

# BDA

British Dental Association

## BDA HONOURS AND AWARDS CATEGORIES

### BDA PRESIDENT (Honour)

This is the highest office in the Association and the most supreme honour which the Association may bestow.

*Eligibility and purpose:*

- To honour outstanding service to the Association and UK dentistry
- Any member of the Association is eligible for nomination

<p><b>HONORARY MEMBERSHIP (Honour)</b></p> <p>Considered to be one of the Association's highest honours; one which is rarely awarded.</p> <p><i>Eligibility and purpose:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• A rare honour, which is often bestowed on dignitaries from overseas dental associations</li><li>• Distinguished persons who may or may not be members of the Association or of the dental profession</li></ul>	<p><b>FELLOWSHIP MEDAL (Honour)</b></p> <p><i>Eligibility and purpose:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• To honour distinguished service to the Association and/or dental profession</li><li>• Any ordinary member (including a Life Member) of the Association who has:<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>(a) been for 20 years continuously an ordinary member of the Association, and</li><li>(b) given exceptional and distinguished service by:</li></ul></li><li>• a sustained, personal commitment to realising the goals of the Association and/or advancing the standing and status of the profession</li><li>• gaining the high regard and respect of fellow members of the Association</li></ul>	<p><b>JOHN TOMES MEDAL (Award)</b></p> <p><i>Eligibility and purpose:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• To honour members of the dental profession or persons distinguished in medical or allied services</li><li>• Any person, whether or not otherwise eligible for ordinary membership of the Association</li><li>• To honour outstanding services to the dental profession or the Association</li><li>• Normally not more than one or two medals would be awarded in one year</li></ul>	<p><b>LIFE MEMBERSHIP (Honour)</b></p> <p>This honour is not usually awarded until after retirement from practice, except in cases of outstanding service.</p> <p><i>Eligibility and purpose:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• To honour long and valuable service to the Association, particularly at Branch, Group and local levels, by significant service beyond the regular attendance at meetings and usually by significant representation at national level</li><li>• An ordinary member of the Association who has been either:<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>(a) for 25 years continuously a member, or</li><li>(b) for 10 years continuously a member who has ceased to practice dentistry and holds no paid dental appointment</li></ul></li><li>• It is anticipated that not more than one or two such awards will be made in any one branch or group within one year and will not necessarily be awarded every year</li></ul>
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<p><b>ROLL OF DISTINCTION (Award)</b> <i>Eligibility and purpose:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• To honour outstanding services to UK dentistry</li> <li>• Any person, whether or not eligible for membership of the Association</li> <li>• This award allows non-dentists to be honoured appropriately</li> </ul>	<p><b>AWARD FOR EXCELLENCE (Award)</b> <i>Eligibility and purpose:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• To recognise any special service at any level of dentistry either nationally or internationally</li> <li>• In general, this award is reserved for dentists and other persons who have contributed to work in furthering dentistry, the profession, or individuals active in promoting advancements within the dental profession</li> <li>• Nominations would be sought for practitioners who have demonstrated excellence in any sphere of dentistry - <i>examples of which are:</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- oral health promotion</li> <li>- dentistry in the community</li> <li>- clinical developments</li> <li>- new and inclusive approaches to patient-centred care/creating a patient-friendly environment</li> <li>- development of good practice in any setting</li> <li>- promoting the profession and practice of dentistry</li> <li>- business entrepreneurship</li> </ul> </li> </ul> <p><b>This should be considered a contemporaneous award for nominees at any stage of their career.</b></p>	<p><b>JOY HARRILD AWARD FOR YOUNG DENTISTS (Award)</b> <i>Eligibility and purpose:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• To recognise young dentists who have made a significant contribution to the profession</li> <li>• Any BDA member young dentist (up to ten years post qualification) who meets at least two of the following criteria:             <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(a) have made a significant contribution to the profession, or</li> <li>(b) have demonstrated an outstanding commitment to continued training and professional development, or</li> <li>(c) have raised the profile of dentistry, or</li> <li>(d) have made a contribution to the BDA, or</li> <li>(e) have made a positive contribution to wider society through 'good works'; working with a charity, their local community, or work abroad, or</li> <li>(f) have demonstrated professional or clinical leadership qualities</li> </ol> </li> </ul>
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