



## The change from “membership” in the BC College of Teachers to “certification”

is of concern for over 14,000 teachers who had chosen “retired” or “non-practising” membership in the college. The interim registrar has written these members saying that the legislation does not allow for alternate certificate status and this must be corrected by January 6, 2012. This would mean that the 14,000 retired teachers in BC must immediately pay \$120 or \$60 if they had already paid \$60 for the 2011-12 school year. If these teachers do not do so, they will lose their teaching certificate as of January 6, 2012. Any teacher who loses their teaching certificate because they did not pay the practising fee on time would have to reapply for their certificate and meet all the current requirements for certification.

Teachers wishing to express their concerns regarding the decision to change the policy may address their concerns to:

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