



DTAA VOLUNTARY DEACTIVATION AND REACTIVATION OF PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIP BY LAW

A. Policy on voluntary deactivation of membership

This policy outlines the process for approved leave from active membership and its requirements which enables members to deactivate their Professional Membership and registration. DTAA Professional Members may apply to deactivate their registration for up to **five years**, if they have valid reasons including:

- Parental leave
- Caring responsibilities
- Extended travel
- Serious illness or bereavement
- Redundancy or unemployment.

The process for deactivation of membership is as follows:

1. A Professional Membership Deactivation form is completed, signed, and submitted to DTAA and the Convener of the Professional Membership Committee.
2. The PMC Convener will take the application to the Professional Membership committee for approval of the request or a request to the applicant for further information. Response to the applicant should occur within a month of application.
 - i. If approval is given, the applicant will have their Professional Membership **deactivated** and will be notified by the PM Convener of the following criteria applicable during period of deactivation or approved leave
3. The deactivated member will
 - i. no longer be listed on the Register of Professional Members
4. Maintain membership of DTAA during approved leave by:
 - i. pay a yearly fee (equivalent to Associate Membership in order to retain the right to reactivate during the five year period
 - ii. not be required to undertake and meet CPD and supervision requirements
 - iii. not be endorsed to use the title “Registered Dance Movement Therapist” in regards to themselves

- iv. not be endorsed to use the term Dance Movement Therapy in regards to their work
 - v. not be endorsed to use the post-nominal DTAA (Prof DMT) nor their registration number
 - vi. not be endorsed to use the term Dance Movement Therapy in regards to their work during the period of deactivation
5. Deactivation of Professional Membership will not attract a refund of membership fees previously paid.

B. Policy on Reactivation

This policy outlines the process which enables members to return to DTAA Professional membership and registration when circumstances change without having to reapply anew. This option is valid for five years from the date of deactivation.

This option is also automatically extended to members and registrants who may have suspended membership due to non-payment of their DTAA renewals at the normal time.

1. **Reactivation of membership** will require submission of the DTAA Professional Membership Reactivation form to DTAA and Convener of the Professional membership committee.
2. The **Reactivation** application will require
 - a. proof of professional indemnity insurance
 - b. declaration of ethical behaviour
 - c. payment of the reactivation application fee as well as the appropriate membership level fee
3. If occurring within a five-year period of approved leave, reactivation of Professional membership will
 - a. Allow reinstatement on the Register of Professional Membership
 - b. Reactivate the rights and obligations defined for Professional membership
 - c. Require auditing of CPD and Supervision undertaken during the first year of reactivation. Auditing will automatically occur at the end of the first year of reactivation

C. Deactivations longer than five years

For deactivations that are longer than five years, the entire application for Professional process must be undertaken and may require additional CPD, retraining, supervision, or internship to ensure currency in practice.

D. Membership Benefits

While Deactivated Members do not receive registration benefits, they are eligible to receive discounts on Professional Development activities, as long as they are financial.