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## STUDENT MEMBERSHIP

The DAN-SA student membership is free of charge to entry-level students from the first pool session to the qualifying dive or for a duration of six weeks. As entry-level divers, students often are not aware of all the safety aspects and possible risks associated with scuba diving. To cater specifically for these needs, DAN-SA has developed the student membership package.

### Eligibility to Participate

Student Membership is open to any entry-level diver. The entry-level student can make use of the self-enrolment online application process as long as the certified instructor is teaching in the DAN-SA region and an active DAN-SA Master member. Alternatively, the entry-level student can be registered by a certified instructor teaching in the DAN-SA region who is an active DAN-SA Master member.

Note – DAN-SA cover is referred to as secondary coverage. Wherever possible, DAN-SA will arrange for expenses to be covered firstly by any other primary travel or medical insurance(s) the entry-level student may have, but we ensure that the entry-level student remains covered for emergency medical expenses, usually including possible shortfalls or policy restrictions.

All membership applications are usually processed within 2 days. If you don't hear from us within 48 hours after submitting an application please contact the DAN-SA office directly on +27 11 266 4900 or at mail@dansa.org. Please note that the DAN-SA administrative office is closed on weekends and public holidays.

### Entry-Level Freediving Students

Entry-level freediving students can make use of the self-enrolment online application process as long as the certified freediving instructor is associated with a recognised training agency teaching in the DAN-SA region and an active DAN-SA Master member. Alternatively, the entry-level student can be registered by a certified freediving instructor associated with a recognised training agency teaching in the DAN-SA region who is an active DAN-SA Master member.

### Entry-Level Spearfishing Students

Entry-level spearfishing students can make use of the self-enrolment online application process as long as the certified spearfishing instructor is associated with a recognised training agency teaching in the DAN-SA region and an active DAN-SA Master member. Alternatively, the entry-level student can be registered by a certified spearfishing instructor associated with a recognised training agency teaching in the DAN-SA region who is an active DAN-SA Master member.

### What is DAN-SA Student Membership?

DAN-SA Student Membership offers entry-level divers in the DAN-SA region limited emergency medical benefits for the duration of their entry-level training. It provides up to R300 000 emergency medical service benefits at no cost to the diver or the instructor who teaches them. It is about providing peace of mind to students and instructors alike.

### For How Long is the Student Membership Active?

The membership is valid as soon as DAN-SA receives the registration. The membership commences on the date the student membership application is received and approved by DAN and lasts until the end of the final dive needed for certification or for six weeks, whichever comes first. The membership is only valid for entry-level students within the DAN Southern Africa region. The region includes the following countries: South Africa, Swaziland, Lesotho, Namibia, Botswana, Zimbabwe, Mozambique, Angola, Zambia, Malawi, Tanzania, Kenya, Zaire, Madagascar, Comoros, Seychelles and Mauritius.





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### Why do Entry-Level Students Need DAN-SA Membership?

Instructors have asked why students should have membership since they are not exposed to the same diving risks as certified divers. DAN-SA offers (complimentary) membership benefits to student divers because their risk is indeed much lower. However, injuries can still occur during instruction. In fact, according to DAN-SA's annual report on Decompression Illness and Diving Fatalities, student injuries have been the third and fourth leading diving activity associated with diving injuries during the past several years.

### What are the Benefits the Student Receives?

The student is covered for all the benefits of DAN-SA Student Membership, including emergency medical expenses and assistance services.

### Are There Any Special Considerations?

If you are 75 years or older you can't be registered as a DAN Student Member. If you are under age 18, you'll need your Parent's or Guardian's consent to enrol. Entry-level students must at all times be accompanied by a certified instructor. The general depth limit for entry-level students is 18 metres or as specified by the recognised training agency the instructor is certified with.

### Does DAN-SA Student Membership Replace Medical Aid or Primary Insurance?

No, the DAN-SA Student Membership is secondary to any other medical aid or travel insurance the entry-level student might have.

