

Inactive Membership

Sabbatical and Leave of Absence

What is 'Inactive' Membership?

Inactive membership is where a member wants to remain on the Society's Register but wishes to take a 'time out' from practice to pursue other work, study, research, etc. During this time, the member is not practicing Homeopathy, but they remain on the Society's Register.

What is the difference between Sabbatical and Leave of Absence?

Sabbatical is where the member wishes to pursue another area of study, research, write a book and generally applies to where extra learning is involved.

Leave of absence is where a member wishes to take a 'time out' or pursue an alternative occupation for a period of time.

Who is eligible for 'Inactive' membership?

- ≡ Any registered member may become an 'inactive' Member
- ≡ The maximum duration of being an 'inactive' member is five years

How to change membership status to 'Inactive'

To become an 'inactive' member, notice must be given to the Registrar (see attached form), stating reasons for a change in their membership status.

How to remain an 'Inactive' Member

1. To remain on the Register during their time of being 'inactive', the member must pay their annual membership subscription (50% of normal membership fee).
2. This must be accompanied by a letter of intent to the Registrar, stating the desire to remain 'inactive' for the next membership year.

After 5 years, can I extend my 'Inactive' membership?

To extend your 'inactive' membership for a further year, you must write to the Registrar and request same. Your request will be considered by the Registration Board. Returning to active membership after 5 years, you must agree to undertake to fulfill any requirements as set out by the Registration Board in relation to CPD (Continuing Professional Development) and/or supervision/mentoring.

How to return to active membership

1. The member must write to the Registrar informing them of their intention to return to 'active' membership. The Registrar will then contact the member and inform them of any necessary requirements to retain the IS Hom status. This may be in the form of case supervision, mentoring and/or further CPD.
2. On returning to active membership, the member will resume paying the full membership subscription, this may be subject to a pro rata rate.

What happens if I do not pay my annual membership subscription during 'Inactive' period?

As with all membership categories, non-payment of your annual membership subscription results in your removal from the Register. Only members entered on the Society's register are entitled to use *IS Hom* after their name.

Notification of Intent

To: The Registrar
Irish Society of Homeopaths

Re: Inactive Membership

I hereby give notice of my intention to:

1. Alter my membership status to 'inactive', as I wish to take a sabbatical/leave of absence (tick box below) from practicing homeopathy Sabbatical <input type="checkbox"/> Leave of Absence <input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
2. Maintain my membership status as 'inactive' for the next year (max. 5 years)	<input type="checkbox"/>
3. I wish to request an extension of my 'inactive' membership and attach a letter requesting same, indicating length of extension required and reasons for this.	<input type="checkbox"/>
4. I hereby confirm my intention to revert to 'active' membership of the Irish Society of Homeopaths and request the appropriate membership subscription fee invoice.	<input type="checkbox"/>

Please read carefully and sign below:

- I understand that I can remain an 'inactive' member of the Society for a maximum of five years
- I agree to pay 50% the normal annual membership subscription fee for the duration of the inactive membership and understand that failure to pay the membership subscription will deem my membership invalid.
- I confirm that I will notify the Office of the Irish Society of Homeopaths of my intentions annually
- I understand that on my subsequent return to Active Registered Membership with the Irish Society of Homeopaths, I must undertake to fulfill any requirements the Registration Board of the Society deems necessary in relation to CPD (Continuing Professional Development) and/or supervision/mentoring.
- If, at the end of the maximum period of five years, I still wish to remain inactive, I will apply to the Registrar for an extension.

Name: _____ (Please Print)

Signed: _____

Address: _____

Date: _____