

# Changes to annual licence renewal under the HPOA



## Annual Renewal

With the transition to the *Health Professions and Occupations Act (HPOA)*, there are updates to the annual licence renewal process effective April 1, 2026. These changes are applicable to all registrants except those in the educational and retired classes of licensure.

### **Critical change for 2026: licence expiry date**

Under the current legislation, the *Health Professions Act*, licences that were not renewed were suspended on April 1 and then expired on January 1 of the following year. Under the *HPOA*, licences that have not been renewed will still be suspended on April 1, however, they will expire on May 1 of the same year.

As a result, registrants who have not completed the 2026 annual licence renewal form and paid their fees by April 30, 2026, will see their licence expire on May 1, 2026. Registrants whose licence is suspended or expired may be subject to certain obligations pursuant to section 82 of the *HPOA*, including but not limited to, transferring patient records to another licensee and providing written

notice of the transfer to patients.

#### **Deadlines for 2027**

Key deadlines for 2027 licence renewal as set out in the new Bylaws under the *HPOA* (Part 6, Division 9) are summarized below.

- **February 1, 2027:** Deadline to submit completed annual licence renewal form and pay the annual fee.
- **February 2, 2027:** Failure to submit the above by February 1, 2027 results in a notice of late renewal.
- **March 1, 2027:** Failure to submit the above before March 1, 2027 results in a mandatory late renewal fee of \$500.
- **April 1, 2027:** Failure to submit the above before March 31, 2027 results in immediate licence suspension, an additional late renewal fee of \$300, and a continuing competency requirement fee of \$750 (for failure to meet requirements).
- **May 1, 2027:** Failure to meet the above requirements by April 30, 2027 results in licence expiration.