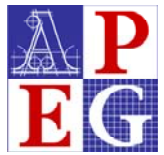


Return to Practice Policy



CREATED	BY: COUNCIL	Date: June 10, 2008	Reference: CO 08-59
POLICY:	<p>Members of the Association who hold non-practising membership are not permitted to practice independently.</p> <p>a. <u>Eligibility for Non-Practising Status</u></p> <p>While on 'non-practising status, a member</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• must be out of the work force with no income of any kind from employment or self-employment;• must not practice professional engineering or professional geoscience in British Columbia or provide engineering/geoscience services for fees or free of charge;• must meet any minimum continuing professional development requirements for non-practising status set by the Council;• must continue to subscribe to the secondary professional liability insurance program; and• commits that if, at any time during the year the member returns to the work force in any capacity which involves income of any kind from employment or self-employment or intends to practice professional engineering or professional geoscience for fee or otherwise, the member will apply for resumption of practising status and, if granted, will remit the balance of fees and comply with any requirements for return to practice. <p><u>Effective January 1, 2009:</u></p> <p>b. <u>Resumption of Practising Status</u></p> <p>All non-practising members and former members who do not currently have practice rights with a Canadian jurisdiction are subject to the same proof of competency and return to practice requirements.</p> <p>c. <u>Return to Practice Requirements for Non-Practising Members and Former Members</u></p> <p>On non-practising status for less than one year:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Make an application for resumption of practising status;• Provide a letter of explanation as to why the member/applicant wishes to resume practising status;• Sign a declaration that the member has read and is familiar with the guidelines published by Council relevant to the practice of the member/applicant;• Sign a 'Good Character' declaration;• Pay 50% of resumption of practice application fee as set by Council; and• Submit proof that CPD has been maintained at the mandatory level for non-practising members as set by the Council.		

Return to Practice Requirements for Non-Practising Members and Former Members cont'd

On non-practising status for more than one year and less than three years:

- Make an application for resumption of practising status
- Pay 100% resumption of practice application fee as set by Council
- Provide a letter of explanation as to why the member wishes to resume practising status
- Sign a declaration that the member has read and is familiar with the guidelines published by Council relevant to the practice of the member/applicant;
- Submit proof that CPD has been maintained during the year prior to application, at the mandatory level for non-practising members as set by the Council. In the case where there is a rolling average based on a three year cycle, the candidate will need to prove that he or she has achieved the annual pro-rated equivalent for the period that he or she has been non-practising.
- Sign 'Good Character' declaration;
- Supply an updated professional experience record, for review by the Council; supply professional references who can attest to the character and practice competency of the member or former member in accordance with the Act and Bylaws
- Attend Law & Ethics Seminar unless it has previously been attended by the candidate.

On non-practising status for three years or more:

- Make an application for resumption of practising status;
- Pay 100% of resumption of practice application fee as set by Council;
- Provide a letter of explanation as to why the member wishes to resume practising status;
- Submit proof that CPD has been maintained during the year prior to application, at the mandatory level for non-practising members as set by the Council. In the case where there is a rolling average based on a three year cycle, the candidate will need to prove that he or she has achieved the annual pro-rated equivalent for the period that he or she has been non-practising;
- Sign a 'Good Character' declaration;
- Supply an updated professional experience record, for review by the Council;
- Supply professional references who can attest to the character and practice competency of the member or former member;
- Attend the Law & Ethics Seminar regardless of whether the candidate has attended it previously;
- Write and pass the Professional Practice Examination if not written and passed previously; and
- Work under professional supervision for a period and on such terms as set by the Council and provide references from professional supervisor.

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d. Limit of Non-Practising Period

There is no limit to the period of time that a member can be on non-practising status.

e. Reduced/Waived Fees for Non-Practising Status

There is a non-practising member annual fee for members on non-practising status for 12 months of the year and this fee is set by Council.

Members who are on non-practising status due to disability or extended illness are eligible to have their annual fee remitted.