



What is Inactive status?

A member on Inactive status may not practice law or participate in WSBA affairs. You may not be an Inactive member if your employment or duties in Washington constitute the practice of law or require active membership in the WSBA.

How do I change my status to Inactive?

If your current membership status is Active or Emeritus, you may change it to Inactive by using the Application for Change of Membership Status to Inactive. During licensing renewal, you may also use the annual licensing form by marking the box to change to Inactive status; or, you may change it during your online license renewal at www.mywsba.org.

If your current membership status is Suspended, you must use the Application for Change of Membership Status From Suspended to Inactive.

Do I pay a license fee while on Inactive status?

Yes, the annual license fee for Inactive members is \$200 for license year 2010.

Do I need to report CLE credits while on Inactive status?

You are not required to report CLE credits while on Inactive status. Depending on when you went to Inactive status, you may be required to report CLE credits for the years you were Inactive in order to return to Active status:

- **Before September 1, 2003**: If your status was changed from Active or Emeritus to Inactive before September 1, 2003, then you are not required to report CLE credits for the years in which you are Inactive. You will, however, need to be current on all MCLE requirements and report credits for the years in which you were previously Active, if not already reported.
- **On or after September 1, 2003**: If your status was changed from Active or Emeritus to Inactive on or after September 1, 2003, you will be required to report credits for all Active and Inactive years for all prior full reporting periods.

How long can I be Inactive and return to Active without re-taking the Bar Exam?

The length of time that you can be Inactive without re-taking the Bar exam depends on when you changed to Inactive status:

- **Before September 1, 2003**: If you are Inactive longer than three years, you may have to take and pass the Washington State Bar examination in order to return to Active status, unless you establish active legal experience for three of the five years immediately preceding your application to Active status.

- **On or after September 1, 2003:** You may be on Inactive status only for **five years or less of the preceding 10 years**, and you must report CLE credits for all years of all prior full reporting periods to return to Active status. If you are on Inactive status for more than five years of the preceding 10 years, you must take and pass the Washington State bar examination in order to return to Active status.

How do I change back to Active status?

For Inactive, Judicial or Emeritus members to return to Active status, you must be current on MCLE requirements, annual licensing fees, and all conditions set forth in the WSBA Bylaws and the Admission to Practice Rules (APR). In order to determine your eligibility and requirements to return to Active status, you must submit a Request for Application to Active Status form with the required non-refundable \$100 status change investigation fee. Following receipt and processing of the required fee and request form, a status change application packet will be sent to you. This packet will contain your specific and individual requirements to be met to change your status to Active, including all necessary forms.

Because the requirements for each particular status change are based on the facts of the individual member's situation and requires investigation of that member's records, the WSBA cannot assess or discuss your specific requirements prior to receiving the Status Change to Active Request Form and the investigation fee.

Forms are available on the status change page of the WSBA website http://www.wsba.org/lawyers/licensing/status_changes.htm or by request via e-mail to statuschanges@wsba.org. You may also contact the WSBA Service Center at 206-443-9722 or 800-945-9722.

Is there more information about Inactive status that I should know?

Yes, for further information, please carefully read Article II of the WSBA Bylaws. The full text of the WSBA Bylaws is available on the WSBA website at <http://www.wsba.org/info/bylaws/default1.htm>.

Will I receive Bar News while on Inactive status?

You may receive a free subscription to Bar News while on Inactive status, but you must specifically request the subscription in one of the following ways:

- check the appropriate box on the application to Inactive status;
- during license renewal, mark the appropriate box on the License Renewal form or check the appropriate box during online license renewal at www.mywsba.org; or
- if you have already changed to Inactive status, send a request to Curtis Eng to the address below or to his email at curtise@wsba.org.