



**THE SOUTH AFRICAN DENTAL TECHNICIANS COUNCIL  
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**FROM THE DESK OF THE RETURNING OFFICER**

Dear Registered Member

To all the SADTC members, I would like to wish you a prosperous 2025. This year has again started with quite a pace, and we are already at the end of March. The passing of a very loyal and dedicated member, Ms Mariaan Roets, was a time to reflect again and to find out how involved some of our registered members are as professionals, to hear of their commitment to the community and other roles they had in society. Ms Roets was a member of the Inspectorate and the assessment team and has served the Council with Integrity and unwavering commitment. Let us celebrate and express our admiration for our members and colleagues now before it is too late. May I extend my personal condolences to the Roets family in these challenging times.

I will report briefly on the following:

- 2025 Invoices
- SADTC Draft Bill
- Council's term and elections
- Pension Fund Matters

From the desk of the Registrar  
Mrs PT Nkuna

## 2025 Invoices

There have been delays from the National department of Health with the processing of 2025 Annual Invoices. Invoices will be sent out to the registered professionals via e-mail and registered post as of the week of the 24<sup>th</sup> of March 2025. members are urged to ensure that annual fees are paid before or by the 30<sup>th</sup> of April 2025

## SADTC Draft Bill

Council Submitted the draft Bill to the National Department of Health in 2017 and we have been waiting for the draft to be processed since then. After such a long wait, we have been invited to a 3days meeting in May to discuss draft Bill. We will keep the profession updated as the process unfold.

## Council Term and Elections



The five-year (5) term of this Council ends on the 31 March 2025. A call for Nomination was made in December 2024 with the Closing date of 7<sup>th</sup> of February 2025. Please take note that the elections of the members of the South African Dental Technicians are underway as directed by regulations R. 1136 of 1st June 1979. The Board notice is attached for ease of reference. The list of nominees standing for elections have been published under Board Notice 750 of 2025. Voting is open from the 12<sup>th</sup> of March 2025 – 7<sup>th</sup> of April 2025. Kindly look out for the voting stationery and participate in the process.

Due to the delays that may be caused by the post office, the office has made a provision for duplicate ballot papers to be printed. Those are kept in the Council's offices and may be individually requested by those members who may have difficulties receiving posts. Those requesting duplicate ballot papers/stationery will be liable for the cost related to the courier services unless physically collected at the Council's offices.

Fig 1. Candidates validly nominated and eligible to be voted for

### Dental Technician Contractors









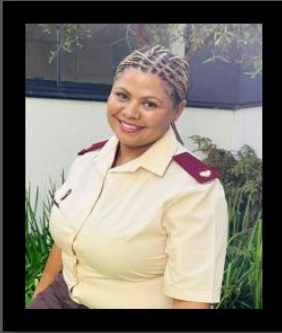


			
<p>Ms Alminah Banda Amu Dental Laboratory Limpopo Province</p>	<p>Mr. Irfaan Noorshib Minnaar's Dental Laboratory Eastern Cape Province</p>	<p>Mr. Michael John Lazarevic Ceramident Dental Laboratory Westrn Cape Province</p>	<p>Mr. Rudolph Johannes Heynemann Tijger Dental Studio Western Cape province</p>

Fig 2. Candidates validly nominated and eligible to be voted for

### Dental Technician Employees

			
<p>Ms Melanie Kilian Algoa Dental Laboratory Inc. Easter Cape Province</p>	<p>Mr. Nkululo Ntshikilana Pretoria University Dental Laboratory Gauteng Province</p>	<p>Ms Bohlale Morongoa Ngoepe Pietersburg Hospital Laboratory Limpopo Province</p>	<p>Mr. Khutso Moloko Petrus Tsita Mankweng Hospital Dental Laboratory Limpopo Province</p>

		
<p>Ms. Nancy Esbee Dorothy Parring Western Cape Area Dental Laboratory Western Cape Province</p>	<p>Ms. Matshepe Lydia Matabane Pretoria Oral And Dental Hospital Gauteng Province</p>	<p>Ms. Boitumelo Mamokete Portia Rammila Pretoria Oral And Dental Hospital Gauteng Province</p>

## Pension Fund Matters

Being a member of a pension fund provides financial security and peace of mind for retirement, ensuring that you have a stable income when you are no longer working. It allows for long-term savings with employer contributions and potential investment growth, helping you maintain your standard of living after retirement. The Pension funds often offer risk benefits while the member is employed, including death, disability, and funeral benefits for immediate family members. These benefits provide crucial financial support in times of crisis, ensuring that loved ones are taken care of in unforeseen circumstances.

Not having a pension fund in place can lead to financial difficulties in old age, forcing individuals to rely on government aid, family support, or continued work beyond their physical capacity. Without a structured retirement plan, unforeseen medical expenses and the rising cost of living can become overwhelming, leading to financial instability and reduced quality of life.

In certain cases, individuals or employers may seek exemption from participating in a Pension fund through the council. This process typically involves submitting a formal application, demonstrating valid reasons for exemption, and ensuring that alternative retirement provisions are in place. The council reviews the request and grants exemptions only if the applicant meets the necessary requirements. However, opting out of a pension fund without a secure alternative can be risky and may leave individuals financially vulnerable in retirement. Planning for the future through a pension fund remains the best way to ensure long-term financial stability, security, and protection for both the member and their family.

