

BRITISH DENTAL ASSOCIATION

The British Dental Association (BDA) is a trade union and professional body that promotes the interests of dentists and dental students in the UK.

The BDA provides free membership for dentists with refugee or asylum seeker status which can enable access to support and services. Further information can be found here:

[Join Asylum seeker and refugee membership \(bda.org\)](https://www.bda.org) 

Click on the following link to complete an enquiry form regarding BDA membership:

[Asylum seeker and refugee membership \(smartsurvey.co.uk\)](https://smartsurvey.co.uk) 

Qualifying for BDA membership

To qualify for BDA membership, you must:


- have applied or been awarded Asylum Seeker or Refugee status
- you will not be currently working as a dentist, but you will be actively working towards registering as a dentist with the General Dental Council

You must also provide:

- A copy of your original dental qualification
- Evidence of your Asylum Seeker or Refugee status, including your ILR (Indefinite leave to remain)
- A letter of good standing from your home dental association (if available)

The BDA in Northern Ireland

The **BDA NI Branch** supports all members living in Northern Ireland and facilitates continued professional development and networking for dentists and their teams.

An annual **[NI branch programme 2023_AW_WEB.pdf \(bda.org\)](#)**  provides an unparalleled opportunity for learning, networking and professional development for the dental community in Northern Ireland, as well as a variety of social events to get to know other dentists.

To find out more about the work of BDA Northern Ireland, visit: