

The professional body that represents and supports dental technologists throughout the UK, whether qualified or in training.

Dear Dental Technology Student,

We are delighted to introduce you to the Dental Technologists Association (DTA) – the professional body that represents and supports dental technologists throughout the UK, whether qualified or in training. As the voice of the profession, we are dedicated to advancing standards in dental technology to benefit the nation's oral healthcare. As a student or newly qualified dental technician, joining the DTA will give you the support, knowledge, and resources you need to thrive in your studies and future career.

### Why join the DTA as a student?

- Discounted membership – *just £10 per year*, with access to all the same benefits as full members.
- Wellbeing Hub and 24/7 Helpline – look after your own health is as important as caring for others.
- DTA Rewards – save money with exclusive discounts across a wide range of retailers and services.
- The Technologist – our printed publication packed with technical articles.
- We are developing a student resource platform – filled with helpful information and articles tailored to your training and development.
- Stay up to date with industry news & GDC requirements.

We also help you prepare for the future by explaining what the General Dental Council (GDC) expects when you qualify and giving you the tools to stay compliant - ask your tutor to see our presentation.

Joining the DTA means becoming part of a professional community that is here to guide and support you at every stage of your journey. We would be delighted to welcome you as a member.

With best wishes throughout your studies,

**Joanne Stevenson**

*President, Dental Technologists Association (DTA)*



## JOIN FOR ONLY £10

Even once you qualify, your membership remains discounted for the first three years before reaching the full membership fee of £125 (Year 1: £25, Year 2: £50, Year 3: £75). This gradual increase makes it easy for you to stay connected and supported as you transition into your career.



# DTA MEMBER BENEFITS

## ENHANCED CONTINUING PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT (ECPD) MEETING THE GDC REQUIREMENTS

### CPD

DTA members can access over 20 hours of free quality assured and verifiable CPD per year that provides lifelong learning specific to dental technicians' needs and including core subjects. We regularly engage regulators and stakeholders to incrementally improve the quality of CPD.

### PDP & LOG BOOK

Our innovative website makes it easy to stay compliant, we provide members with an interactive template for a Personal Development Plan to update over their five-year cycle and a personalised Log Book which updates automatically when CPD activity is completed and there is also an element of built in reflection which is a GDC requirement for ECPD.

### DIGITAL EDUCATION

New for 2025, a series of free CPD digital education videos for all members. The focus for 2025 is on digital dental technology, with more to come in 2026!

## INSURANCE

### PROFESSIONAL INDEMNITY AND LABORATORY CONTENT INSURANCE

UK Special Risks provide cost effective professional indemnity insurance to meet the statutory requirement for our dental technician members. Exclusive to the DTA, from only £87.49 per year it's worth joining just for this! UK Special Risks also offer DTA members a special discount for Laboratory Contents Insurance from £304.00.

## PUBLICATIONS

### THE TECHNOLOGIST JOURNAL

Voted by member the most valued benefit, The Technologist is a printed publication written specifically for members and is published four times a year. Each issue contains peer-reviewed and quality assured verifiable free CPD, including articles that provide an insight into a wide range of related dental topics and those all-important recommended subjects. With up to six hours of free CPD per issue you can be confident to meet your annual GDC requirements.

### ARTICULATE E-JOURNAL

Articulate provides further free verifiable CPD to members online and is emailed to members four times per year.

## SUPPORT

### WELLBEING

DTA offer a wellbeing hub covering important topics such as: Stress Awareness, Financial Health, Staying motivated, Happiness at work. Plus access to 24/7 wellbeing support with a free confidential counselling helpline.

### DISCOUNTS

New for 2025, we are thrilled to announce some amazing new benefits for our members, including exclusive shopping, lifestyle, travel, health and wellbeing discounts carefully selected and designed to save you money on day to day spending.

### FREE HELPLINES

All members have access to free legal helpline for personal, business and employment issues. Plus a counselling helpline.

### MEMBERS' AREA

Members have instant access to a range of information, advice sheets and guidance documents on a variety of topics within the members' area of the DTA website including regulatory updates and requirements, technical, FAQs, factsheets, templates and business management.

### COMMUNITY

DTA is run by dental technicians for dental technicians and our voluntary manage team have a wealth of experience within the Dental Technology profession. DTA membership provides support when you need it, the DTA office and support team are there to help you with your enquiries on a variety of topics. Plus, you can advertise jobs or your own skills via the DTA job advertising facility.

## PROFESSIONAL RECOGNITION

### MEMBER LOGO

The DTA have created a platform to recognise professional UK dental technology and the importance and need for all dental professionals to support the UK profession and local businesses.

### DTA NEW PROFESSIONAL AWARD

The new 'DTA Fellowship' and 'Master' award have been developed to provide an opportunity for all experienced DTA members in good standing in their profession to gain recognition for their high-quality custom-made dental device manufacturing in their specific area of dental technology.

### BE REPRESENTED

The DTA are the voice for dental technologists throughout the UK, whether qualified or in training. We regularly survey members to understand current needs and highlight common concerns among our membership with various groups, associations and regulatory bodies within dentistry, representing you, influencing policies and helping to shape the future of dental technology.