POLICY FOR ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP DUES (AMD) REDUCTION
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RECENT GRADUATE MEMBER
A veterinarian who is a graduate of an Accredited College or of an AVMA-CoE Accredited College, who becomes a member of the Association the year following graduation.

- Members who maintain uninterrupted membership after graduation throughout a consecutive three-year period are eligible for a tiered annual membership dues (AMD) reduction as follows:
  
  Year of graduation:
  - Complimentary half-year membership (July-December)
  
  Year 1 after graduation:
  - 75% reduction of the regular AMD plus a complimentary C.E. voucher for the CVMA Convention
  
  Year 2 after graduation:
  - 50% reduction of the regular AMD
  
  Year 3 after graduation:
  - 25% reduction of the regular AMD

POSTGRADUATE EDUCATION MEMBER
A veterinarian enrolled in full-time postgraduate studies in a university or college, or in an internship or residency program.

- Eligible members receive a 50% reduction of the regular AMD.
- Members must apply directly to the CVMA by submitting a completed Application for Annual Membership Dues Reduction and a proof of enrollment document from the education institution.
- Dues reduction under this provision is granted for one single membership year at a time.
- Members may reapply for a consecutive membership year, subject to meeting the above criteria.

RETIRED MEMBER
A veterinarian over the age of 65 and retired from active employment* in veterinary medicine, or a veterinarian who has been granted the status of ‘retired member’ by a Provincial Veterinary Association.

- Eligible members receive a 50% reduction of the regular AMD.
- Members must apply directly to the CVMA by submitting a completed Application for Annual Membership Dues Reduction.
- *Active employment is defined as collecting fees for veterinary services rendered.

MATERNITY / PARENTAL LEAVE** MEMBER
A veterinarian who temporarily leaves active employment in veterinary medicine due to pregnancy or to care for a new child.

- Eligible members receive a 50% reduction of the regular AMD.
- Members must apply directly to the CVMA by submitting a completed Application for Annual Membership Dues Reduction.
- **Maternity/Parental Leave is defined by the respective provincial legislations.
- AMD reduction under this provision is limited to one membership year per new child.

- Where the regular AMD has already been paid for the current membership year in which the leave period commences, the member is entitled to a 50% refund of the regular AMD for the current membership year.
- Where the member applies for AMD reduction for the upcoming membership year in which the leave period is anticipated to commence, the member is entitled to a 50% refund of the regular AMD for the upcoming membership year.
- Where the regular AMD has already been paid for the current membership year in which the leave period applies, the member is entitled to a 50% refund of the regular AMD for the current membership year.
- Where the member applies for AMD reduction for the upcoming membership year in which the leave period applies, the member is entitled to a 50% refund of the regular AMD for the upcoming membership year.
- Dues reduction under this provision is granted for one single membership year at a time.
- Members may reapply for a consecutive membership year, subject to meeting the above criteria.

ILLNESS / DISABILITY LEAVE MEMBER
A veterinarian who leaves active employment in veterinary medicine for a specified or indefinite period due to illness or disability.

- Eligible members receive a 50% reduction of the regular AMD.
- Members must apply directly to the CVMA by submitting a completed Application for Annual Membership Dues Reduction.
- The anticipated leave period must have been determined to exceed four (4) months in the same membership year for which the AMD reduction is requested.
- Where the regular AMD has already been paid for the current membership year in which the leave period applies, the member is entitled to a 50% refund of the regular AMD for the current membership year.
- Where the member applies for AMD reduction for the upcoming membership year in which the leave period applies, the member is entitled to a 50% refund of the regular AMD for the upcoming membership year.
- Dues reduction under this provision is granted for one single membership year at a time.
- Members may reapply for a consecutive membership year, subject to meeting the above criteria.

PROVINCIAL LIFE MEMBER / PROVINCIAL HONOURARY MEMBER
A veterinarian who has been granted the status of ‘life member’ or ‘honorary member’ by a Provincial Veterinary Association.

- Eligible members receive a 50% reduction of the regular AMD.
- The list of eligible members is based on the information provided to the CVMA by the respective Provincial Associations.

Notes:
Members benefitting from an annual membership dues reduction are not eligible to apply for any other dues reductions during the same membership period. An Application for AMD Reduction must be completed and submitted to CVMA for consideration, along with the Membership Renewal/Application and payment.

The CVMA-SBCV Chapter Board of Directors has adopted the same reduction rates for the Chapter portion of AMDs.