

POLICY TYPE: MEMBER

POLICY TITLE: REINSTATEMENT FEE POLICY

POLICY STATEMENT

The Association encourages former members to rejoin the AAO and benefit from the many programs and services. Former members through lapsed membership or resignation are eligible to apply for reinstatement.

To be a Member of the Association, a practicing optometrist must meet Section 5, Article 1 of the Association's Bylaws. Thus, for a former member to be reinstated and be in good standing, the following conditions must be met:

1. there are no fines, fees, costs, assessments, penalties, or levies are owing by the member to the Association, and
2. has a valid and subsisting registration and practice permit to practice optometry in Alberta, and
3. the former member's registration and/or practice permit has not been suspended or cancelled pursuant to the Health Professions Act.

POLICY

The policy regarding licensed optometrists practicing in Alberta who have chosen not to activate membership with the AAO are as follows:

1. a fee of \$1,000 per year away, will apply, in addition to the dues of the year in which the former member is reapplying, or
2. the maximum reinstatement fee will be \$5,000. Dues of the year in which the former member is reapplying are in addition to the \$5,000.
3. the CEO will consider request for compassionate exceptions to this policy for situations that prevent a member from joining the Association and which are deemed extraordinary in nature.
4. a member may appeal to Council, should there be a concern about the reinstatement fee amount.

PROCEDURE

1. A former member contacts the AAO or the AAO reaches out to a former members.
2. A review of the doctor's file is completed, and a calculation is made regarding the fees to rejoin.

3. If agreed, payment is made, and the doctor becomes a member.
4. If a former member desires compassionate exemption, a formal request must be sent from the former member outlining the reason for receiving a reduced rate.
5. If agreed, the amount owing is paid, and the doctors becomes a member.
6. If there is a disagreement on the amount owing, an appeal can be made to the AAO council.

Approved:	February 13, 2019
Revised:	
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Monitor Date:	
Monitoring	This policy shall be reviewed and discussed by the Council.