



## COLLEGE OF RESPIRATORY THERAPISTS OF ONTARIO

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### POLICY

The Registration Regulation permits CRTO Members in the General or Limited class to hold "inactive" status providing they are not practising the profession in the broadest sense of that phrase. In the view of the CRTO, the purpose of the inactive status is to allow non-practising RTs (for example those RTs on parental, sick or educational leave or those practising in other jurisdictions) to maintain their membership with the College so long as they do not:

- 1) engage in the practice of respiratory therapy,
- 2) participate in activities related to their respiratory therapy credentials or experience or otherwise use their professional status.

The College charges a significantly lower fee for those holding inactive status because the Member is not earning a living through their professional status and because the College is highly unlikely to have to take regulatory action against the Member as there is no conduct related to the Member's professional designation. In addition inactive Members are not required to submit their Professional Portfolios and complete the Professional Standards Assessment.

"Engaging in the practice of respiratory therapy" includes:

- providing direct patient care within the scope of practice of the profession;
- acting as an administrator, supervisor or educator in the field of health care;
- selling products or services related to respiratory therapy;
- providing consultations for respiratory care and related care, equipment and services; or
- conducting research related to respiratory therapy.

Participating in activities related to credentials or experience or otherwise using the professional status includes:

- performing a role for which a person was hired, in substantial part, on the basis of respiratory therapy education and experience;
- using the RRT designation in the course of their employment.

Members who are not practising respiratory therapy but are engaged in another health care activity (such as a manager in health care), and whose employer does not require them to be registered with the CRTO, have the option of resigning their membership. However, on any later application for registration, the former Member would then have to meet the registration requirements in place at the time of their application.

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