



### **Guidelines for Inactive Membership Eligibility**

Inactive members as defined by the ACEP Bylaws are “Members who are unable to engage in active practice.” The Bylaws further require that “election to inactive membership shall be for one year,” but allows the individual to reapply for this classification annually. These guidelines further define and provide guidance for approval of inactive membership.

1. The following reasons will be considered acceptable for inactive membership in the College.
  - a. Missionary work.
  - b. Enrollment in a graduate degree program on a full time basis for further professional development.
  - c. Reservists called to active duty for 90 days or greater as a result of war or other national security issues, whether for stateside or overseas service.
  - d. Unable to secure employment due to the inability to obtain professional liability insurance.
  - e. Medical school graduates who have not yet secured emergency medicine residency training positions.
  - f. Residents who are temporarily unable to continue training.
  - g. Other exceptional circumstances as may be determined from time to time by the Board of Directors.
2. Inactive membership is provided as an interim member status allowing a member to retain membership during a temporary term of hardship as cited above. The Board establishes the dues structure to temporarily reduce expenses for members who are unable to engage in active practice of emergency medicine based on the criteria listed above.

The following limitations apply.

- a. Election to inactive membership shall be for one year.
- b. Extension of inactive membership will be considered, upon application, for one additional year.
- c. Extenuating circumstances may be considered by the Board of Directors for approval of extension of inactive membership beyond two years. Such extension may require the member to submit additional documentation.

*Approved ACEP Board of Directors  
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