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INACTIVE MEMBER STATUS

Practice FAQs

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QUESTION

As a senior director in my hospital, I no longer practice Respiratory Therapy clinically. As a result, I was considering changing my membership to Inactive. What are the restrictions and considerations under the new status?

ANSWER

A Registered Respiratory Therapist (RRT) may decide that they no longer require an Active certificate of registration through the CRTO due to many circumstances, including career change, extended leave, or unemployment. Although this may offer a reduction in renewal fees for the duration of the Inactive status, there are a few important things to keep in mind.

Changing from Active to Inactive

- The Member is no longer allowed to call themselves or hold themselves out to be an RRT. As a result, they cannot partake in treating, supervising, or teaching within the scope of practice of Respiratory Therapy.
- Providing administrative services, policy development, RT related research or data collection that have a direct or indirect effect on those who receive healthcare services is considered to be practicing within the scope of Respiratory Therapy.
- Graduate Respiratory Therapists (GRTs) are not permitted to hold an Inactive certificate of registration.

Changing from Inactive to Active

- The CRTO Registration Committee (RC) may apply certain limitations on a Member's certificate of registration (e.g., that an RRT practice under supervision) when the Member has been away from practice for an extended period and does not meet the CRTO's two-year currency requirements.
- A Member may apply to the RC for the modification or removal of these limitations through a process by which they complete retraining, practice under supervision, and they can provide evidence of competency.



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For further information, please review the following documents:

- [Am I Practising FS.pdf \(crto.on.ca\)](#)
- [Registration Currency Requirement Policy](#)
- [Inactive Certificate of Registration Policy](#)
- [Registration & Use of Title \(crto.on.ca\)](#)