

Extended Leave guidelines

The Extended Leave category is available to ACRRM members who are temporarily unable to participate in the workforce due to specific personal or professional circumstances. This category provides flexibility and ongoing support during periods away from active practice.

Eligibility criteria

You may be eligible for Extended Leave if you are currently not working due to any of the following:

- Parental Leave (maternity or paternity)
- Ill Health (includes short- or long-term illness where you are off work for six months or more)
- Full-Time Study Leave (not actively practising during study)
- Carer's Leave (caring responsibilities for a family member or dependent)
- Cultural considerations (for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander members undertaking cultural obligations or community responsibilities)

Duration and Renewal

- Extended Leave is granted for up to 12 months at a time.
- You must be off work for six months or more to be eligible.
- Extended Leave is renewed yearly, subject to continued eligibility.
- Members seeking to renew must provide current supporting evidence confirming continued eligibility (e.g., a medical certificate, confirmation of enrolment in full-time study, personal declaration outlining carer or cultural responsibilities or employer confirmation of leave).

Requesting or Extending Leave

To apply for Extended Leave or request a renewal, please contact the member engagement team on 1800 223 226 or on email membership@acrrm.org.au.

You will need to submit documentation that supports your leave request, and requests must be received before the current leave period expires.

Membership and Fees

While on Extended Leave, your membership will be maintained under a reduced membership fee category.

Returning from Leave

If no request to extend leave is received before the expiry date, your membership will automatically revert to your previous membership category, and standard membership fees will apply.

For further information or support, please contact the member engagement team. We're here to help you stay connected throughout your professional journey.