

## **Addiction Counsellors of Ireland Inactive Accredited Membership Policy**

Inactive membership can be offered to members who cease counselling for an agreed limited period of time.

It protects their accredited membership status while it also protects the public.

Inactive members of the Addiction Counsellors of Ireland cannot offer counselling to clients.

### **GUIDING PRINCIPLES**

1. Members must apply in writing giving reasons why they are taking time out
2. Must be paid up members at time of applying
3. The period of inactive membership is time limited i.e. maximum of 2 years
4. Members can return to active membership at any given time during that 2 year period
5. During the time when inactive they do not need to be in supervision nor attend CPD, etc
6. The Accreditation Committee may extend this period if circumstances necessitate, based on a written submission
7. Inactive members will not be listed in online members register
8. Inactive members will enter supervisory relationship approx. three months before applying to resume active membership
9. A letter from their supervisor will be submitted with their application along with evidence of Professional Indemnity Insurance
10. The Accreditation Committee will deal with applications as speedily as possible