



College of Respiratory
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SUSPENSION FOR FAILURE TO RENEW MEMBERSHIP

Practice FAQs

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QUESTION

I have received an email stating that my certificate of registration has been suspended for failure to renew my membership. I am booked to work this weekend. What should I do?

ANSWER

The suspensions are effective immediately as of the date the notice is sent out. Therefore, you will unfortunately not be able to work this weekend, and will not be able to practise as an RRT in Ontario until you have renewed your Membership, paid your Membership fees and paid the additional suspension fee. In addition, you are not permitted to:

- Hold yourself out as a person qualified to practise the profession in Ontario, including use of the title "Respiratory Therapist" or any variation or abbreviation of these titles, such as "RT", "RRT"; or
- Perform controlled acts under the *Regulated Health Professions Act* by virtue of being a Member of the CRTO.

Maintaining your certificate of registration is a professional responsibility. The Membership renewal deadline is the **last day of February** each year, and the notices to remind Members of this renewal date are sent out at the **end of December**. Early in **March**, notices of intention to suspend are mailed to those Members who did not complete their renewal. All those Members who still have not renewed their membership (and have not notified the CRTO that they intend to resign) by April 15 will have their certificates of registration suspended. At this time, the Public Register is updated to indicate which individuals are suspended.

If you have any questions about the renewal process, please contact Ania Walsh, Manager of Registration at extension 25 or walsh@crto.on.ca.