

Parental/Child Care Leave: Options for membership

Option 1 - Individual Membership

- You may choose to register as an individual member for the upcoming year. This membership will run from April 1 to March 31. You will retain all of your rights as a member of NBAOT. As stated in the NBAOT Regulations Part 1, Section 1, 3(2): *Individual members shall possess full right to hold office, to sit on all committees including Statutory Committees and to vote on all matters affecting the Association.*
- You will pay **\$400.00** to register and will not have to pay any other fees until it is time to renew your membership for April 1 next year.

Option 2 – Non-Practising Membership

- If, at the time of registration (April 1), you are on parental/childcare leave and were registered as an Individual member last year, you may choose to register as a non-practicing member. As stated in the NBAOT Regulations Part 1, Section 1, 7(2) and 7(4) respectively: *Non-practicing members may not hold office or be a member of any of the statutory committees but may attend and vote at general meetings of members and participate on all other committees of the Association. Non-practicing members shall receive all regular mailings of the Association.*
- You will pay **\$150.00** to register for this type of membership.
- **Please Note: You may not work in any capacity as an occupational therapist, if you are registered as a non-practising member.**
- If you return to work prior to March 31 next year, you will be required to upgrade your membership to that of a practicing therapist, in one of the following ways:
 1. If you return to work prior to January 1 you must upgrade to an Individual Membership and pay an additional \$150.00.
 2. If you return to work on or after January 1 you can upgrade to an Individual membership without paying additional fees.

Option 3 - Temporary Membership

- If you are going on parental/childcare leave between April 1 and September 30 you may choose to register as a Temporary member. Temporary membership is valid for up to **6 months**.
- You will pay **\$150.00** to register for this type of membership.
- As stated in the NBAOT Regulations Part 1, Section 1, 7(9): *Temporary members may not hold office, sit on any Committees of the Association or vote on any matter affecting the Association.*
- **Please Note: You may not work in any capacity as an occupational therapist with temporary membership after October 1.**

- Temporary memberships expire September 30. If you choose not to upgrade your membership by this date, it will be considered expired.

Option 4 - Not Renew

- If you are on parental/childcare leave as of April 1 you may choose not to renew your membership, thus letting it expire. **Please note that if you choose this option, you must notify the Registrar.**
- If you let your membership expire you are unable to work as an occupational therapist in New Brunswick until you reapply to NBAOT.

***** Remember you MUST be registered with NBAOT if you are practicing Occupational Therapy in New Brunswick.**

IMPORTANT REMINDER:

Please be aware of the amount of professional practice hours you have. Please keep in mind the following as stated in the NBAOT Regulations Part 1, Section 1, 1(1)(b), 1(2), 1(3)(a) respectively:

The applicant shall have utilized occupational therapy skills for 1000 hours, in or outside Canada, within the five years immediately preceding the application, in fieldwork experience or in the provision of direct services, education, consultation, administration, research or other professional endeavor directly related to occupational therapy.

Where a person who is otherwise eligible but has not satisfied the Registration Committee that the applicant has met the qualifications prescribed by paragraph 1(1)(b) the person shall successfully complete a re-entry fieldwork program prior to the application for registration.

For the purposes of subsection (2), a re-entry fieldwork program shall include a minimum of six hundred (600) hours practice in a clinical occupational therapy setting accredited by the Canadian Association of Occupational Therapists and shall be completed within two years of the commencement of such a program.