

# TEMPORARY MEMBERSHIP

## YOUR MEMBERSHIP GUIDE

DIVERS ALERT NETWORK SOUTHERN AFRICA



# INTRODUCTION

Visitors and travelers can join DAN as a temporary member and know that they have every aspect of their dive trip covered, including safety. It gives you ease of mind when you are on the move and is taken for increments of five days at a time. It is applicable to worldwide diving.

## WHAT IS COVERED?

Membership benefits for medical expenses and assistance services to a total limit of R300 000 is available for divers who suffer a diving emergency, involving one of the following:

- A diving-related injury (including barotrauma)
- A diving-related illness, specifically decompression sickness (DCS) and/or an arterial gas embolism (AGE)
- Any diving-related injury or illness not necessarily caused by pressure or pressure changes, including, but not limited to, traumatic injuries

Notes to what is covered

- Cover is only available to persons diving outside of their country of residence, including South Africans diving outside of South Africa and overseas visitors diving in the Southern African region.
- Cover is not applicable if you are over 74 (inclusive) years of age.
- Cover is not applicable if you are younger than 10 years of age.
- Subscribers must be either a certified scuba diver or a diving student on a recognised, entry-level certification course accompanied by a certified scuba instructor.
- A depth limit of 40 m applies (18 m for entry-level students).

## WHAT IS NOT COVERED?

Membership benefits are restricted to diving-related emergencies. The following summarises the most notable exclusions.

- Cardiac disease, cardiovascular disease, vascular disease or cerebro vascular disease or sequelae or complications thereof, except where these have, in the opinion of the DAN physician, been caused by a diving-related AGE
- Any back pain or back injury, whether acute or chronic, including back pain with neurological involvement and/or immobility (but not spinal cord decompression sickness or traumatic vertebral fractures of normal vertebrae)
- Any pre-existing medical conditions
- Participation in endurance dives or dives involving attempts at breaking a depth or time record
- Water-borne or other aquatic infections, including, but not limited to, swimmer's ear and skin infections
- Related to any one of the following conditions:
  - Myocardial infarction due to Ischemic heart disease
  - Vertebral disk hernias
  - Breaking or rupturing subcutaneous tendons

## ADDED BENEFITS

Joining DAN is the safest diving decision you can make. As a member, you are entitled to various benefits, including the following:

### DAN hotline

The DAN hotline is a 24/7/365 dedicated contact line for all divers in need. Our trained staff and diving medical doctors provide expert and unparalleled assistance in emergency situations or just for general dive- medicine-related enquiries.

**NOTE:** DAN cover is referred to as secondary coverage. Wherever possible, DAN will arrange for emergency medical expenses to be covered firstly by any other primary travel or medical insurance(s), but we ensure that divers remain covered for diving emergency medical expenses. This is often useful where possible shortfalls or policy restrictions may apply.

## MEMBERSHIP FAQ's

### What is DAN-SA temporary membership all about?

The DAN-SA temporary membership benefit was intended for dive charters seeking something to cover their guests as well as persons going on diving vacations at short notice and not yet convinced of the need for an annual DAN-SA membership package. The

maximum cover is restricted to R300 000 and this may indeed not be enough for a diver to be evacuated, treated and returned home in many of the popular diving locations around the world. However, this amount is usually sufficient for someone to be evacuated and treated within Southern Africa, where we can manage the resources and service providers more directly.

This package is premised on the basis that the excursion membership package is available for diving in areas where there are at least suitable medical facilities, including a recompression chamber facility, or at least where these can be reached realistically. It is not suitable for areas where evacuation is almost impossible and there are no recompression facilities. Please also note that any evacuation to South Africa or the country of residence within Southern Africa implies that all cover ceases on arrival in the country of residence.

These are the countries that fall under the DAN-SA region: South Africa, Swaziland, Lesotho, Namibia, Botswana, Zimbabwe, Mozambique, Angola, Zambia, Malawi, Tanzania, Kenya, Zaire, Madagascar, Comores, Seychelles and Mauritius.

### What does DAN-SA temporary membership cost?

When diving within the DAN-SA region outside your country of residence (applicable to DAN region and international divers):

	5 DAYS	10 DAYS	15 DAYS	20 DAYS	25 DAYS
Individual	R280	R560	R840	R1120	R1400

When diving outside the DAN-SA region (applicable to persons from the DAN-SA region):

	5 DAYS	10 DAYS	15 DAYS	20 DAYS	25 DAYS
Individual	R610	R1220	R1830	R2440	R3050

### How soon can I get covered?

Membership goes into effect when DAN-SA receives payment.

### Can freedivers and spearfishermen who partake in competitions apply for temporary membership?

No, freedivers and spearfishermen who take part in competitions can join as Master members only.

## Are there special considerations for spearfishermen?

Spearfishermen should inform DAN-SA of any spearfishing trips prior to departure and avoid hyperventilation prior to diving, which is defined as taking more than four deep breaths prior to diving; bottom times in excess of 90 seconds; depths in excess of 25 m; diving solo; attaching speared or wounded fishes to their bodies via a stringer or similar device; and participating in competitive underwater hunting or breath-holding events.

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