides for twenty general questions and five ethics questions. The section provides members with a valuable source of CPD points whilst also achieving the objective of CPD, to assure continuing education. The importance of continuing professional development should not be underestimated, it is a career-long obligation for practicing professionals.

