



Temporary Withdrawal

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If you do not anticipate working in Equity's jurisdiction for at least a year, you may consider temporarily withdrawing from active membership status. Points to consider when deciding are:

- The minimum length of time for which you can withdraw from membership in the association is one year.
- As a withdrawn member, you will not be able to vote in ratifications, elections, referenda or attend any Equity meetings.
- You will no longer receive *EQ*, but you can subscribe to the quarterly newsmagazine for an annual fee.
- While on withdrawal you have the responsibility of supporting your fellow artists by not accepting work as a performer, stage manager, director, choreographer or fight director without a properly signed Equity contract. Being on withdrawal does not mean you can work "non-Equity." You may work as a producer or in an administrative capacity, which Equity considers to be outside its jurisdiction. If in doubt, check with a Business Representative.
- Withdrawal is not resignation; it simply means that you are not currently active in the live performing arts. You are still an Equity member, and continue to hold the rights and responsibilities of membership.

Dues and Reinstatement

Members in good standing or arrears may apply for withdrawal. Any dues owing at the time of withdrawal will be payable before reinstating. Suspended members (those owing more than \$77.50) may not go on withdrawal without first paying the balance owing.

Provided you remain on withdrawal for a minimum of one year you do not pay basic dues while on temporary withdrawal. To reinstate after one year or more you will be required to pay the dues for the six month period in which you reinstate, any dues owing at the time of withdrawal plus a \$25.00 reinstatement fee.

If you are signed to a contract or work within Equity's jurisdiction, you must reinstate your membership. Arrangement to reinstate should be made with Equity's membership department before you start work. If not, Equity will advise the engager to deduct the amount owing from your fees and the engager may charge an administration fee of \$5.00.

If you reinstate within one year you will be required to pay any amount outstanding at the time of withdrawal plus any dues and penalties that would have been charged had you not withdrawn.

Your RRSP While on Temporary Withdrawal

While on temporary withdrawal your RRSP account will remain active. Please continue to advise us of your current address. Voluntary contributions may be made to your RRSP through Equity or directly to Great West London Life.

To Apply for Temporary Withdrawal

Application for withdrawal must be made in writing to the Executive Director, care of the membership department in Equity's National Office. You may apply by post, fax or email (see addresses above). To apply by email you must use the email address Equity has on file and you must receive and retain a copy of the confirmation from us.

Sample Temporary Withdrawal Request Letter:

Date:
To: Executive Director, Canadian Actors' Equity Association
From: Print Name
Member Number / Social Insurance Number:
I do not anticipate that I will be working within the jurisdiction of Canadian Actors' Equity Association for at least one year and therefore request withdrawal from regular membership.
I understand and agree that while on withdrawal from regular membership I will continue to abide by the Association's Constitution and bylaws.
Yours truly,
(your signature)