

Reappointment/Renewal, Tenure, & Promotion

Queen's Health Sciences Staffing Office

2024

RTP Policies & Resources

QUFA Policy:

- [Article 30](#)

Clinical Policies:

- [Reappointment](#)
- [Promotion](#)
- Reminder: Tenure is not available for Clinical faculty in the 2024-2025 cycle.

Both:

- Further resources (checklists, timelines, and templates) can be found on the QHS website under [Faculty Resources](#).

Timeline: Clinical

**If a member is applying for both reappointment and promotion, the due dates follow reappointment, and the file requirements follow promotion.*

Reappointment

Date	Process
June 3, 2024	Confirmation of faculty list due to the Staffing Office.
July 1, 2024	Heads to inform members of their reappointment eligibility.
September 13, 2024	Member submits application to Head.
October 1, 2024	Head or Committee reviews referee names suggested and selects those to request a letter from.
November 15, 2024	Department submits package to Staffing Office.
December 13, 2024	Decision letter is sent to members.

Promotion

Date	Process
April 1, 2024	Establish Promotion committee.
May 1, 2024	Head informs all members that the process has begun.
August 1, 2024	Member informs Head of intention to apply.
August 23, 2024	Department provides list of applicants & committee membership to Staffing Office.
September 2, 2024	Member submits application to Head.
December 13, 2024	Department submits package to Staffing Office.
March 14, 2025	Provost decision for promotion to Associate Professor sent to members.
April 15, 2025	Provost decision for promotion to Professor sent to members.

RTP Timeline: QUFA

Date	Process
May 1, 2024	Department establishes RTP committee.
May 15, 2024	Head notifies members of eligibility and due dates.
May 22, 2024	Confirmation of Renewal and Tenure list due to the Staffing Office.
June 1, 2024	Members inform head of intent to apply.
July 15, 2024	Member submits application to RTP committee. NEW deadline in the 2024-2025 cycle [Article 30.9.1].
August 1, 2024	Head requests reports from referees outlining the process and offering guidance. NEW deadline in the 2024-2025 cycle [Article 30.8.11].
August 28, 2024	Confirmation of Promotion list due to the Staffing Office.
September 15, 2024	Applications are made available to colleagues for review.
October 15, 2024	Head/Director provides documents subject to Article 28.6.2 to the members official RTP file.
November 15, 2024	RTP applications made available to the RTP committee.
December 15, 2024	RTP committee decision due to the Head/Director. Committee informs applicant of decision.
January 15, 2025	RTP applications due to the Staffing Office. Head informs applicant of decision.
April 1, 2025	Provost decision for renewal sent to members.
April 15, 2025	Provost decision for tenure and promotion to Associate Professor sent to members.
May 15, 2025	Provost decision for promotion to Professor sent to members.

Committee Composition: Clinical

There is no set requirement for the Reappointment Committee for clinical departments, however, it is recommended to follow the below requirements for the Promotion Committee.

The Departmental Promotion Committee shall include in its membership:

- a) at least one student, appointed by the Department Head, who may be an undergraduate, graduate or postgraduate;
- b) at least three GFT members of the Department; and
- c) at least one GFT member of another Department in the Faculty of Health Sciences.

Where (b) is not possible, the Committee shall include two GFT members from the Department and at least two GFT members from another Department. A minimum of two members of the Promotion Committee must hold the rank of Professor. The Committee shall select its own Chair from amongst its members.

* For the non-clinical departments, the standing QUFA Renewal, Tenure and Promotion Committee may serve as the Committee.

* For the Departments of Diagnostic Radiology and Oncology, the membership of the Committee may include Full Time Adjunct (Group 1) and Full Time Clinical Academic appointees.

Committee Composition: QUFA

- Minimum of (3) QUFA Tenure-track OR Tenured Members.
- Majority of the committee members shall be Tenured Members.
- Units that are too small to form representative committees (fewer than three (3) QUFA Members) should invite representatives from related Units to serve as members.
- All other Units may invite representatives from cognate or related Units to serve on the Committee.
- 1 Student Representative from Undergrad and/or Graduate Level in the Unit or related program optional.
- 1 Chair (voting) elected by the Committee.
- 1 Equity Rep appointed by the Committee (normally a member with tenure).
- Ensure that at least 1 Member is at or above the rank being applied for by RTP applicants.
- Committee should be reflective of differences in appointment type, rank and membership in equity-deserving groups.

For clinical departments whose bargaining unit membership is too small to form a representative committee, the Committee is to be formed by **July 15, in accordance with Article 30.3:**

- The Member may suggest to the Dean the group(s), Unit(s), or office(s) that the Member regards as most competent to assess their Renewal/Reappointment, Tenure or Promotion file.
- Individuals in the named group(s), Unit(s) or office(s) need not necessarily be QUFA Members.
- Should there be a disagreement between the Member and the Dean regarding the named group(s), Unit(s) or office(s), the matter shall be referred to the JCAA.

Application Package Requirements: Clinical

General package

- Committee and head recommendation letters.
- Referee, colleague, and student letters.
 - Plus, template letter that was sent to each group.
- Curriculum Vitae.
- Teaching dossier.
- Copies of all relevant scholarly work OR citations for all work.
- Summary of contributions to the Department, University, and field.
- Names and contact information for **arms length** referees.
- Arms length statement for referees.
- Any other relevant information. Solicited letters by the applicant will not be accepted.
- Role description with % of time for each area (must be signed).
- Promotion to Professor: ½ page biographical profile.
- Completed checklist.

Reference Letters

- Reappointment: 3, which can be internal or external to the University.
- Promotion to Assistant Professor: 3, which can be internal or external to the University.
- Promotion to Associate Professor: 4, of which 3 must be external to the University.
- Promotion to Professor: 5, of which 4 must be external to the University.

When applying for promotion, referees must be at or above the rank of which the appointee is applying.

ALL DOCUMENTS MUST BE SUBMITTED AS PDF

Application Package Requirements: Clinical Reappointment Without Application

- Letter from member requesting reappointment without application.
- Recommendation letter from the Head supporting the reappointment without application. Letter should include:
 - A statement recommending reappointment.
 - A statement referring to faculty members' reappointment history (in support of eligibility).
 - A statement confirming external funding for the position for the duration of the reappointment.
 - A brief justification for the recommendation, referring to their performance as an educator, scholar and clinician.
 - A statement recommending a 5-year term. If the Head is recommending a term of a different length, a brief justification for the recommendation.
- * A Department Head can request a member who is eligible for reappointment without application, to apply through the with application process, if there are concerns about the member's performance.

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Application Package Requirements: QUFA Process

General package

- Committee and head recommendation letters.
- Referee, colleague, and student letters.
 - Plus, template letter that was sent to each group.
- Curriculum Vitae
- Letter of introduction (Optional).
- Teaching dossier.
- USATS/QSSETs
- Copies of all relevant scholarly work OR citations for all work.
- Summary of administrative and professional service.
- Names and contact information for arms length referees.
- Statement on the nature of the relationship with all nominated referees.
- Any other relevant information. Solicitated letters by the applicant will not be accepted.
- Promotion to Professor: ½ page biographical profile.
- Completed checklist.

Reference Letters

- Reappointment: 3, of which 1 must be external to the University.
- Promotion to Assistant Professor: 3, of which 1 must be external to the University.
- Promotion to Associate Professor & Tenure: 4, of which 3 must be external to the University.
- Promotion to Professor: 5, of which 4 must be external to the University.

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Arm's Length Requirements

COMMITTEE MEMBERS AND REFEREES

- Do not supervise or mentor the applicant.
- Have not collaborated or published with the applicant within the past five (5) years.
- Do not have a relationship with the applicant that could be perceived as benefiting from the decision.
- Examples of individuals who are **not** arms length: heads, deputy heads, division chairs, co-recipients of research grants, co-authors, students, etc.

*If they appear anywhere on the CV in the past five (5) years, they are more than likely **not** arms length.

**As soon as you receive candidate's CV: "Ctrl + F" to search for committee member and referee conflict of interests. Where one is found, replace the committee member for that file or ask for an additional referee name.

***If a referee letter comes back and they reference not having an arms length relationship (i.e., mentor or mentee) then they cannot be used. You will need to request another referee.

Emerging Negatives

PLEASE NOTIFY YOUR STAFFING OFFICE REPRESENTATIVE IMMEDIATELY IF THERE IS AN ANTICIPATED EMERGING NEGATIVE

Clinical

- Promotion
 - Clause [VI. 11](#) and [VI. 12](#)
 - Same as QUFA requirement to provide ten (10) working days (as described on the right).
- Reappointment
 - Clause [VI. 16](#) with reference to [VI.8](#)
 - No requirement to inform member of deficiencies and provide opportunity to respond at Committee and Head level, however, this should be done.
 - If the Principal's decision is also negative, then they inform the applicant and if the applicant is dissatisfied, they can [appeal](#).

QUFA

- Articles: 30.14.4 & 30.14.7(c)
- In the case of an emerging negative recommendation at the Committee/Department Head level, the Member must be informed promptly with clearly stated reasons. The Member shall have ten (10) working days to submit a written response or any additional relevant material, all of which shall be added to the Renewal/Tenure/Promotion File.
- Article 30.6.2 indicates there shall be a presumption in favour of renewal, but if the weight of the evidence is not in favour of renewal, the final Provost letter will serve as notice that the contract will not be renewed, and their last day will be the last day on their contract.
- A negative tenure (30.17.1) will result in a one (1) year terminal appointment.

Other File Requirements

Part 1

- Ensure all documents are submitted in PDF format.
- All student letters need to be redacted of all identifying information.
- All referee letters need to include a statement indicating their support for Reappointment, Tenure, and/or Promotion to Assistant/Associate/Full Professor.
 - All Committee and Head letters require this statement as well, and need to include their rationale for supporting it.
 - For promotion reference to the promotion indicators should be used.
 - Senate's can be found [here](#).
 - QUFA's can be found in Article 30.6.7.
 - QUFA renewal Article 30.6.1.
 - QUFA tenure Article 30.6.3.
 - For Clinical reappointment, the promotion indicators for the member's current rank can be used to help assess if the member meets expectations for reappointment.
- Ensure any negative comments from students, colleagues, or referees are addressed in the Committee and Head letters.

Other File Requirements

Part 2

- Ensure the following documents are signed and on letterhead:
 - Committee recommendation letter.
 - Head's recommendation letter.
 - Referee letters – unless specially asked to be anonymous.
 - Please let us know the name of them so we can ensure they meet arms length requirements.
 - Colleague letters
- List of referees needs to include more names than the number of letters required. For example, a reappointment that requires three (3) references, should have at least four (4) referees listed, but more names is advantageous.
 - This serves two purposes:
 - (1) it allows any referee wishing to remain anonymous to be anonymous. Where there are only three (3) letters and three (3) names, it is easy to deduce who wrote the anonymous letter.
 - (2) where one referee is not arms length, you have another name you can use, without having to go back to the applicant.
 - The referee letters do **not** need to be positive to meet the letter requirements for the file. Unless there is a conflict of interest with the referee, the letter should not be replaced, nor should more letters be solicited. Please address any negatives in the Committee and Department Heads letters.

Other File Requirements

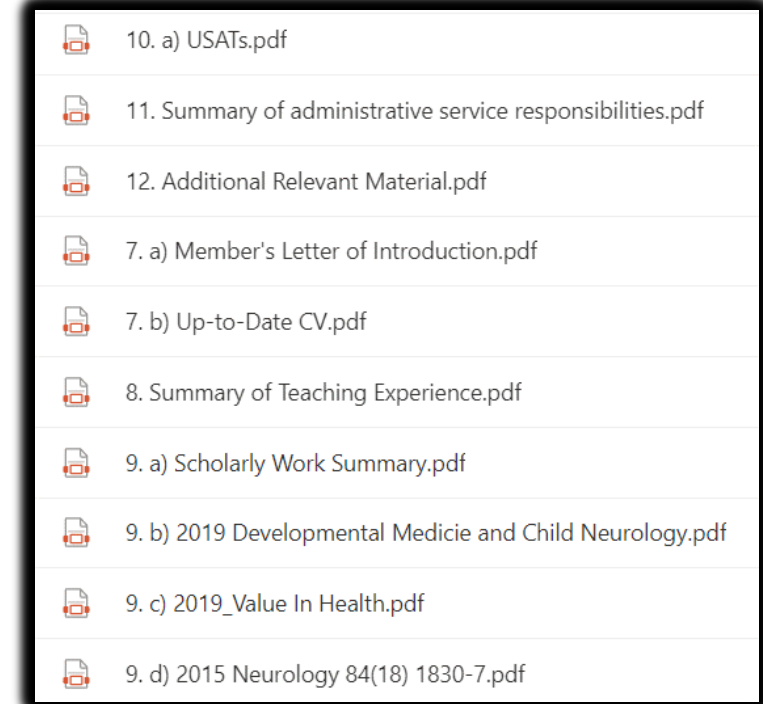
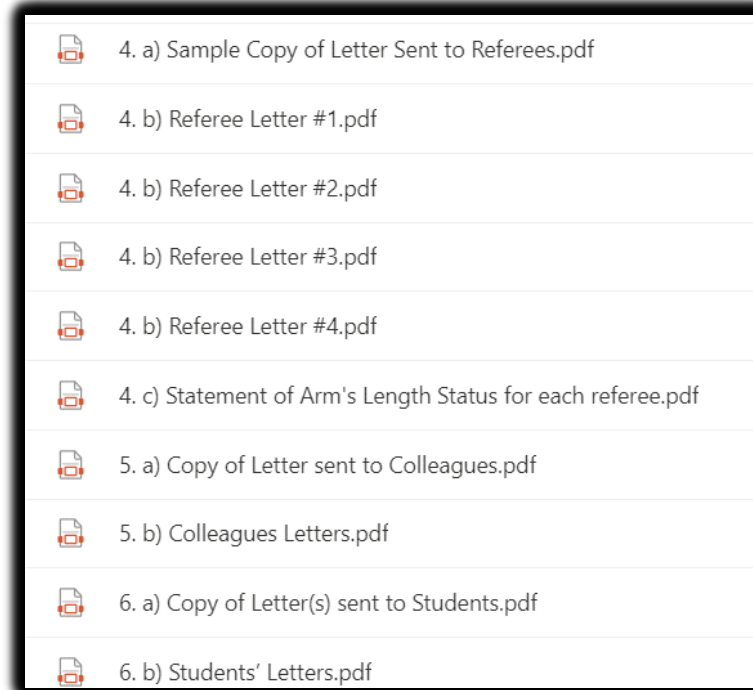
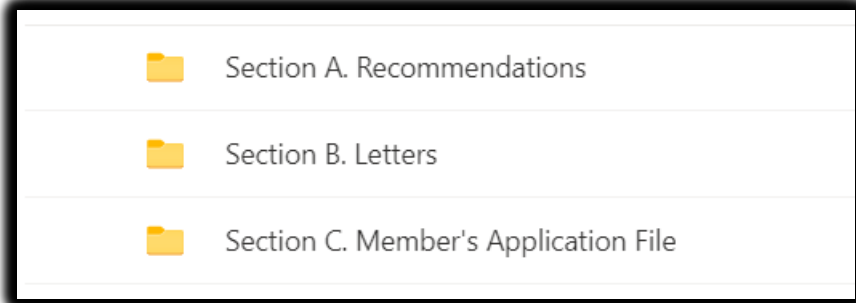
Part 3

- Applicants can view their file during the process. Please ensure any information that needs to be redacted is completed before providing access to the file. Applicants are not permitted to keep a copy of the application; please ensure they are aware of this and agree before providing access.
- Do not include any material that is solicited from the applicant in the file.
- All documents need to be separate files. Please do not upload multiple documents in one PDF. If you do, you will be asked to separate them.
- Ensure the RTP file is organized and labelled in accordance with the checklist.
 - See next slide for example.
- Files not submitted properly will be returned to the Department for correction.

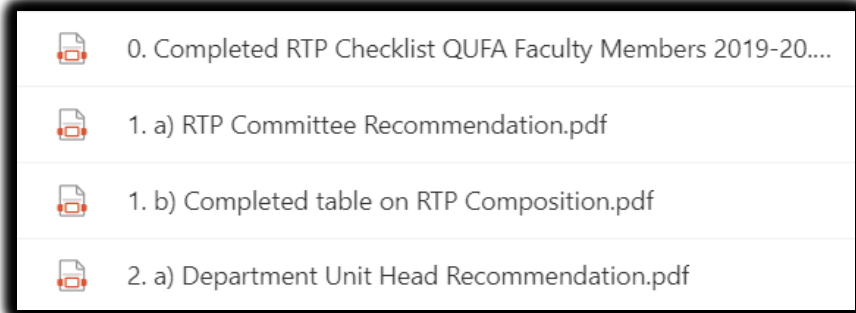
RTP File organization

Section B. Letters

Section C. Members Application File



Section A. Recommendations



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Questions?