



New Brunswick Association of Respiratory Therapists

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Rule

The By-Laws of NBART 14.04 defines Inactive Members as 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.

The NBART will allow Members in the Active or Active with Restrictions class to hold "inactive" status providing they are not practicing the profession in the broadest sense of that phrase. In the view of the NBART, the purpose of the inactive status is to allow non-practicing RTs (for example those RTs on parental, sick or educational leave or those practicing in other jurisdictions) to maintain their membership with the NBART so long as they do not:

- 1) engage in the practice of respiratory therapy or
- 2) participate in activities related to their respiratory therapy credentials or experience or otherwise use their professional status.

The NBART will charge a lower fee for those holding inactive status because the Member is not earning a living through their professional status and because the NBART is highly unlikely to have to take regulatory action against the Member as there is no conduct related to the Member's professional designation.

"Engaging in the practice of respiratory therapy" includes:

- providing direct patient care within the scope of practice of the profession;
- acting as an administrator, supervisor or educator in the field of health care;
- selling products or services related to respiratory therapy;
- providing consultations for respiratory care and related care, equipment and services; or
- conducting research related to respiratory therapy.

Participating in activities related to credentials or experience or otherwise using the professional status includes:

- performing a role for which a person was hired, in substantial part, on the basis of respiratory therapy education and experience;
- using the RRT designation in the course of their employment.

All members requesting a change to an inactive status from an active status or from an inactive status to an active status must comply with the rules defined in the NBART Fact Sheet 001 "Fact Sheet: Members Returning to Active Status from Inactive Status".