

## **RETENTION OF REGISTRATION**

Any registrant who is not actively practising may opt to retain his/her name in the registry for a fee of \$25 per year. The application form (AHPCBD/004) can be downloaded from the Downloadable Application Forms section.

Upon successful application, these registrants may continue to use their respective professional titles but they are not permitted to practise in any form. If they choose to return to practice at any point of their retention status period, they must download the application form (AHPCBD/005) from the Downloadable Application Forms section and submit the completed form with the relevant supporting documents to the Council for approval before they can commence practice. Once approved, the registrant is required to pay the practising certificate fee of \$50.

Registrants may only retain their registration for a maximum of five consecutive years. This limit is in place to ensure that professionals maintain current competency and knowledge within their respective fields. If a registrant wishes to return to practice from the third year onwards, they may be required to provide evidence of CPD or relevant training. This requirement safeguards the public by ensuring that returning practitioners possess the necessary skills and up-to-date knowledge to provide safe and effective care. Requiring evidence of CPD or training after a period of inactivity helps to address potential skill degradation and ensures that registrants are familiar with any advancements in their profession that may have occurred during their absence from practice. This measure underscores the AHPCBD's commitment to upholding the highest standards of professional practice and protecting the well-being of the public.