

Membership benefits are available only to DONA members in good standing. The Membership of the Organization shall consist of doulas and other interested parties. The term of Membership shall be one (1), two (2) or three (3) years and will need to be renewed prior to expiration. The purchase of a Membership is non-refundable and non-transferrable.

Lapsed Membership Policy for Non-Certified Members

If a non-certified member’s membership expires, and they choose to rejoin, their join date/expiration dates will be changed to reflect the new month/year of when they rejoined.

Lapsed Membership Policy for DONA Certified Doulas

DONA certified doulas must maintain continuous DONA International membership. It is the sole responsibility of the individual doula to maintain membership and is not contingent upon the receipt of reminders or paperwork.

DONA members who fail to renew their membership by their membership expiration date will, after a one (1) month grace period, no longer be eligible for any membership benefits or discounts, including receipt of the *International Doula* and *eDoula*, and also relinquish their right to receive referrals from the DONA website and referral list.

Membership renewal after a lapse will be tracked back to the most recent membership expiration date. To be considered in good standing again, the new membership expiration date must be at least six (6) months after the date of the transaction. Membership may be renewed in yearly increments.

DONA certified doulas whose membership has lapsed for more than three (3) years shall have their certification revoked.

To return to good standing, the DONA certified doula has the following options:

First thirty (30) days after membership lapse	Grace period: renew membership for at least one (1) year
Thirty-one (31) days to six (6) months after membership lapse	\$25.00 USD processing fee plus membership fee for at least one (1) year to return doula to good standing
Six (6) months plus one (1) day to up to one (1) year after membership lapse	\$25.00 USD processing fee plus membership fee for at least two (2) years to return doula to good standing
One (1) year plus one (1) day up to two (2) years after membership lapse	\$25.00 USD processing fee plus membership fee for at least three (3) years to return doula to good standing
Two (2) years plus one (1) day up to three (3) years after membership lapse	\$25.00 USD processing fee plus membership fee for at least four (4) years to return doula to good standing
Membership lapsed for less than three (3) years, but doula chooses not to fulfill the appropriate required reinstatement option. Membership has been lapsed for more than three (3) years.	There are no reinstatement options. To regain certification the doula must repeat the entire certification process.