

PAUSING RECERTIFICATION

It is possible to take a break from urgent care clinical practice and pause your recertification. Before considering this, please review the alternatives ([alternative clinical recertification pathway or special consideration recertification pathway](#)). In all cases, Fellows should inform the office as soon as they know that they intend to pause their recertification. We cannot backdate the start date of your pause in recertification or cancellation of membership.

Request to pause or withdraw

Send an email to the office (admin@rnzcuc.org.nz), indicating your intentions. Include the date you intend to pause and restart. You should also inform MCNZ that you are pausing your urgent care recertification activities. If you do not provide a return date, we will assume that you have paused recertification for six months and one day (a 'long pause').

Pause types

- Short pause (≤6 months): membership and access continue.
- Long pause (>6 months): membership and services cease, refund arranged.
- Withdrawn (>3 years): all access stops and no reminders sent.

Practising outside of Urgent Care

While paused, if you are practising outside of urgent care, you must join another recertification programme or arrange InPractice with MCNZ.

Remind process

Around a month before your declared return date, the office will send you a reminder that you are due to return and will request an update on your intention to return. Reminders continue until you return or are considered withdrawn after three years. Clinical hours cannot be counted unless preapproved, though some courses may be approved.

Returning

To return, email the office. The DPD reviews your compliance and may require activities before or after recommencing. Absences over three years, or poor prior progress, are reviewed by PCC or the BoC, who may set extra requirements or request a COPS.

For more information please read the [Pausing training or recertification policy](#)