



## Temporary Withdrawal/ Suspended Payment Eligibility Rules

Members who wish to withdraw from active work or do not expect to work or seek work under Equity's jurisdiction for a period of a year or more may seek "inactive status." One may be excused from future dues in the following manner:

1. Temporary Withdrawal - Members who are in good standing (paid to date) with a zero balance are eligible for Temporary Withdrawal.
2. Suspended Payment - Members who have outstanding dues or assessments are eligible for Suspended Payment. (The dues owed will be frozen and will not accumulate until a return to active membership).

If eligible, upon receiving a Temporary Withdrawal/Suspended Payment card the member:

1. Will be removed from mailing lists and will not have access to the Member Portal.
2. May not vote, but may attend meetings.
3. May continue direct insurance payments but may, from time to time, have to advise the Trustees of the Plan how they are maintaining an attachment to the industry.

### Application

1. All requests must be made in writing.
2. Requests must be made in either April/May or October/November as all Temporary Withdrawal and Suspended Payments have an effective date of either May 1<sup>st</sup> or November 1<sup>st</sup>.
3. Members must be paid at least two dues periods (12 months) between Temporary Withdrawal and Suspended Payment, before becoming eligible for inactive status. New Members must have paid their initiation fee in full and dues for at least three full dues periods (18 months) from their date of joining, before becoming eligible.

**Please Note:** By accepting a Temporary Withdrawal/Suspended Payment card you agree that after five (5) years, if you have not returned to active status and good standing in the association, any claim to the sole use or possession which you may have to any name or names within the jurisdiction of Actors' Equity Association is hereby declared null and void.

## **Temporary Withdrawal/Suspended Payment Eligibility Rules (continued)**

### **Reinstatement**

When a member reinstates from Temporary Withdrawal, he/she must pay a reinstatement fee (currently \$100.00) plus dues for the current period, regardless of the month in which the reinstatement takes place.

### **Reinstatements within the Same Dues Cycle**

1. If a member is placed on a May Temporary Withdrawal and reinstates before August 1<sup>st</sup> of the same dues cycle, he/she must pay the full basic dues for that period. If a member reinstates after August 1<sup>st</sup>, he/she must pay the pro-rated basic dues for the month in which he/she reinstates plus a reinstatement fee (currently \$100.00).
2. If a member is placed on a November Temporary Withdrawal and reinstates before February 1<sup>st</sup> of the same dues cycle, he/she must pay the full basic dues for that period. If a member reinstates after February 1<sup>st</sup>, he/she must pay the pro-rated basic dues for the month in which he/she reinstates plus a reinstatement fee (currently \$100.00).

### **Suspended Payments**

A member who is placed on a Suspended Payment will follow all the above rules except that in addition to the current dues and the reinstatement fee, they would also be responsible for the monies outstanding when he/she was placed on that Suspended Payment.

**Regardless of your membership status, under no circumstances may you appear with a non-Equity company or as a non-professional or apprentice.**



## Temporary Withdrawal/Suspended Payment Request form

Please return the completed form to the nearest Equity office

Name:			Performer ID:		
Permanent Address:				Apt.:	
City:	State:	Zip:	Country:		
Private Phone:			Public Phone:*		
Email:					

*\* Provide a contact number that you wish to authorize for release to industry professionals.*

I have read the rules governing temporary withdrawal/suspended payment.

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(Signature)

FOR OFFICE USE ONLY:

T/W as of	_____
S/P AMT.	_____
S/P as of	_____

*Note: Your performer ID is located on your Equity Membership card.*