



DEFERMENT INFORMATION

DAA Membership

DAA members are able to defer their membership for a maximum of three years. If you do not reinstate your membership within three years, you will be considered lapsed and a reinstatement fee will apply. However you may reinstate your membership at any time by going to the DAA website at www.daa.asn.au and :

- complete your reinstatement online at Membership of DAA > Membership Renewal and Reinstatement > Online Renewal and Reinstatement

or

- download your renewal form at Membership of DAA > Membership Renewal and Reinstatement > Postal renewal/reinstatement documents. Alternatively you can request a renewal form from the DAA National Office.

APD Program

There is provision for members who are unable to maintain CPD activities for bona fide reasons to apply for deferment of APD membership. Although usually for shorter periods, deferment can extend for up to three years.

Deferment of APD membership during maternity leave, illness, extended travel or when not working in a related field

- **CPD Learning Goals, Logs and Learning Outcomes must be submitted for the period leading up to the date of commencement of intended deferment in order for deferment to be accepted.**
- At the commencement of the deferment period, members must complete and return a *Deferment Application* form.
- During the deferment the dietitian must not use the qualification 'Accredited Practising Dietitian'.
- Applications for reinstating after three years have elapsed will be considered new applications (i.e. a provisional period will apply).

Is it necessary to defer?

- Many people are able to continue their APD membership while unemployed, employed in other fields, on maternity leave, travelling or on sick leave.
- The definition of 'practising' is that the individual is using, maintaining and developing their dietetic skills. A dietitian fulfilling the CPD requirements for maintaining APD status is considered to be practising whether or not they have paid employment as a dietitian.
- CPD activities may be an excellent way for dietitians not working to maintain and develop their skills and their professional networks. This will facilitate return to the paid workforce.
- CPD activities may need to change to reflect changed circumstances, perhaps with less emphasis on structured and workplace oriented activities and more on self study, attendance at one-off meetings and seminars and establishing mentoring relationships with colleagues.