

## Director Identification Number (DIN)

As part of the 2020 Federal Budget, the Government announced the full implementation of the Modernising Business Register (MBR) program which subsequently established the new Australian Business Registry Services (ABRS). Director IDs is the first new function of the ABRS. A director identification number (director ID) is a unique identifier you need to apply for once and will keep forever. It will help prevent the use of false or fraudulent director identities.

### Who needs to apply and when?

If you want to become a director or are already one, you'll need a director ID. You can apply for a director ID from **1 November 2021**. In an SMSF context, this includes:

- the directors of the corporate trustee of an SMSF,
- persons appointed as an alternate director and acting in that capacity, and
- in the case of an LRBA where the bare trustee is a company, the directors of that company (and any alternate director).

The law does not currently cover company secretaries but may be expanded to do so in the future.

### How to apply

You can apply via the [Australian Business Registry Services \(ABRS\)](#) website. This ABRS platform will replace the existing [Australian Business Register platform](#). It is free to apply. You will need the following when applying:

1. your [MyGov ID](#)
2. two proof of identity documents (such as your tax notice of assessment or your bank account details).

You can speed up the registration process by providing your tax file number. Once registered, you will also be able to update your contact details via the [ABRS website](#) anytime.

## Deadlines and penalties

When you must apply for your director ID depends on the date you become a director.

### Date you become a director

On or before 31 October 2021  
Between 1 November 2021 and 4 April 2022  
from 5 April 2022

### Date you must apply

By 30 November 2022  
Within 28 days of appointment

If you can't apply by the date you need to, you can apply for an extension. Information on how you can do this will be available on the [ABRS website](#) in November.

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