Due to DTAA’s responsibility as a Professional Body accrediting DMT as well as the changing nature of allied health professions’ professional and legal requirements, DTAA holds the following position regarding membership deactivation and reactivation:

Membership deactivation is only offered to members at the Professional and Clinical Supervisor membership levels.  These levels have shown that they have completed the full training, practice and supervision requirements for ethical practice.  A period of interruption of practice for these members is less likely to adversely affect their acquired knowledge and skills. The process of Deactivation and Reactivation is laid out here: <https://dtaa.org.au/dtaas-membership-levels/membership/> under Membership Application Forms.

Membership deactivation is not offered to Associate and Provisional Professional members because at these levels, members are still working towards completing their training, practice and/or supervision requirements.  Interruption of this completion process is similar to halting a training program as knowledge and skills are not yet embedded sufficiently and would be impacted significantly by an extended break.

An Associate or Provisional Professional Member retains the choice to allow their membership to lapse or to take a break, knowing they will need to reapply for a level of practicing membership when their situation changes.  It would be likely that they would have to reapply for the membership level they allowed to lapse.

 An Associate or Provisional Professional Member can opt for General (non-practicing) membership in order to retain some of the benefits of DTAA Membership (such as workshop discounts, etc). However, as a General member they cannot call themselves a Dance Movement Therapist nor advertise any work as Dance Movement Therapy. Their register listing on the DTAA website will also be removed.

 Following the break, the Member will need to reapply for membership and meet all requirements laid out for that level. The DTAA cannot guarantee that they will be returned to their prior practicing membership level.

In Australasia there is a broad variation in training options, ranging from Diploma through to University-accredited Masters Degree. For that reason DTAA created the Associate and Provisional Professional levels as pathways for new graduates toward full Professional Membership.  These two levels do not signify full professional accreditation, but simply that the member has completed sufficient training and practice to begin working in the profession, provided they are receiving regular clinical supervision and undertaking ongoing Professional Development.  These levels also signify that the member has committed to completing the requirements for full membership within 2 to 3 years.  If they fail to meet any of these commitments (e.g. practice, supervision, CPD), the DTAA must reassess the member’s capacity to practice at that level.