

Fact Sheet: Members Returning to Active Status from Inactive Status

This fact sheet is for the inactive members of the New Brunswick Association of Respiratory Therapists wishing to return to an active status.

Inactive Status

Inactive members shall be those persons who are former members or are persons eligible for membership in the Association, whose names are entered in the inactive members roster, who have complied with the requirements, limitations and conditions set out in the by-laws and rules, and have paid all required fees.

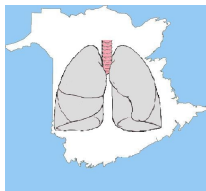
An inactive member shall not:

- provide direct patient care within the scope of practice of the profession,
- act as an administrator, supervisor or educator in the field of health care,
- sell products or services related to respiratory therapy,
- provide consultations for respiratory care and related care, equipment and services, or
- conduct research related to respiratory therapy.

Process for Returning to Active Status

Members with an approved inactive license will be excluded from the required annual continuing competency program for the duration of the leave period. Upon request for return to an Active status, members must:

1. Complete the online "Return to Active Status" questionnaire.
2. Pay the pro-rated licensing fee for active status (details below).
3. Submit all required documents as requested by the registrar including proof of liability insurance if applicable.
4. Comply with the amended continuing competency requirements as outlined below.



Amended Continuing Competency Requirements

Members returning to active status from inactive status must:

1. Submit proof of completion of a minimum of 10 continuing competency points within sixty days of change of status from inactive to active. The sixty-day period will be calculated from the actual requested date for return to active status, not from the date of application. Failure to submit proof of completion of a minimum of 10 points to the NBART registrar prior to the expiry of the sixty-day period will result in immediate suspension of the members' license to practice.
2. Accumulate the balance of the points from the inactive period plus the current licensing period prior to the expiry of the Active license (March 31).

Examples: (20 annual points required; 5 professionalism points + 15 continuing education points)

Inactive period = 1 year

Credits required within 60 days = 10

Remaining credits required prior to license expiry/renewal = 30

Total credits required = 40 (10 professionalism + 30 continuing education)

Inactive period = 2 year

Credits required within 60 days = 10

Remaining credits required prior to license expiry/renewal = 50

Total credits required = 60 (15 professionalism + 45 continuing education)

Inactive period = 3 year

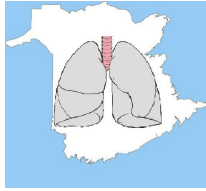
Credits required within 60 days = 10

Remaining credits required prior to license expiry/renewal = 70

Total credits required = 80 (20 professionalism + 60 continuing education)

Members returning to active practice after 3 years of inactivity may be subject to knowledge and skills review before being allowed to hold an active license. This does not apply to members who have maintained an inactive license with the NBART but have continued the practice in another jurisdiction

Members must await confirmation of status change from the NBART before resuming active practice. If an inactive member resumes active practice without informing the Registrar, the



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member will be responsible for payment of a penalty fee as outlined 26(1) of An Act Respecting Respiratory Therapists.

Fees

Inactive License Fee = \$50.00 / year

The fee for inactive members resuming an active license status will be pro-rated as below: (this is based upon the date the request for return to active status is submitted)

April 1 - June 30 = \$450.00

July 1 - September 30 = \$350.00

October 1 - December 31 = \$250.00

January 1 - March 31 = \$150.00

Please note that the NBART will not issue refunds for members that change from active to inactive status during the year. A credit will be placed on the members' account for use towards active licensing fees upon return to active practice. This credit will be based on the pro-rated fee structure for return to active practice as outlined below: (this is based upon the date the request for change of status is submitted)

April 1 - June 30 = \$350.00

July 1 - September 30 = \$250.00

October 1 - December 31 = \$150.00

January 1 - March 31 = \$50.00

The Inactive License fee of \$50.00 will not be charged until the members' next renewal date.

Contact

If you have any questions or concerns about the process, please contact: NBART Registrar at 1-877-334-1851 or registrar@nbart.ca.