

### **Lapsed Membership Policy**

Continuous membership is a requirement to maintain postpartum or birth doula certification. Below is the DONA International policy for lapsed membership:

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| 1. First 30 days after membership lapse           | Grace period; no penalty if membership is renewed                                                                                             |
| 2. 31 to 90 days after membership lapse           | Certified doula's name removed from web site; \$25 late fee plus membership fee to return doula to good standing                              |
| 3. 90 days thru 6 months after membership lapse   | <i>Certification is officially suspended</i> ; \$50 late fee plus membership fee and \$50 lapsed certification fee to reinstate certification |
| 4. 6 months thru 12 months after membership lapse | \$75 late fee plus membership fee and \$75 lapsed certification fee to reinstate certification                                                |
| 5. Membership lapse for one (1 ) year or more     | Doula must begin certification process again including meeting all requirements                                                               |