

# Doctors: Is your registration due before 30 November?

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## What's the issue?

Registration renewal for many doctors in NSW is linked to your birthdate.

If your birthday falls in October and November, you will soon need to renew your registration. The most efficient way to do this is online through [www.medicalboard.gov.au](http://www.medicalboard.gov.au). You will need your personal user ID and password, which you can get from your letter from AHPRA. If you haven't received this letter, you can call 1 300 419 495 and tell our Enquiry Centre staff your name, profession and other identifying information. They will give you your user ID and password or help you through the online registration renewal process.

## How do I check my registration renewal date?

To find out if you are due to renew your registration, go to [www.medicalboard.gov.au](http://www.medicalboard.gov.au) and click on the Medical Register. Follow the prompts to check your registration status and your registration renewal date. This will tell you if you should expect a letter and are due to renew shortly.

## Why is the renewal reminder late?

We apologise if your registration is due shortly and you have not yet received your registration renewal letter. We are committed to improving the timeliness of our registration renewal processes. AHPRA apologises for the inconvenience and frustration these delays may have caused. We urge all practitioners with birthdates in October and November, who have general or specialist registration, to renew online now.

## How do I renew?

The easiest way to renew is online. Online renewal is now available to most doctors whose renewal is due on 30 September or during October or November. Only medical practitioners with limited or non-practising registration cannot renew online.

## What if I don't renew on time?

You should try to renew your medical registration by the due date, or if you can't, within one month of the due date. Under the National Law, if you do not renew on time, you will remain registered for a one month 'grace period'. You can renew during this time (eg: until one month after your registration is due).

If you do not renew your registration within one month, your name will be removed from the Register of Medical Practitioners and you will no longer be registered to practise.

The Board has no discretion under the National Law to extend registration to any medical practitioner who has not renewed within the one month 'grace period'. If you wish to practise again you will have to make a new application for registration and meet all the requirements under the National Law. This includes providing proof of identify and qualifications and criminal history checks.

### What do I have to pay to renew?

The annual general registration renewal fee for doctors in NSW is \$465. You will be asked to pay a pro-rata fee to bring your renewal into the Board's new registration cycle with future renewals due on 30 September. There will be no late fee in 2010.