



## **DIRECTOR IDENTIFICATION NUMBER**

From 1 November 2021, company directors will need to apply for a Director Identification (Director ID). The Federal Government has established the Australian Business Registry Services (ABRS) for this purpose.

### **Why you need a Director ID:**

- To prevent fraudulent director identities
- To enable regulators to trace directors' relationships with companies over time
- identify and eliminate director involvement in unlawful activity.

Each director will need to obtain their own Director ID, which is a 15-digit identification number. This number will be kept forever, even if a director changes companies, ceases being a director or changes their name.

Please see below for the timing of Director ID applications:

### **Date you became a director:**

- **On or before 31 October 2021** - *Apply by 30 November 2022*
- **Between 1 November 2021 & 4 April 2022** - *Apply within 28 days of appointment*
- **From 5 April 2022** - *Apply before appointment*

The easiest way to apply is through your MygovID. Click [here](#) to find instructions and further information. Please note **we cannot apply for the Director ID on your behalf**, however if you have queries regarding the new process please contact us.

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