INACTIVE MEMBERSHIP

As an Inactive Member, you:

- Are not entitled to practise any aspect of professional forestry, nor represent yourself as being able to practise, in either a paid or volunteer capacity. You are not able to practice again unless you are approved as a Full or Associate Member.
- Must return your seal/stamp and previously issued membership certificate. A new certificate for Inactive Membership will be issued to you unless you are on maternity/paternity leave.
- Are entitled to use only the designations: R.P.F. (Non-Practising), Non-Practising Professional Forester, or Associate R.P.F. (Non-Practising) designation, provided that it is not used to represent yourself as able to practise any aspect of professional forestry.
- Will continue to receive all member notices and a link to the quarterly *The Professional Forester* newsletter.
- Are entitled to vote at the Annual General Meeting.
- Must annually complete the Good Character Declaration.
- Are not required to report annual competency information; however, if you wish to return to Full or Associate membership, you will be required to provide proof of how you have maintained your competency. If you feel you may return to active membership, it is recommended that you continue to record your annual competency information.
- May apply to return to Full or Associate Membership. To be approved as a practising member:

    - Provide proof of how you have maintained your competency, unless you have continued to report your annual competency information, such as continuing education hours.
    - You may be required to complete Module 2 of the online Bridge Training for Foresters Ontario Forest Policy and Legislative Framework if you return to Full or Associate Membership after being an Inactive Member for 5 years, but less than 15 years. If you return after 15 years, you will be required to complete Modules 1 and 2.
    - You will be required to demonstrate competency in the Indigenous Peoples, Lands & Resources (IPLR) Standard if you did not previously demonstrate competency in this professional standard.
    - You may be subject to other requirements deemed necessary by the Registration Committee.

To apply for Inactive Membership, you must:

- Be a Full or Associate Member in good standing.
- Have held Full or Associate Membership for at least 12 months.
- Submit the Category Change Form
- Pay the Category Change Fee and, should your application be approved, the Inactive Membership fees for the current year prorated from the time of your application (see Fee Schedule).